

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/10/2024

Start: 12:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 12:35 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, Copyright Holder
Ryan Ruhlman, President X
Kevin Saedi, Vice President X
Peter Wagner, Secretary/Treasurer X
Jeff Davis, Chief Measurer X
Blane Shea, Member At Large X
Bill Baxter X
Mark & Colin Caliban
Douglas Clarke X
James Cooper
Tom Dickson
Brack Duker X
Bradley Faber
Brian Ganz
Bernard Girod
Robert Glaser
George Golder X
Carl Hanssen
Derek Heeb X
Doug Jorgensen
George Kriese
Christopher Lamb X
Abhijeet Lele
Roeland Polet
Stephen Polk
Lawrence Quinn
Rob Ruhlman
Ed Sanford
Jeffrey Schaefer X
Scott Seaholm X
Scott Sellers X
Guy Selsmeyer
John Spadaro
John Staff
Mark Symonds X
Spencer Thomason
Andrew Ward X

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Class Budget
4. Elections
5. Technical Discussion
6. Future Championships
7. New Business

Description:

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Ryan welcomed all to the 2024 Annual Meeting.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the Class had 36 Full members representing 32 boats this year, plus 4 Associate Members/Permitted Drivers. The Class membership directory is live at <https://ij1ca.wildapricot.org/directory>. (2023: 28 Full members representing 24 boats, plus 7 Associate Members/Permitted Drivers). Membership invoices will be e-mailed on 1/1/25.

3. **Class Budget** – Chris circulated the J/111 Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2024 and Budget 2025. There are no surprises financially, hoping to keep the membership number growing. *Peter Wagner made a motion to approve the P&L/Budget as presented, seconded by Chris Lamb. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **Elections** – The slate is as follows:

President: Peter Wagner

Vice President: Blane Shea

Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Baxter

Chief Measurer: Jeff Davis

Andrew Ward made a motion to approve the slate as presented, seconded by Scott Seaholm. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan stays on as Past President and Jeff Johnstone as Copyright Holder.

Peter said it's awesome to have J/111s competing on all coasts. Let's build the depth of competition. Thank you Ryan for your service as President! Looking forward to the NAC!

5. **Technical Discussion** – Jeff said we should discuss modernizing the Class Rules going forward. Scott Sellers inquired about Class Rule C.3.1 LIMITATIONS ON THE CREW (a) With the exception of 1 crew member, all those under the age of 65 shall hold a valid group 1 classification. As an exemption, for events not initiated and controlled by the J/111 Class association or class fleet one additional member of crew may be a Group 3 or unclassified competitor who is a full time employee of J/Boats or of a J/Boats approved dealer, or is the J/111 class manager.

This age is different from World Sailing, and he would prefer we do not alter from what World Sailing prescribes. There is support for pursuing this update from this group. Chris and Jeff will start the Rules proposal cycle and draft wording to proceed. If we want this change implemented for the 2025 North Americans, we need a Rule 87 letter to be amended to the Sailing Instructions. Upon approval of the Rules proposal at the Class level, we can submit this to World Sailing in the first quarter of 2025 for implementation later in 2025. If there are other events in the meantime where we would like to use the Rule, the OA would need to enact the Rule 87 letter.

6. **Future Championships** –

--2025 North American Championship at The Southernmost Regatta/Key West, January 20-25: Ryan said that everything is lined up. Note NOR amendment: boats with eight (8) crew or fewer will not be required to weigh in.

--2026 North American Championship: Youngstown and Newport have been discussed. Bill offered Riverside Yacht Club as well. A local presence is needed to drive the event. Interested parties should submit an official proposal.

7. **New Business** – Andrew suggested that 2025 Block Island Race Week be designated as the East Coast Championship. The group supported the idea. Let's start a rotation to keep the event consistently planned.

Bill asked how we can reach boat owners who are not Class members. Chris explained that a "local touch" is needed, and Peter added that sailmakers and/or dealers are also good sources. Bill wondered if we could buy a list from Yacht Scoring, but Chris said this might be tricky due to privacy concerns. If you identify non-member racers, please pass along the information to the Class Office.

Action Items:

--Chris and Jeff will start the Rules proposal cycle.

--Interested hosts for the 2026 North American Championship will submit a proposal to the Class Office.

Next Meeting: TBD