

**J/105 FLEET 14**  
**Southern New England**

March 13, 2004

**MINUTES OF FLEET 14 ANNUAL MEETING**

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2004

At: J-Boats Mid-winter Rendezvous, TPI Warren, Rhode Island

Meeting was called to order at 1500 by Fleet Captain, Ed Dailey.  
Attending fleet members and guests introduced themselves.

Old business

Treasurer's report from Rob Salk was distributed to attendees and briefly discussed. Fleet finances remain stable, and so annual dues of \$25 are considered sufficient for 2004. However, it was noted that the fleet does not have the resources to cover financial shortfalls incurred by regattas or other fleet activities should event application fees not cover costs. Members are encouraged to submit their annual dues payment (\$50 total, \$25 going to Fleet 14, the balance to National).

Minutes from the 2003 annual meeting were also distributed.

New business

Election of Officers:

The following slate of candidates for Fleet 14 officers were offered and accepted by acclimation:

Fleet captain - Andrew Gillis  
Secretary - John Toole  
Treasurer - Robert Salk (re-election)  
Measurers - Jack Gierhart (re-election)  
Ed Dailey

The fleet thanks Ed Dailey for his three years of service as Fleet Captain, including a stint on the national committee, ! and acknowledges the continuing vital contributions of Nelson Weideman to both Fleet 14 and the National Class.

2004 Regatta Schedule

The following list of possible events was discussed:

June 11 NYYC Around the Island Race Newport  
June 12-13 NYYC 150th Annual Regatta Newport \*  
June 21-25 Block Island Race Week Block Is.  
July 10-11 Sail Newport Regatta Newport \*  
July 19-20? NYYC Rolex Americap Newport  
July 23-25 NYYC Rolex 1-design Newport \*  
July 30 Buzzards Bay Tower Race Marion  
August 6-8 Buzzards Bay Regatta Marion \*  
August 19 Ida Lewis distance race Newport  
August 21 Leukemia Cup Newport \*  
August 28-29 Narragansett Bay Regatta #3 Newport \*  
September 11 Hospice Regatta Newport \*  
September 12 Feeder fun race to Marion Newport  
Sept 16-19 North American Championship Marion \*

Those events marked with \* were agreed to count towards the 2004 Fleet Championship. As in the past years, scoring will be under the modified Cox-Sprague system with participation in 50% of the possible starts required for qualification. Details to be provided on the fleet web page. Event coordinators need to be identified for each of these regattas.

The June 11 event will be scored separately from the June 12-13 regatta. If there are 5 or more J105's entered, we will be given our own start. The NYYC organizers request a reading on the fleet's interest in entering this event. Also, they would like a reading on fleet interest in the handicap racing during the first part of the Rolex week.

Andy G. related his recent discussions with the organizers of the Leukemia Cup event. Unlike last year, the plan is to stage the racing south of Prudence Is. rather than up the bay in Bristol. A serious, good day of racing is promised. In similar vein, managers of the Hospice Regatta (that was not run last year) promise a well-organized event.

Ed D! . put in a plug for the long-distance events that are listed on the schedule. Organizers of the Hospice Regatta may be willing to provide a start for boats participating in the September 12 fun race to Marion. Hew R. raised the idea of organizing the distance races as double-handed events. It was agreed that awards will be given to the top finishers of the distance races.

There was an extended discussion about measurement during BIRW and a requirement for boat owners to be aboard. The latter was not accepted (owners will not be required to be aboard for the 2004 BIRW). It was agreed to set up a measurer group for this event (initially including

Andy, Jim, Nelson and Hugh) who will decide what will be measured, and when/where.

Ed D. reported on planning for the NA's. There will be a formal measurement program in place; details are still being worked out. Logistical arrangements for out-of-town boats and severe storm contingencies are being finalized. Interest appears high with nearly 50 boats indicating possible participation already. NOR and Entry forms are available on [www.j105.org](http://www.j105.org).

#### Concluding events

The meeting ended with Ed. D. presenting 2003 fleet awards:

Fleet Champion 1. Jim Sorensen, - Wet Leopard

2. Phil Lotz - Indefatigable

3. Rob Salk - Picante

Best Newcomer: John and Carol Ryan - Anamchara

Up and Coming: Hew Russell - Four Spacious Guys, and  
Jamie Shachoy - August West

The meeting was concluded at 1600.