

# J/88 Class Association General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 8/28/2023

**Start:** 1:05 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 1:25 p.m. EDT

**Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell  
Jeff Johnstone  
Chris Chadwick  
Michael Cook  
Dave Corbin  
Lawrence Cutler  
David Dennison  
Lindsey Duda **X**  
Brice Dunwoodie  
Michael Frerker **X**  
Michael Gillian **X**  
Cindy Goodin  
Steven Gordon  
Andy Graff **X**  
Drew Hall **X**  
Jim Hopp  
Ben Jatlow **X**  
Christos Karamanolis **X**  
John Leahey  
Jordan Leahey  
Robert Lowrance  
Ben Marden **X**  
Gary Panariello **X**  
Timothy Price  
William Purdy **X**  
Keith Rehder  
Thomas Richman  
Rob Ruhlman  
Justin Scagnelli **X**  
Christopher Slocum  
John Sommi  
Alister Thomson  
David Tufts **X**  
Iris Vogel  
Andrew Weiss **X**  
Myles, Wild Thing **X**

**Agenda:**

1. Class Rules Proposals
2. NAC Update

**Description:**

**1. Class Rules Proposals** – Proposed new Class Rule 5.3.1

**5.3.1** Sails carried on board and used for J/88 Class or Fleet sanctioned events for inshore buoy racing shall be limited to no more than five sails: one Class **mainsail**, one Class #1 **jib**, one Class #2 **jib**, and two Class **spinnakers**. When in use, jibs are required to be attached to the furling system and capable of being furled. Each Class sail shall comply without exception with the provisions of these Rules.

***Change to Appendix A Sails:***

*Delete the section "Spinnaker #2" including any specifications.*

**Current Class Rule 5.3.1**

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Reason for Change: The effect of this change is to remove any concept of "Spinnaker #2" and allow competitors to carry up to two sails meeting the requirements for a "Spinnaker #1". Note that all "Spinnaker #2" sails also meet the requirements for "Spinnaker #1" and would still be allowed (legal) under the Class Rules.

Discussion: Andy clarified that your old kites are still legal, and you can still choose to carry one or two on board (not more than two). The difference is that you could now carry the second big spinnaker, and you do not have to declare which is your back-up (assuming they meet the same definition of a Class spinnaker). You continue to be bound to carry the same sails for an entire regatta.

Chris noted three votes in favor accepted via e-mail. *Andy Graff made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Gary Panariello. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. **NAC Update** – 2023 North American Championship @ Larchmont Yacht Club, September 26-October 1: 14 boats are registered. Justin noted one boat is available for charter. Contact him or Justin with any questions. All moorings/launching/hauling are comped. Expect good breeze, and LYC is an excellent host! Andrew added that there will be a section for sail measurement, and you can be confident in the RC. Let's get a few more boats! American Yacht Club has an event the weekend prior, so tune up in the area. Storage is available.

**Action Items:**

--Chris & Andy will update the Class Rules, as they are effective immediately.

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. EST