

# MINUTES: 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

San Francisco J/105 Fleet 1  
Conference Call 7pm 12/21/16

ATTENDIES	NAME (click for link)	INITIALS	BOAT	ROLE	NOTES
1	<a href="#">Don Wieneke</a>	DW	Lulu	Fleet Captain	EXCOM 2016/17
2	<a href="#">Rolf Kaiser</a>	RK	Donkey Jack	Race & Competition	No vote/ Shannon
3	<a href="#">Pat Benedict</a>	PB	Advantage 3	Fleet Measurer/ Class Tech Com	EXCOM 2016/17
4	<a href="#">Tim Sullivan</a>	TS	Juju	Fleet Secretary	EXCOM 2016/17
5	<a href="#">Phillip Laby</a>	PL	Godot	Fleet Treasurer	EXCOM 2016/17
6	<a href="#">Shannon Ryan</a>	SR	Donkey Jack	Past Fleet Captain	EXCOM 2016/17
7	<a href="#">Walter Sanford</a>	WS	Alchemy	Member At Large	EXCOM 2016/17
8	<a href="#">Jason Woodley</a>	JW	Risk	Member At Large	Proxy/Wieneke
9	<a href="#">Ryan Simmons</a>	RS	Blackhawk	Member At Large	EXCOM 2016/17
10	<a href="#">Adam Spiegel</a>	AS	Jam Session	Rules Committee	
11	<a href="#">Artem Savinov</a>	ASV	Yunona	Owner	
12	<a href="#">Bruce Stone</a>	BS	Arbitrage	Owner	Past Class President
13	<a href="#">Charles James</a>	CJ	Roxanne	Owner	Proxy/Wieneke
14	Charlie Pick	CP	Box of Rain	Owner	New Owner please welcome
15	<a href="#">Chuck Cihak</a>	CC	HazWa	Owner	
16	<a href="#">David Gross</a>	DG	Nirvana	Owner	
17	<a href="#">David Mace</a>	DM	Moonshine	Owner	Proxy/Wieneke
18	<a href="#">Donald Olgado</a>	DO	Aquavit	Owner	Proxy/Wieneke
19	<a href="#">Doug Bailey</a>	DB	Akula	Web Master	Proxy/Shannon
20	<a href="#">Richard Butts</a>	RB	Melilani	Owner	

## AGENDA/DISCUSSIONS/VOTES

➡ Action Item.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

(DW): 7:05 pm. Introductions and a review of the Agenda for the meeting. Roll call with 19 boats represented including proxies and quorum at 14 boats established.

### 2. RACING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

#### DISCUSSION:

➡ **RK:** Outlined the proposed Race Schedule for 2017 emailed to all Owners and listed on Fleet web site at [sfj105.org](http://sfj105.org). Main changes from 2016 are:

1. Can do Summer Keel at SFYC.

2. StFYC Stop Over Regatta is on Mother's Day and might do one day or both; suggested discussion and **RK** will update.

**RB:** Asked West Point Regatta on 7/15/17 might be included in the B Schedule which is the same date as the SBYC Bay Bridge Regatta.

**WS:** Suggested two B races on the same day might be counter productive. Pick one and try to support it. Could do survey a month ahead to decide.

➔ **RK:** Suggested that both events be listed and a month ahead of the date survey attendance and **RK** to make decision then which one to score for B Season based on attendance.

**RB:** Ok with what Fleet decides.

**ASV:** SBYC Bay Bridge is difficult to race due to cross currents.

**PB:** Events having more than 5 races we count only the best five races for scoring A Season Championship Series except the BBS. Then Fleet scores with 25% throw-outs.

➔ **RK:** Agreed and EXCOM recommended.

**PB:** Explained best five races from any regatta are counted. Eight short races from the StFYC Stop Over Regatta shouldn't count the same as the BBS. If we did count then 8 short races become a more important throw-out if you miss it as it's 8 races and shouldn't have the same or more weight as the BBS. Same as SYC with 6 races.

**BS:** Suggests all races should count and since we already throw out 25% in our season scoring there's little reason to have additional throw outs limiting SYC and Stop Over.

**AS:** Is the Fleet happy with the format of the BBS and short races? Can we get info to Clubs early enough so they can respond? How do we deal with it assuming we have agreement on what we want.

➔ **RK:** StFYC ERC is cooperative and goal is to have shorter races and more of them. Didn't work out this year due to J70s needing longer courses. Clubs will do as we ask and should be different this year.

➔ **MOTION:** **RK** propose approving schedule as submitted including SFYC Summer Keel and the StFYC Stop Over. This includes events having more than 5 races we count only the best five races for scoring A Season Championship Series except the BBS. Then Fleet scores with 25% throw-outs for final scoring.

**2ND: SR.**

**Unanimous approval.**

### 3. EXCOM NOMINATIONS

**DISCUSSION:** Written report was noted in email and Agenda.

**MOTION:** **PB** to approve as noted in Agenda;

**2ND: WS.**

➔ **Unanimous approval.**

### 4. FLEET DUES/BUDGET

**DISCUSSION:**

➔ **DW:** noted that the recommendation of the EXCOM and agreement with Fleet Captain and Treasurer is to keep dues same as last year. Budget as submitted by the Treasurer Pat Doyle will be posted at [sfj105.org](http://sfj105.org). Currently Fleet has \$11,000 in

account which can be used for web site improvement, trophies, Fleet events and repeating the Dave Perry one day coaching & after race seminar.

**MOTION: CC** Accept dues same as last year.

**2ND: SR.**

➔ **Unanimous approval.**

## 5. FLEET RULES REVISION

### DISCUSSION:

**DW:** Presented the Rules Committee's recommendation previously approved and proposed for Owner vote by the J/105 Fleet #1 Executive Committee (EXCOM). Rules Committee: Pat Benedict, Adam Spiegel, Don Wieneke have been working on revising the Fleet Rules over the last few months. This is an effort started back in 2012 when then Fleet Captain Ned Walker began the project. Trying to do two things:

1. Make our Fleet Rules simple and compliant with the J/105 Class Rules (<http://j105.org/rules/>).
2. Clearly note the rules that are different from the Class so we can either get the Class EXCOM to change Class Rules or provide an "exception" for Fleet #1 per RRS 87.

Ideally as a Fleet we'd write as few rules as possible and let the Class Rules do their job (per J105 Class Rules (<http://j105.org/rules/>) and Class Constitution (<http://j105.org/constitution/>)). However we have some important conflicts which noted in the Revised Rules: Article III Changes to the Class Rules.

**DW:** Discussion and agreement to add the word "event" to Revised Fleet Rule 3.

Will now read: 3.4 Class Rule 6.3 is replaced with:

"Sails used while racing an **event** shall be limited to two mainsails (one of which must be two years old or more based on the Class sail tag), two jibs, and two spinnakers. Only one mainsail may be carried aboard at one time."

**DW:** Add EXCOM approved rule 9.5 for vote.

Proposed Rule: 9.5 Any regatta with more than 5 races (excepting BBS where all races count), only the competitor's top 5 scores would apply to the J/105 Fleet 1 season championship scoring. A 25% throw out would then apply as it has in the past.

**BS:** New owner's Son wanted clarification if the Son is driver could his Father be on the boat.

**AS:** Need interpretation from Class on what "Immediate Family" is. Thinking brother and brother in law are not immediate family. Don't see any issue.

**PB:** Agree.

➔ **DW:** Agree. Suggested Class rule is clear on separating "immediate family" and "Long Term Shipmate". Suggested asking the Class for interpretation.

**PB:** Brother was included and should note Perkins and Simmons for interpretation.

**SR:** Brother was always included in Fleet Rules.

**MOTION: AS** Change Revised Rule 3.1: After last sentence "If an Owner of the yacht is on board, a long term shipmate may not be a Driver." Add: For purposes of this rule a member of the immediate family (child, parent, spouse, or sibling) of the yacht's Owner. (This works in reference to Class Rule 3.4: <http://j105.org/rules/>)

**2ND: PB.**

➔ **Unanimous approval.**

**BS** Revised Rules 12.4: Suggested was not necessary and is unenforceable. Can't sign away rights if **negligence** is involved. Poorly written.

**DW:** Agreed noting Fleet Rules Committee (**PB, AS** and **DW**) thought the existing rules on Indemnity (Section 12 in Revised Rules; identical to existing Fleet Rules) should stay in the Revised Rules and be addressed for discussion in 2017. Need legal advice and consult from the Class and US Sailing on these issues.

**AS:** Agree.

**BS:** Suggested involvement with StFYC chief counsel. Should approve current Revised Rules but take up discussion on Rule 12.4 asap.

➔ **BS:** Will contact Terry Anderlini at StFYC for advice on this issue.

**DW:** Agreed and noted re Revised Rules 12.4: Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20 (Prescription RRS 82) in essence makes this kind of rule probably unenforceable.

As follows:

***INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS***

***US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.***

**PL:** Agrees that modification should be done asap but keep 12.4 included.

**MOTION WS:** Motion to approve the Revised Fleet Rules as presented and modified above.

**2ND: TS**

➔ **Unanimous approval.**

**6. MEASURER'S REPORT**

**PB:** All Owners note: Anchor Weight interpretation in Class Newsletter 12/12/16 put minimum weight for anchor and rode at 21lbs. Recommend all Fleet Owner drivers read this interpretation. <http://j105.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-4-Fall.pdf>

**7. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:21PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Wieneke, Fleet Captain for Tim Sullivan, Secretary (traveling)