J/105 Fleet One Executive Committee Meeting January 15, 2009

Location: St. Francis Yacht Club

The meeting was called to order at 7pm and was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

In attendance:

Paul Farr – Fleet Captain
Pat Benedict -- Measurer
Phil Mazzie -- Treasurer
Adam Spiegel – Secretary
Rolf Kaiser – Race and Competition Chair
Tom Kennelly – Past Fleet Caption
Walter Sanford – Member at Large
Howard Bentley – Member at Large

2009 Schedule, Weigh-in Regatta Staffing. The group discussed the 2009 schedule and decided which events will be weigh-in events and solicited volunteers for managing the weigh-in process. The designated weigh-in events and members responsible for them are:

3/21-22	Spring One Design	Rolf and Phil
6/20-21	Summer Keel	Paul and Walter
9/10-13	Big Boat Series	Adam & Howard

Pat suggested that we remind owners that for all events (whether or not they are designated as weigh-in events) each owner is required by Fleet Rule 9.1 to produce upon request of a class officer or competitor a signed declaration listing each crew member and their weight and ISAF classification.

<u>Mid-Season Party.</u> The group discussed timing for a mid-season party and decided to shoot for SFYC on 5/30. Tom to check with Sean Svendsen to make sure that date works for him.

<u>Volunteers for Fleet Social Events / Weigh-Ins.</u> The group discussed ways to increase participation from crew members in the Fleet in Fleet activities. Paul will recruit a Social Chairperson and possibly a "Social Committee" to help with mid-season and year-end parties. Volunteers are also needed to help with weigh-ins.

<u>Annual Dinner / Party</u>. The group discussed timing and venue for this year's annual end-of-season dinner. We will shoot for November 7th. Paul to coordinate.

Rules Seminar. According to the St. Francis race office, Dave Perry has been scheduled for a rules seminar on the weekend of March 14th /15th. The group discussed the seminar and concluded that this year's rules changes are significant enough that attendance at the seminar should be mandatory. The StFYC has asked the Fleet to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the seminar, and is planning on charging admission as well. Additional follow-up needed with the St. Francis to negotiate terms of fleet involvement -- Phil to discuss with Melanie in race office.

<u>Fleet Rule changes.</u> The group discussed a draft of the revised Article 3 and agreed that the draft reflected the discussion that took place at the annual meeting. Adam to propose new language for Fleet Rule 9.2 in order to conform it to (i) the new racing rules that took effect January 1st and (ii) RRS 86.1c, which prohibits class rules from changing RRS 44.1 (taking a penalty).

<u>National rules changes.</u> The national vote is still pending. Paul and/or Tom will distribute the results of the polling when they are available.

Boat Weighing. According to Pat, 56 boats have been weighed thus far. Only one boat has indicated an interest in being weighed this year, but since they don't intend to race this season, there is no reason to do a one-off weighing. Pat will ask Cindy to put something on web site asking if there are any other owners interested in getting their boat weighed.

B Schedule. The group discussed how we could build interest in a B Series. One-race days have been more popular than requiring participation for both days. The group discussed creating a J/105 B-Season "Party Circuit" using existing events, and slated the following events as possible:

- 3/14 Big Daddy
- 5/2 Vallejo Race
- 9/19 Leukemia Cup
- 10/31 Great Pumpkin

Rolf will coordinate finding someone to take charge of the B Season. Paul will send out a survey soliciting opinions on B Season interest.

<u>Web site.</u> Cindy, our awesome volunteer webmaster for the past six years, has asked that we find a replacement for her. Howard offered to make some calls. Tom will suggest to Cindy that she put an advertisement on the web site for her replacement.