

# J/88 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11/20/2023

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

**Adjourn:** 1:40 p.m. EST

**Present:**

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

**Agenda:**

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Approval of Class Budget
4. Election
5. Technical Discussion
6. NAC Recap & Championships
7. New Business

**Description:**

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Gary welcomed all to the 2023 Annual Meeting. Thank you for continuing to build the Class!
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the Class had 39 Full members this year, representing 30 boats, plus 2 Associate Members (2022: 46 / 36 / 12). The online directory is at <https://j8ca.wildapricot.org/directory>. Membership renewal e-mails will be sent in January. The 2023 early bird discount of \$275 was popular; no need to change. Our national member Slack Channel remains active. Brice has noticed that some folks participating in local/regional events are not members, and we should be more overt about one-design racing requiring Class membership. This language reminder can be included with the online renewal. The word “sanctioned” event in the Rules may confuse some people. Chris noted that a competitor can be protested for not having a current membership. Iris asked each of our current members to

communicate the contact information of new owners to the Class Office. John has found success with renewals by promoting the early bird discount, and also some peer pressure. Alister recommended that local OAs/yacht clubs make sure Class membership is part of the Notice of Race requirements. Andy concurred that dealing with this issue before a regatta is preferred to a protest/not scoring.

Jeff J. reported via e-mail: J/88 inquiry levels have remained solid (same level as 2022), averaging two new inquiries per week or approximately 100 leads per year. There are only four used boats on the market: two in Europe and two in the States. One of the US listings is the newest boat built, which is owned by dealer Sailing, Inc. in Cleveland.

3. **Approval of Class Budget** – Chris circulated the J/88 Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2023 and Budget 2024. He would like to see more emphasis on media for our bigger events. Talk to your OAs to make sure they have a public relations plan.  
*Gary Panariello made a motion to accept the Budget/P&L as presented, seconded by Christos Karamanolis. The motion passed unanimously.*
4. **Election** – The slate for reelection is as follows:  
President - Gary Panariello  
Vice President - John Leahey  
Secretary/Treasurer - Brice Dunwoodie  
Technical Committee Chair - Andy Graff  
*Iris Vogel made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Dave Corbin. The motion passed unanimously.*
5. **Technical Discussion** – Iris said she inspected their shrouds and one was very rusty/parted and also the backstay parted. Everyone should be diligent about this. Contact Andy anytime with your technical questions/feedback. He will consider a technical bulletin with relevant topics/best practices, also including the forestay (Dave C. will forward pictures).
6. **NAC Recap & Upcoming Championships** – The 2023 North American Championship was at Larchmont Yacht Club with nine boats...congratulations Andy! Winds ranged from 6-20, and the RC was good. Let's help our Fleet members get on the road. Andy would like to see our OAs focus on event live media.

Iris hopes to see J/88s at Charleston Race Week 2024!

2024 North American Championship @ Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, September 25-29: John said it's a beautiful location/new club and shouldn't be too expensive. Conversations are ramping up with logistics, NOR, website, etc. There will be a yard package available. Ben is hoping there are some pre-events...expect more information soon. Contact John or Andy with any questions.

2025 North American Championship @ Annapolis Yacht Club, September 24-28: Ben said they have about five boats in Annapolis, with three of them very active. Look for a promotional video next year. AYC is an excellent host, and they should be able to plan warm-up events. Iris would like to see J/88s at the annual Annapolis Sailing World Regatta, but we'll need six boats to commit.

7. **New Business** – Gary concluded the meeting by commending our Officers for their personal appeals to expand participation. Keep growing!

**Action Items:**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Next Meeting:** TBD