



J/109 UK and Ireland Class Association

2023 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date of AGM: Thursday 15 June 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: The Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble

Attendees: **Full Members**
David Richards, Class Chairman, Jumping Jellyfish
Chris Burleigh, Class Treasurer, Jybe Talkin'
David McGough, Class Technical Officer and Measurer, Just So
Rob Cotterill, Class Secretary, Mojo Risin'

John Smart, Jukebox
Mike Yates, Jago
Anthony Tahourdin, Jedi
Charles Berry, Jenie

Apologies: Lesley Brooman, Jumunu
Andy Williams, Ctrl-J

- 1. Confirmation of quorum and validity of meeting.**
The AGM was called by the class secretary on 24 May, more than three weeks notice.
With more than 5 full members in attendance, quorum for the meeting was confirmed.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 30 June 2022 at the RORC.**

The minutes were accepted as presented, and made available on www.j109uk.com

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising that were not already on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Class Committee

a. Committee members

- i. David Richards – Chair
- ii. Chris Burleigh – Treasurer
- iii. David McGough – Technical Officer and Measurer
- iv. Rob Cotterill – Secretary

There were no resignations from the committee

b. Committee member elections

All committee members, although happy to serve for another year, would be pleased to give up their position if another class member were to make themselves available. The committee feels new blood would be a good thing on the committee.

No volunteers put themselves forward

c. Vote of thanks

Charles Berry proposed a vote of thanks to the committee. This was carried by those present.

5. Chair's Report

David Richards presented the Chair's report as attached to these minutes.

6. Class Technical Officer and Measurer's Report

David McGough gave his report

Plans to keep a class "temporary" rudder – to offer to members who need to replace theirs, but want to keep racing while they wait for a new one

There was a discussion around keel repairs.

7. Treasurer's Report

Chris Burleigh presented the annual accounts and treasurer's report, as attached to these minutes.

8. Calendar of Events 2023

This has not yet been published. It will be soon.

9. The J109uk.com website

Call for images that don't require media rights. Question whether Jog agreement for media rights would cover our use of pics for the site **David McGough** to discuss with Martin Banfield.

Suggestion that we rotate the duty of reporting from events. **Charles Berry** to do the report for J Cup 2023. Allocate duty using WhatsApp.

10. **Any Other Business**

Discussion over how many J/109s there are in the UK. **Rob Cotterill** to publish list of boats on our database **David McGough** to find IRC list of J/109s.

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Accounts for the year ended 28 February 2023

| | 28-Feb-23 | 28-Feb-22 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| Annual Dinner Tickets | 2,940.00 | 3300.00 |
| Misc. Income Items (sponsorship) | 500.00 | - |
| Association Membership Subs | 530.00 | 480.00 |
| Total | 3,970.00 | 4,800.00 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Subscriptions | (55.00) | (55.00) |
| Website (& Tracker) | (288.00) | (555.00) |
| Social | - | (760.00) |
| Annual Dinner | (2,992.50) | (3,369.00) |
| Trophies & Prizes | (314.10) | (119.00) |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| Total | (3,649.60) | (4,858.00) |
| NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT | 320.40 | (278.00) |
| RESERVES | | |
| Opening Balance: | 6,734.31 | 7,012.31 |
| Income less Expenditure | 320.40 | (278.00) |
| Closing Balance: | 7,054.71 | 6,734.31 |
| CASH | | |
| Bank balance, Lloyds TSB | 7054.71 | 6734.31 |
| Plus receipts not cleared | - | - |
| Less payments not cleared | - | - |
| Balance | 7,054.71 | 6,664.31 |

Chair's report 2023

The second half of 2022 and the early part of this season has been very much more of the same in terms of numbers competing in one design events and to a large extent in IRC racing, both inshore and offshore. Since last years J Cup when we saw a fleet of 12 compete for our National Championship we have seen steady support for the regattas with dedicated class starts.

The annual party in Yarmouth, otherwise known as the Taittinger Regatta, saw 7 boats competing whilst Cowes Week had 9 entries for the class starts. Dartmouth Regatta attracted 9 entries with four of those yachts coming from outside of the usual Solent based suspects.

2023 one design racing kicked off with the Vice Admirals Cup with six yachts racing over two days in some very fickle north easterlies.

Meanwhile in the Warsash Spring series J109s were well represented at the top end of the results table with Jukebox and Jago finishing first and second respectively in the Spring Championship and Jybe Talkin and Mojo taking second and third place in the series overall.

The Vice Admirals Cup, the first one design event of 2023, saw a fleet of six boats competing in the J109 fleet, Jenie had an excellent first day in competitive racing but Jago enjoyed the advantage on Sunday which was enough for them to win the event.

Once again J109s have been shown to be extremely competitive in both RORC and JOG offshore racing. Jago took third place in IRC 3 in the 2022 RORC Mainseries and there are currently 3 J109s in the top four of this seasons standings. Meanwhile in the JOG coastal series Just So sit on top of the cumulative results table.

So overall I would suggest that whilst we have not seen the increase in participation that we might have hoped for we have managed to maintain numbers across a host of different events. The class has continued to enjoy competitive one design racing and we have shown ourselves to be successful participants in the whole range of IRC races.

The challenge for the class remains how we can engage with those owners and crews who currently don't get involved in class racing and in particular those boats which are not based in The Solent. Perhaps now is the time to consider some radical ideas such as separating our Nationals from the J Cup which could give us the opportunity to run them at an alternative regatta such as Dartmouth potentially encouraging greater participation from those based in the West Country, Wales and beyond.

To end on a wholly positive note though, as a J109 owner for over 19 years I can honestly say that I am enjoying racing my boat now as much as I have ever done and I am sure that the J109 will continue to prove itself as a worthy competitor in all types of yacht racing for years to come.