

**Canadian J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting  
Monday, January 21, 2008**

**The meeting commenced at 8:03 p.m. EST**

In **Attendance** were: Katie Coleman Nicoll, Todd Irving, Dale Robertson, Chuck Ramsay, Lee Grant, Lorne Chapman, Cyrille Vittecoq, Joe MacDonald

**No business arising out of 2006 AGM minutes**

**Financials**

Competitor grants were up - \$2,000 given to Rossi to help offset Pan Am travel expenses, \$1000 for a BC boat to attend Canadians, and \$1000 for two Ontario boats to attend Canadians. Promotion was high due to Website renewal fee (\$490) and J/24 hats for members (\$1600)

**President's report**

Todd did not go to Italy, as Lorne was going, which was adequate representation.

**Canadian's Regatta report**

Very pleased – did an outstanding job. A safety issue was that they weren't really watching out for the weather – some problems resulted. Regatta ran well. Prizes were light, and not quite up to par, with 25 boats. There was a tremendous representation from Atlantic Canada. There were a lot of sponsors, though many were small.

**2008 Canadians**

Date set June 20-22, 2008 (combined with the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Waves Regatta). They are hoping for 15-20 boats. Would like an e-mail sent around to the fleets and up on the website soon. Quebec is planning on running the 2009 Canadians at Hudson Yacht Club around St. John's de Baptist Day when the winds are better.

**IJCA annual meeting in Italy**

Not as well attended as the year before. Bob Turner, as chairman, has settled into his job after two years. Very few rule changes going through that do not change the boats at all, just a clean-up, but have not been run through ISAF yet. They have met with the Italian builder who has designs to change the inside of the boat – with agreement with JBoats. Hopefully this will be done within the month. Two out of three builders were there, who are building more than the US. Building isn't booming, but ticking along, with the modernization of the interior.

Worlds participation – to provide an entry of a women's team and youth (under 25 yrs) team. This would be a trial run to see if they can get more participation. Regatta regulations were passed (as they were 10 years out of date). Changed the formula for the

world's entry. Canada now has 6 places for the Worlds, if we have 151 members (which we have ordered already). We will have 12 places in Annapolis, if we want them. Money set aside in the IJCA for sponsorship.

Update with the Worlds in Italy – moved dates and location. Organization of the event is a little weak at this point. Worlds are in Sardina, charter boats are available.

### **Election of Officers**

Class President – Todd Irving

Secretary/Treasurer – Katie Coleman Nicoll

National Measurer – Joe MacDonald

Motion to approve from Cyrille, seconded by Chuck. Motion carried

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### **District Reports**

**Western:** numbers down, and racing good. Wrap-up at the curling club, which was lots of fun. Going to do a distance race, around Bowen Island as part their series. Big upset and the series won this year by the Tunnacliffe crew.

**Ontario:** Hamish Matthew is the new district governor. Our numbers are down – qualifier series were averaging in the high teens. Peter Wickwire was the new overall winner this year.

**Quebec:** Interesting year, numbers are up, with about 10 participants with the District qualifier series, which was run over one weekend. Some new members are traveling with their boats now.

**Atlantic:** not available

### **Other business discussion**

We can accommodate most of the people who will want to attend the Worlds for the next couple of years. The bi-laws dictate where the spots will fall. Most districts should expect at least 2 spots. It is important to communicate at the beginning of the year, to your districts, how the spots will be allocated.

This year's 2007 membership numbers are (total of 113):

46 Ontario, 20 Western, 18 Quebec, and 29 Atlantic

Full Member Incentive Review: Hats were a success. Stay with the same hat – people will come to know and recognize the hat. Leave things as is, stay with hats, and membership bundles.

Todd is to help Cyrille access the website, which needs to be updated for Quebec.

A proposal is under way to get the J/24 as the women's match racing boat in the 2012 Olympics.

Proposal was put forward for the CYA president to have a chat with the organizers of the Canadians, prior to the event, to ensure that prizes, sponsorship, race committee, etc. are in place and looked after.

District allotments will be made with the following formula for this year:  
Take out the travel subsidies (\$4,000.00) and the promotional hats (\$1600.68) and apply against the Profit/Loss bottom line for 2007, which would give us \$2,505.09 to work with for the District Allotments for 2007. Reminder to Quebec, that they have not used their District Allotment for the past two years.

**By-law changes**

First change due to the problem occurring in Ontario with world qualifier regatta series.  
Proposal to change 15.3 to: A series of regattas should consist of at least three (3) events, each with at least three (3) scheduled races, of which one (1) must be scored to constitute a regatta and five (5) must be scored to constitute a series.

Motion to approve 15.3 proposed by Chuck, and seconded by Cyrille. Motion carried.

13.7 to remove the words "FOR the 2005 and 2006 seasons".

Motion moved by Chuck and seconded by Cyrille. Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. EST**

Respectfully submitted

K.C. Nicoll