



**2017 Annual General Meeting of J/80 Fleet 20
National Yacht Club**

1900 October 25, 2017

In attendance at NYC:

David Doyle – Innocent Bystander (Fleet Captain)
Lawrence Alexander- Jiggers!
Trudy Murphy- Feisty
Janet Geisberger- Happy J
Gary Stephenson- Flyer
Owen Schneider - Enigma
Brian Taylor – Kokoro
Ramzi Banura – Stacked Deck
Caroline Grace – Representing Segu’eh
Luc D’Aoust– Representing Happy J

In attendance by Phone:

Hugh McGugan -Breakaway
Eric Jacob – Uqilajuq
Martin Rutter – Free Radical

1. Fleet Captain thanked everyone for attending and provided an overview of the 2017 season.

2. Ramzi Bannura (North American Class President) provided the following Class Update:
 - 21 boats at the NAs in Annapolis for 2017; however, not much wind.
 - 2018 NAs to be in Marion, Massachusetts.
 - Looking to have 2020 worlds in North America within 500 miles of New York.
 - Officially merged US and CAN fleets as one North American Organization
 - NA Association encouraging everyone to enter the draw for a set of Quantum sails; only 50 tickets will draw winner at Annapolis NOOD in April, enter on NA Class website. Draw entry fee is US\$100.
 - This year will be a building year with new infrastructure, 2 ISAF measurers in the class and new boat measurement templates.
 - New North American website integrating all fleets on one platform.
 - Growth continues to occur around the continent, looking to continue support of new boat owners.
 - West Coast News: Vancouver and Seattle looking to host first West Coast Championship in Spring 2018 - will have 12 boats or so.
 - Changes to J/80 Class Rules:
 - 1) Increase of crew weight limit to 350kg
 - 2) Backstay flicker is now legal
 - 3) Video equipment is allowed on boats (Ie. GoPros)



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- Continue to take events where majority of boats are to access larger crowds and possible participation
 - Timing is good to come to the J80 fleet, maintaining good relationships with J World.
 - J80 members are welcome to participate in J World's spinnaker session for free.
 - Harken no longer makes the one design J80 furler – pushing the fleet towards the larger size. J Boats is working with them on this.
 - The North American Association provided discounted NAs registrations as a surprise gift draw at the event.
 - Boats hold value, and are high in demand; seeing a positive trend overall.
 - J boats are now sharing their new owner lists and NA Fleet is doing the same. We are looking to find someone to organize and build an online directory (where boats are, what boats are available, etc.)
 - Trailering boats is not an issue, can trailer boats and put them on stands to get them to people who are interested. Need to facilitate trailering though.
3. Fleet Captain showed list of current boats on the lake and welcomed new members to Fleet 20.
4. The fleet agreed on the following 2018 Toronto Area Regatta schedule:
- RCYC Founders Regatta - June 2-3
 - RCYC Open Regatta - June 16-17**
 - J Fest NYC – July 21-22** - Hans Fogh Memorial J/80 LO Championship
 - NYC Open – August 11**
 - LYRA - August 3-5 (will be at GYC/RYC)**
 - QCYC – September 8**
5. All regattas listed above will be included in the J/80 2018 Toronto Area Series Championship with the exception of Founders. Anyone missing one of the regattas above in order to attend the Nepean One Design Regatta or the J/80 North Americans in Marion will receive a score for the missed regatta equal to the average of their total regatta series championship results.
6. The fleet agreed on the following 2018 Ottawa Area Regatta Schedule:
- NSC Nepean One Design Regatta - June 16-17

Ottawa J/80 Fleet is discussing with NOD organizers the possibility of moving dates to enable Toronto J/80s to participate (currently NOD is the same date as RCYC open).



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7. Fleet Captain announced the 2017 Toronto Area Series Championship and provided awards (framed photos of each skipper's boat).

Congratulations to the Top 3 championship skippers:

1. Feisty – Trudy Murphy
 2. Flyer – Gary Stephenson
 3. Innocent Bystander – David Doyle
8. Discussion that fleet may be interested in organizing a group purchase of new sails again. David Doyle to follow up with Fleet members over the winter.
 9. The PHRF issue of different ratings was discussed with key members continuing to liaise with PHRF officials and local club designates to implement a one design rating for all J/80s.
 10. Appointment of Fleet 20 Directors for 2018:
 1. David Doyle will continue as Fleet Captain.
 2. William Bennett will continue as Secretary.
 3. Trudy Murphy will continue as Marketing & Communications.

The meeting closed at 21:00.