

Canadian J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting
December 15, 2008
Conference Call commencing at 20:00 hours

In attendance: Katie Nicoll, Todd Irving, Lorne Chapman, Dale Robertson, Lee Grant, Cyrille Vittecoq, Joe MacDonald, Tina Gaisin, Chuck Ramsay

Business arising out of 2007 minutes – post updated by- laws on Line and updated bursaries formula. Motion to approve 2007 minutes by Joe MacDonald. and seconded by Chuck Ramsay - passed

Financials for 2008

Huge discrepancies on Royalties from last year due to the numbers that aren't out yet from IJCA on sails sold outside Canada – will update that when we get the numbers before we finalize the financials for 2008. We are working at our large surplus through districts grants to regions and competitors' travel funds. Overall expenses are down over last year. Annual meeting expenses were sending Katie Nicoll to the World Council meeting.

Move to adopt them made by Chuck Ramsay and seconded by Joe MacDonald – passed

Business arising out of financials – none

President's report (Todd Irving)

Lorne and Katie went to World Council meeting. Want to get as much lead time as possible for people attending the worlds. Please keep to the deadline for entries.

Event reports:

- A. (**2008 Canadian Champs** - Chuck Ramsay) Great weather, 20 boats, won by Bruce Long who is a local boat. Good close racing – event went well – no negative reports. Being part of WAVE was great – which put IJ in place for us. Lessons learned – really hard to find sponsors. Worked on a small budget and lots of help from Lorne. Chapman. Think about working with an event that is already in place. Is this best for sail measurement? Weighing boats?
- B. (**2009 Canadian Champs** - Cyrille Vittecoq) Hudson YC, in their centennial year, will be hosting on June 24-28, 2009. Organizing committee is up and running. Web site and NOR posted at the beginning of January. Need from Dist. Governors exactly who might attend. Invites out to upstate NY sailors. Looking at 10 boats from Quebec – for a total of 25. There are several Quebec boats that have not been measured – help from National Measurer and Ontario. Joe MacDonald will make time available and come down and Quebec will supply help. Very strong race officials lined up – PRO going for IRO. Judge: Dave Pelling as head judge. Please ensure that scale is sent up. Winner prizes to be awarded each day. Send NOR to Lorne to look over. Please ensure that trophy that is in the west gets out to Quebec in time. Thought of putting invitation out to J/22 owners to have their regatta with us.
- C. (**2008 Worlds** – Lorne Chapman) – IJCA suspended the Italian class president just before regatta. PRO was only there for first several days and left it in the

hands of local people for the last couple of days. Not one of our best worlds, but not a disaster. Rebuilding the measurement team, which was under the control of the suspended Italian class president. Finances held for event by organizing YC.

- D. **(2009 Annapolis Worlds – Lorne Chapman)** excellent team in place with a lot of experience – both RC and IJ. Only drawback is that sailing site is a ways from the launch area. Sponsorship is again a real challenge. Event is April 28 – May 4. Gas prices are down – encourage people to go. Expect fewer boats coming from overseas. Class wants the empty spots filled up with “continent” boats. If people express an interest in going – keep that alive. Canada now has 12 spots.

District Reports

- A. **Western** (Chuck Ramsay) – numbers are down – 12 boats racing in series. Lost one boat, but gained one.
- B. **Ontario** (Tina Gaisin) – numbers are down – a lot of turn over – a lot of new boats have just joined the fleet for next year
- C. **Quebec** (Cyrille Vittecoq)- numbers are up – 10 boats racing – up to 12 for next year – the Canadian Champs will help the numbers and increase interest. 7 boats traveled to Lake George this year. Three boats who want to go to the worlds.
- D. **Atlantic** (Dale Robertson) – fleet growing rapidly – 8 new boats – Dale bought a boat and gave it to the squadron -\$20 per use – fleet has doubled and they are now up to 33. 17 boats in opener regatta.

Official numbers for 2008 (for which District Grants will be given)

Ontario	69	BC	20
Quebec	30	Maritime	23
Total	142		

Election of officers:

Present officers of a slate: Todd Irving (President), Katie Nicoll (Secretary/Treasurer), Joe MacDonald (National Measurer). Notice now given that Todd will be stepping down in a year's time.

Dale Robertson Moved to adopt slate and seconded by Chuck Ramsay – passed.

Other Business

A. Submissions form the districts on who is qualified to attend

1. winner of Canadian – Bruce Long
2. win of Ontario – Peter Wickwire
3. win of Quebec – Thomas Barbeau
4. Atlantic – Eric Koppernes
5. Western – Jamie Tiampo
6. Second at Canadian – Scott Weakley, Nigel Tunnacliffe
8. Ontario – Ted Bartlewski, Eric Zubko
10. Quebec – David Cobbott*
11. Atlantic – Nick Hamblin
12. Ontario – Tom Taylor
13. Quebec – Nicholas Mabboux

14. Atlantic – Sean McDermott
15. Quebec – Lee Grant
16. Maritime – John Whynacht*
17. youth boat from Atlantic

B. Website support: We should have a professional web site manager – as we have the money for it.

Ontario has a volunteer to spruce up web-site both nationally and provincially.

Nice to add pictures, make sure the links are up to date, and keep the information up to date.

Let us submit a couple of proposals and or volunteers – to be co-ordinated by Tina and to be done by the middle of January.

To host, update, and maintain the web-site for the National Web-site and 4 Districts.

C. IJCA Voting Package

Rule change to allow Kevlar laminates for the use in genoas. Belief that genoas would last longer (stronger than Pentax in the upper wind ranges). Cost premium of 10 -15% - trading cost for longevity.

Bilge pumps rule change was not a good one to do at this time.

ISAF needs to approve this, after we approve it – which is 4-5 weeks.

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS - Rule 3.6.2 (Sails)

To amend the current Rule as follows:

All sails shall be ~~constructed of a~~ **single-ply sails** except for permitted reinforcements, constructional seams, tablings, reefing and anti-chafe patches, camber lines, numbers, and repairs to damage. The mainsail and jib shall be made of woven polyester. The genoa shall be made of either woven polyester **ply and/or** ~~or laminated ply~~ made from one or more of the following materials: polyester, aramids, HMPE. ~~polyester substrate/polyester film laminate~~. The spinnaker shall be made of nylon. When woven polyester or nylon is torn it shall be possible to separate the fibers without leaving evidence of a film. No sail shall have elastic (shock) cord in the luff or foot.

J/24 Rule 3.6.9 (Minimum Sail Cloth Weights)

To amend the current Rule as follows:

Minimum sail cloth weights ~~shall be~~ **are** defined, in the case of woven materials, as the weight of the finished coated woven material used in the sail and, in the case of substrate/film laminate, as the weight of the finished fabric, including substrate, film and adhesive, used in the sail.

~~Each sail~~ **Mainsails, jibs and spinnakers** shall be indelibly stamped near the head by the sailmaker with the following:

I certify that this sail has been manufactured to comply with the J/24 Class Rules, and only fabrics in accordance with Rule 3.6.2 have been used. In accordance with Rule 3.6.9, the minimum weight of any part of this sail is not less than _____ grams per square meter.

Signed:

Dated:

Loft:

Genoas shall be indelibly stamped near the head by the sailmaker with the following:

I certify that this sail has been manufactured to comply with the J/24 Class Rules, and only fabrics in accordance with Rule 3.6.2 have been used.

Signed:

Dated:

Loft:

Minimum Cloth weights for class sails shall be as follows:

MAINSAIL minimum cloth weight shall be 260 grams per square meter, except for a foot shelf not exceeding 300mm in width.

JIB minimum cloth weight shall be 260 grams per square meter.

SPINNAKER minimum cloth weight shall be 40 grams per square meter.

GENOAs made of woven material shall have a minimum cloth ply weight shall be of 200 grams per square meter. ~~of woven material; 138 grams per square meter of substrate/film laminate averaged over the full area of the sail, and genoas.~~ Genoas shall not weigh less than ~~6.5~~ **5.5 kg weighed dry without sail bag or any rigging. No abnormal distribution of sail materials, or abnormal components shall be used to increase the weight of the sail to satisfy this rule.**

Motion to approve change by Chuck Ramsay. Seconded by Dale Robertson – unanimously passed

D. Promotion: membership bundles working well. Hats? T-shirts (Technical t-shirts) – under \$10 dollars – J/24 with maple leaf behind it. Keep under a couple \$1,000 dollars. Let's all share ideas on how to get more sponsorship. Individuals can sponsor awards (say \$100) per award. Look at Gold, Silver, Bronze, Platinum levels.

E. Face Book: Canadian face book with Canadian administrators in charge. Tina will start something with Hamish Matthew. Promote on the website.

F. District Grant Allotments for 2008: We will set these with roughly the same amount as last year, as we decreased our deficit, giving that same allotment for 2007.

G. Move to adjourn by Dale Robertson and seconded by Tina Gaisin at 21:58 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Coleman Nicoll
CJCA Secretary/Treasurer