

J24 Southern Sydney Fleet Meeting

Monday, 4/12/2017

RMYC Port Hacking

Meeting opened: 1830

Present: John Zagame, Jared Macquart, Fiona Campbell, Steve Wright, Charles (Fun)

Apologies: Mick Reynolds

Minutes from last meeting held 23/10/2017: accepted, proposed by Jared M, seconded by John Z.
Business arising – as per discussion points below.

Chairperson: John Zagame

Business:

1. NSW State Championship, 4-5/11/2017.
5 boats competed (6 counting Wildfire) in a field of 13 boats. Mick R on start boat. Hosted by RPEYC. Best scratch result: Stockcar 4th. Vertigo 3rd on handicap. Miserable weather, but a well-run regatta. Many good stories of the journey up and back. Clinton's rubber ducky an insurance write-off.
2. Nationals, 4-7/01/2018.
To be hosted by SYC Melbourne. Currently 3 boats intending to go – Tinto, Stockcar and Wildfire. This is more through lack of trailers rather than lack of interest. Good facilities at SYC noted. Boats available for charter?? Follow up with J24 Vic association.
3. BBQ/ social events.
(a) Up-river race omitted from program but CSC sailing committee happy to re-instate it 3/02/2018 (high tide 1119, 1.8m). Still to be published and advertised. Offshore, Etchells, cruising, multihulls and any inshore div 1 not wanting to go up-river, to race off Bate Bay. Starter – potential with John Z's Beneteau or else rolling start with radio. Big Kev (from Only a Journey) will host his famous social event afterwards at his home.
(b) Dave McK keen to hold 'backyard cricket' at his place – teams as per crews, no changes permitted. Hit over fence, or hit a boat and you're out!
4. Youth boat.
Dave McK's J24 from Lane Cove has potential (KA 109), currently affectionately known as 'Fleabag'. Needs a lot of work – lifelines, rigging, locate sails and sheets, antifoul, safety equipment etc. Volunteers? Seek sponsor for naming rights. John Z to approach Col (from Southern Fasteners?). CSC sailing committee junior captains (Marty Janes, Richard Searle, Mark Brady) displayed interest in the project. Best to go through them to find interested participants. Ideally, put an experienced helmsperson on until someone steps up to the role. Insurance – sponsor or Fiona C to pay. Race fees J24SSF to pay when it gets up to racing. Suggested that participants pay say \$10 per sail.
5. Insurance J24SSF.
No response from potential sponsors. Australian Sailing does offer cover with affiliation. If national association not affiliated, consider affiliating directly as J24SSF. Club Services contacts – Brennan and Feros. Jared M and John Z to communicate/investigate with these people.

6. Financial report.
28 members (26 full, 2 junior). \$1238.06 in the bank of which \$536 to go to IJCA and \$268 to NJCA, (\$804 owing in total). Leaves \$434.06. Discussion on payment timing to IJCA and NJCA. Payment at beginning of calendar year will put us in line with IJCA financial year. Agreed unanimously to do so. Juniors defined as 19 and under. No consensus from NJCA re juniors, so until further information is at hand, \$20 per junior, 40% (\$8) IJCA, 20% (\$4) NJCA, 40% (48) SSF. Only one more membership expected this year (Cawsey on Tinto). BSB and bank account number needed from NJCA.
7. Regattas.
 - (a) Botany Bay Easter J24 regatta, 1-2/04/2018: expected to go ahead if they can get 8 boats plus. Dates do conflict with NS14 states.
 - (b) Victorian States: mid April 2018, but rumour has it that dates may be moved forward. No information as yet.
 - (c) CSC J24 June regatta, 8-9/06/2018: published in CSC white book. Planning underway. ?PRO. Dave McLachlan may not be available. Jared M to check with Nev Witty re potential alternative PROs. Fiona C to check who was the proposed PRO for MG regatta (which did not eventuate for CSC).
 - (d) NSW States, 3-4/11/2018: proposed that CSC hosts, brought up at CSC sailing committee meeting, waiting on confirmation. Unsure of next CSC board meeting date, no further sailing committee meeting until late January 2018. Should this eventuate, we need to consider PRO (as above), pedestrian safety, traffic control, crane operation, trailer parking. Cronulla Public School trailer parking did not work well in 2016 – no access prior to 1600 on the Friday. Consider contacting Sutherland Shire Council to allocate a parking area in the trailer section of the car park north of Cronulla Marina. John Z to follow up.
 - (e) Hosting States: RSYS and Pittwater both have potential, and good facilities when considering other venues.
8. J24SSF longevity.
Mick R to be posted to Brisbane in 2020. We should be looking ahead and training another measurer. Jared M proposed Gordon Knight and will follow up with him.
9. CSC race program.
Sailing committee has agreed to add an extra race in January on the 13th. Not yet published or advertised. John Z proposed format be sprints, all in agreement. 20/01/2018 will be Navigators Cup race, similar to passage race for inshore boats.
10. Australian J24 fleets.
Noted that Cairns has several sponsored J24s. Possibility of Cairns forming a fleet and hosting a 'Crocodile Cup' one day?? Mooloolaba also has J24s visible. ?Perth/Fremantle fleet potential? Harbour fleet in NSW – any chance of renaming to reflect their representation?

Next meeting: informal meeting at Big Kev's on 3rd Feb 2018 after up-river race.

Minutes recorded by Fiona Campbell.

Meeting closed at 1955.