

J/105 FLEET 14
Southern New England

March 8, 2003

MINUTES OF FLEET 14 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2003
At: TPI, Warren, Rhode Island

Attending: There were 20 owners and crew attending with 15 boats represented at the meeting. All outgoing and incoming officers were in attendance: Ed Dailey, Nelson Weiderman, Rob Salk, John Eielson, and Jack Gierhart.

MINUTES:

I. Fleet Captain Ed Dailey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. after the Competitive Boat Handling seminar by Harken's Tim Cellar. Fleet members and guests were introduced, and a quorum was present.

II. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rob Salk reported an end-of-year balance of \$1281 and a current balance of \$2156.31 plus \$25 in dues received at the meeting. A 2003 budget of \$1500 was approved, including \$300 to crank up a 2004 North American Championship website. The remaining balance of \$1200 would support Block Island Race Week, the Narragansett Bay Championship Regatta and awards for 2003 (see details below).

III. 2003 Season Championship Series and Key regattas

May 31-1	Newport Gold
[June 23-27	Block Island]
July 12-13	Sail Newport
July 19 or 26	J/Boats distance event
August 1-3	Buzzards Bay (South Dartmouth)
August late	Narragansett Bay Championship
September mid	Marion NAC 2004 preparatory

Nelson led the discussion on the schedule. Block is not normally part of the Season Championship Series. In 2002, the late season regattas on the Bay were poorly attended. There is no Rolex in 2003. So it was decided that, as in 2001, The Narragansett Bay Championship would replace the Rolex and that there would be a mid-September Regatta in preparation for the 2004 North American Championship in Marion. Andy Gillis, Rob Salk, and Thomas Enright will make sure the NBC happens and Ed Dailey will make sure the Marion Regatta happens. Season scoring and awards will be the same as for 2002 except that a regatta will not count toward the scoring unless 7 or more boats are registered. Another change approved is that Newport Gold will be Level B for new owners only. (All others will be Level A.) [Note: after the meeting the Newport Gold

was cancelled and replaced by the Liberty Regatta on the same date and the New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta the following weekend.]

IV. John Eielson reported on Buzzards Bay J/105's in Buzzards Bay will be racing every Thursday evening, beginning June 5th from Marion. There will be three summer series – June/July/August. The fleet will be using a new windward / leeward course. BYC Marion will host the Buzzards Bay J/105 Championship in September (9.13-14) which will be a good “tune up” fro the National Championship to be held in Marion in September 2004.

V. Ed Dailey gave his report on the 2004 North American Championship being held in Marion in September and encouraged everybody to participate and to sign up to help. All preparations are underway and he hopes that by March 2004 everything will be “on autopilot” between then and September.

VI. Jack Gierhart is the new Director of Marketing at US Sailing reported on several US Sailing initiatives and urged Fleet 14 members to join US Sailing, which is the sole sponsor of teaching, sailing and racing in the US.

VII. Nelson called for suggestions on improving the website and will attempt to keep it updated throughout the season. E-mail will be the primary vehicle for communication.

VIII. Election of Officers: The following slate was elected by acclamation:

Fleet Captain	Ed Dailey (re-election)
Secretary	Andrew Gillis (new)
Treasurer	Rob Salk (re-elected)
Fleet Measurer	John Eielson (interim)
Fleet Measurer	Jack Gierhart designate

Ed offered special thanks to Andy Gillis and Gack Gierhart who have agreed to take on new rolls as fleet officers and to Nelson who will continue in an ex officio capacity as webmaster and mentor.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.