

International J24 Class Association
World Council Meeting
July 20, 2002
Kingston, Ontario, CANADA

Attendees:

Geoff Evelyn, President-Votes only when there is a tie vote
Donald Manasse, VP, Monaco-1 vote
John Peck, Executive Director, Technical Chair-1 vote as TC, but is not voting the TC vote, 1 vote for Puerto Rico
Nadine Franczyk, Treasurer-no vote
Kenneth Porter, Mexico-1 vote
Andrea Basagana, Argentina Representative-1 vote
Stuart Jardine, UK Representative-observer
Bob Turner, UK Representative-1 vote (1 for each France and Sweden)
Francesco Ciccolo, Technical Committee Member, Italy Representative-1 vote
Tim Ryan, USA Representative-2 votes
Rudy Wolfs, Canada Representative-1 vote
Chris Scott, Australia Representative-1 vote
John Adams, Honorary Council Member- no vote
Takeshi Kurihara, Japan Representative-1 vote
Javier Arrobas, Peru Representative-1 vote
Pete Ramsdale, Bermuda Representative-1 vote
Robin Eagleson, Ireland Representative-1 vote plus 1 vote for Holland
Total=16 votes

Other Observers:

Lorne Chapman-Canada-former Chairman of IJCA
Reid Stava-USJCA Technical Chair
Jim Farmer-USJCA Vice President
Hank Killion-USA-former Chairman of IJCA
Brad Read-Past World Champion

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Geoff Evelyn welcomed everyone; introductions around the table were made. Thanks to Rudy for all the hard work in preparation for these worlds.

2. Approval of the 2001 World Council Minutes

Tim Ryan: Question regarding the royalty tags, mentioned that no motion was actually in the minutes regarding and no agreement. Jim explained that at the meeting minutes do not accurately reflect actions at the meeting.

USJCA propose that the words "purchase royalty tags from the IJCA, and from the last bullet point item of the Royalty Tag Discussion.

The Chairman asked that someone move to approve the minutes with changes.

Moved: Tim Ryan Seconded: Stuart Jardine
All in favor

3. Executive Directors Report

John Peck gave the status of the IJCA class office activities:

- mentioned that class office is up and running.
- things have been well received with regard to the database, etc. from the countries

- all countries have been supportive and cooperative except the USA-JCA
- gave review of getting all countries up on a standardized measurement certificate process
- Central American Games-John Peck will be attending as technical representative for all classes
- Pan American games will be held in J/24's (4 crew / 3 sails...4 crews based on number of participants that they can have at the venue) hosts have asked that one person be flown at our expense from the technical committee to the event, they will house the person
- Francesco Ciccolo mentioned that the ISAF just had the world champs in Italy and that the J/80 and J/22 were used, no class representative was there. There was a builder's rep there, but the class had no say with regard to class rules, etc. at the event.
- discussion ensued if a representative need to be there at the event for the whole event or just for measurement based on need to equalize the boat vs. promotion of the boat vs. time away from the office, etc.
- suggestion was made that John go back to the organizers of Pan Am games and ask if he can just be there for the measurement vs. being in the office
- Geoff Evelyn doesn't see the pressures of the office being high
- John Peck suggested that Francesco be the representative for technical issues at the next ISAF meeting
- John Peck mentioned that he things that he made a big step forward in getting the magazine out asked the group to go back to their countries and ask what they want to see in the magazine. Goal in future is to bring the costs down by 50%. Target date of Oct 15 as ship date on fall magazine per John Peck.
- John Peck did not receive the builders report, Tim Ryan mentioned that he will give report from Jeff Johnstone.

2. IJCA Proposed Changes to the 2003-2004 Class Rules

John Peck – Technical Committee Chairman gave description and reasoning

Rule 3.6.5.

Current: Sails may have primary reinforcing of any flexible material or coating at a corner, at Cunningham hole or at reefing points.

Proposed: Sails may have primary reinforcing of any flexible material or coating at a corner, at Cunningham hole or at reefing points, and secondary reinforcing of additional layers of cloth. Reinforcement, finishing materials or coating applied to the reinforcement shall not prevent the sail from being folded, all reinforcement shall be capable of being folded in any direction without damaging the fibers

Reason: To correct an oversight from prior submissions, and to allow secondary reinforcing to increase the life of the sails.

Stuart asked if there is a concern regarding limits of reinforcing based on the ISAF rules regarding proportions. Francesco thought there wasn't an issue

Moved: Donald Manasse

Second: Bob Turner

All in favor.

Rule 2.8.1 (Method of Measurement)

Current: The method of measurement, unless otherwise stated, shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the ISAF.

Proposed: The method of measurement shall be in accordance with the IJCA Measurement Manual, or unless otherwise stated, in accordance with the recommendations of the ISAF and the ISAF Equipment Rules.

Reason: To provide detailed references to unique measurement points and methods that are not covered by the ISAF, and to include the ISAF Equipment Rules.

John Peck gave description and reasoning as well as assist in credibility of the measurer since Equipment rules of sailing were not included. Geoff Evelyn added additional comments on timeliness of measurement manual and importance of being widely available so things don't get missed.

Tim Ryan asked question to clarify wording on language of what ISAF will accept. Robin and Rudy mentioned that there can be cause for confusing with the "or unless otherwise stated".

Robin Eagleson suggested changing wording of "or unless otherwise stated" to "or if not covered therein"....

Move: Donald Manasse

Second: Tim Ryan

All in favor.

Rule 2.5.3 (Measurement Certificate)

Current: No yacht shall race unless a current, valid Measurement Certificate has been issued by the owner's national authority, or if a national authority is not administering the class, by the International J/24 Class Association.

Proposed: No yacht shall race unless a current, valid Measurement Certificate has been issued by the International J/24 Class Association. This certificate will be in addition to any certificates required by the owner's national authority.

Reason: To remove conflict with Rule 2.5.1, and to provide consistency in the measurement documentation.

Geoff Evelyn mentioned that based on feedback from member nations, that it may be extremely difficult for some racers to get IJCA issued certificates in the current time lines for regattas and doesn't want to see sailors being thrown out where NJCA certificates have been issued and IJCA certificates have been not. Stuart Jardine mentioned that in the UK, their boats get a certificate with a certification from Royal Yachting Association, but even though the measurements were all taken, the RYA keeps the forms. Robin Eagleson and Bob Turner asked for some type of practical solution. John Peck was asked for a reasonable time scale to come up with a plan to achieve what the rule says. Lorne Chapman said we continue to keep trust in the people staying and getting into the class and if we get caught up in the technicalities that we can get lost in it... agreed in setting a time scale to get boats in compliance over time. John Peck asked that the move be that the rule change be in effect three years from now. Geoff Evelyn asked that this be a directive outside the rule changes.

Nadine Franczyk asked that a move be made to have technical committee set a timeline to investigate and set a plan for this rule and forward plan to world council by 2003 WCM, plan to be provided to NJCA's within 90 days of that meeting:

Lorne Chapman has left the meeting to assist in measurement.

Francesco Ciccolo, on behalf of the Technical Committee suggested that the database completed by 2004. The ITC would like to see this progress during the year. By next WCM wants to know from each national class, the status of where they are and a plan of how they will achieve this database.

Move: To take 2.5.3 out of this discussion point, and that all boats that do not have measurements per the IJCA Measurement Certificate per Part D must supply this information for the IJCA database by Sept. 30, 2004. Boats that have never been measured should comply immediately.

Moved: Bob Turner

Second: Pete Ramsdale

All in favor.

Rule 3.3.4 (Keel)
Current: The leading and trailing edges shall be fair and within +/- 5mm of a straight line between Sections I and VI.
Proposed: The surface of the keel, from the hull down, shall be fair in all planes. In addition, the leading and trailing edges shall be within +/- 5mm of a straight line between Sections I and VI.
Reason: To reduce to writing what has been assumed and implied in practice, to include the portion of the keel that is a molded extension of the hull in the definition of "fair in all planes".

Stuart Jardine mentioned ambiguity that some measurers have taken by the +/- 5mm to read "10" due to + "and" _ instead of in reality "or". Robin Eagleson asked if we even need the "+" or"-" and suggested getting rid of the +/- altogether. Stuart Jardine also mentioned that below and above Sections I and IV. There are issues regarding above Sections I and below Section IV with some of the keels. Robin asked that we maybe add "and without distortion" after the word fair. Francesco Ciccolo, John Peck and Reid Stava agreed that "fair" in itself means without distortion.

Modification moved by Donald Manasse

The leading and trailing edge from the hull down shall be fair and within 5 millimeters of a straight line.

Second: Bob Turner

All in favor.

PLAN C

The motion to allow the technical committee to make minor changes to Plan C for consistency with Rule 3.3.4 and to add reference to the "hull intersect point".

Moved: Donald Manasse

Second: Robin Eagleson

All in favor.

B. Proposed Changes to the Regatta Standards

Heading: Francesco Ciccolo moved to add brackets around the "s" behind the word events. Tim Ryan mentioned that he would like to see general guidelines and have these standards, then handle National issues on a separate case. Francesco Ciccolo mentioned that we are just changing wording to adjust by taking out "district and regional events" and replace wording as "other world qualifying events".

Brad Read mentioned that as an organizing authority for many different classes, it can put an undue burden on the organizer by not having the standards. If standards are going to be enforced, it has to be the local J/24 fleet, etc. body that enforces these standards.

Tim Ryan that he agrees with the proposed as is, but asked that the ambiguities be taken separately away with a group of people from this table to look at the "standards". Tim Ryan would be happy to head the committee and pick two others from the World Council to investigate issues. John Peck mentioned that rulebook goes to print in January, so suggestions need to be made by end of year w/e-mail circulation and vote by the end of the year.

Move to keep working as is with "(s) as is: **Donald Manasse**

Second: Rudy Wolfs

All in favor.

E. Measurement (addition to the last paragraph)

Proposed NEW sentence at the end of Paragraph Two: "The Organizing Authority is responsible for the expenses of the IJCA Technical Committee representative(s)."

Reason: To support the requirement of the ITC Member(s) presence.

Moved: Rudy Wolfs

Second: Bob Turner

All in favor.

4. Financial Reports/Discussions

Geoff Evelyn gave a background on how we came to the statements handed out. Tim Ryan gave additional history and explanation of financial statements on USJCA view. Tim Ryan said that although John Peck has done the job of painstakingly going through each individual item for the past twenty years, it is very difficult to say this is what the IJCA vs. USJCA owns. Tim Ryan apologized for timeliness and accountability regarding the completion of the financials by the former Executive Directors over the five past years. The USJCA now has a new Finance Committee and has put in place a new budget. Tim Ryan said that it was like a divorce, and in New York, where he is from, everything is divided equally. He proposed allocating each of the balance sheet items to the IJCA vs. USJCA and split of Alex Brown Accounts.

Rudy Wolfs asked what the impact is on the Jan 1, 2002 balance sheet. Calculations of impact based on John's figures would be a \$61,303 loss that needs to show either as a grant or an operating loss going forward.

Geoff Evelyn expressed his personal thoughts that each of the accounts be split to each entity that they belong to, and that the proposal by Tim Ryan should be on paper for the members here to see at the meeting, as he had been aware of the meeting agenda for over a month. He asked each member present to respond. A round table discussion followed.

Bob Turner said that we cannot ignore the detailed work that has been done to reconcile the accounts and supported Geoff Evelyn. The smaller nations are working, and so should the USA-JCA. He suggested that once the US has demonstrated some stability, some debt forgiveness may be considered.

Donald Manasse said that the US should have returned the funds, and then come to the table with a proposal. What is fair is where did the money come from, who earned it, and why should the US get the lion's share. Suggested that the US turn over the funds, and present a bail out plan.

Francesco Ciccolo said that the US needs to show a good sign of cooperation and turn over the funds immediately.

Kenneth Porter said that Mexico pays its dues. It is an unfortunate situation, but it is not like a divorce. A divorce is between people, and we should not use rules that apply to people. We should apply the rules that apply to businesses; we owe you money and can't pay - - give us four or five years to get back on track, and we can pay you back.

John Adams said that the USA-JCA should be treated exactly the same as all other classes, and should not expect special treatment. The US has acted as if it runs the IJCA, doing what ever it wants. He feels strongly that the IJCA is the "father" of the class, and the "children", US included, should trust and respect the father. He supports John Peck's analysis.

Tim Ryan argued that there were never two offices (US and IJCA).

Hank Killion stated that when he was the Chairman of the IJCA, separate offices and accounts were maintained, and were in place when he left office ten years ago. He did not understand why things had changed.

Geoff Evelyn said that the accounting rules should apply, and that it was totally unfair for the US to withhold funds pending resolution of effect of its departure.

Geoff proposes funds transfer of IJCA funds at this time and keeping the balance sheet as stated on the January 1, 2002 financial statements until a proposal has been received from the USA-JCA regarding financing the debt to the IJCA. Tim has asked that he take Geoff's proposal to the US Executive Committee.

Proposal: Donald Manasse
Seconded: Francesco Ciccolo
All in favor.

USA-JCA Executive Committee convened in a separate meeting regarding the above proposal to come back to the IJCA.

Tim Winger came in and made some personal comments of his own regarding moving forward and membership levels vs. splits in the reconciliation. Tim Ryan came back to the room with the official position of the US. He reviewed the YTD report and budget, and gave the result of the US Exec Meeting just held. Instructions will be given to Eric Faust (USA-JCA Executive Director) to wire the Alex Brown funds immediately, and further that the US is uncomfortable with moving forward with the debt on the balance sheet, and should be entirely forgiven since numbers may need to possibly be re-stated.

John Peck expressed concern about the tax implications for the IJCA of writing off the USA-JCA account receivable. Donald Manasse concurred.

Donald Manasse moved that the IJCA may consider forgiving the \$46,000 account receivable from the USA-JCA when it can be determined that it will have neutral tax implications to both entities.
Seconded by Francesco
All in favor.

5. **Budget**

Proposal by Geoff that since the budget could not be completed by John/Nadine for the upcoming year due to circumstances beyond their control and that the budget be completed by August 31, 2002.

6. **Elections**

Chairman and Vice-Chairman

John Adams thanked all the group for their volunteer efforts for the class. And asked group if there might be any nominations for any of the positions. John has spoken to current Chairman and Donald Manasse and imparted to the group that they are willing to continue.

Nominated By: Bob Turner
Seconded: Francesco Ciccolo
All in favor.

Tim Ryan Nominated: Rudy Wolfs Chairman, Bob Turner as Vice Chairman
Not seconded
Both parties declined at this time since neither is prepared to be in these positions.

Finance Chairman

John Adams nominated that Nadine Franczyk continue as Finance Chair
By Acclamation

Technical Committee

Bob Turner proposes that Stuart Jardine be included on the International Technical Committee.

John Peck mentioned that Marshall Lyttle has expressed that he would like to step down as Designers Representative and would like to approach Rod Johnstone with Stuart as his representative, and also that Kenneth Porter be elected to the Technical Committee.

Several made comments that we would want to add a position rather than replace members of the Technical Committee.

Move to re-elect the current Technical Committee and add two positions:

Moved: Bob Turner

Seconded: Rudy Wolfs

All in Favor

Executive Committee

Proposed by: Tim Ryan

Second: Donald Manasse

ON EC due to next year's worlds: Remco Van den Berg

Bob Turner: elected prior year and to remain for continuity

Rudy Wolfs: remain on exec committee for continuity

Geoff Evelyn thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Hank Killion expressed his thoughts on meeting old and new and thanks to those here and listening to his thoughts.

7. **Reports:**

World Championships Bid

Chris Scott gave description and proposal for 2006 in Australia (January)

Moved Acceptance of Australia to Host 2006 World Championship: Donald Manasse

Second: Bob Turner

All in favor.

Within the rotation, 2007 Worlds will head back to North America.

Report was given by Javier for '02 South American Championship to be held in Lima Peru. Brazil will be hosting the '03 South American Championships.

World (2004) and North American Championship (2002): Tim Ryan

North Americans/Women's Open in Cleveland.

Worlds at Noroton YC (end of Sept/early Oct)

North American Championship (2003)

Kenneth Porter provided details on the event to be held Valle de Bravo in May 2003

Mexico also indicated that Acapulco YC has expressed their intent to host a World Championship in 2007

He will forward a copy of the proposal before the '03 AGM.

'02 Europeans Ireland report by Robin

'03 Europeans Italy report by Francesco

'05 Worlds-UK report by Bob Turner at the new Olympic training site

Upon acceptance of the RYA of the protest that the UK member be suspended from the J/24 class for one year.

Proposed: Bob Turner

Second: Rudy Wolfs

All in favor.

Worlds '03 Geoff Evelyn gave a report on behalf of Holland

8. Other Business

Robin Eagelson asked to re-visit the Royalty Tag Issue. John mentioned that the sailmakers from Quantum and North in the USA have been giving quarterly reports to John regarding the sails sold for other countries. Francesco, Robin, Stuart, mentioned that there are issues with the North Italy loft since they won't readily give information regarding the destination Country of the sail. Geoff suggested that the three of them work out a resolution for the European group.

9. Builders Report:

Tim Ryan gave report from Jeff Johnstone.

10. 2003 World Council Meeting

WCM scheduling will be at Worlds in Medemblik, Holland on Friday 15th April.

11. Adjournment

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting
Nadine Franczyk moved to adjourn the meeting.
Francesco Ciccolo seconded.
All in favor