



J/109 UK and Ireland Class Association

2025 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date of AGM: Thursday 20 June 2025
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Yeoman Room, Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble.

Attendees: **Committee**
David Richards, Class Chairman, Jumping Jellyfish
Raulf Berry, Class Treasurer, Associate Member, Jenie
Rob Cotterill, Class Secretary, Mojo Risin'
David McGough, Class Technical Officer and Measurer, Just So
Chris Burleigh, Committee Member, Jybe Talkin'

Full Members:

Andy Williams, Ctrl-J
Charles Berry, Jenie
Bill Stock, Jengu
Steve Horne, Jambo
Aaron Goodman–Simpson, Karaboudjan
Oliver Love, Frank 4
Lesley Brooman, Jumunu

Associate Members:

Peter McConnell, Karaboudjan

Observers:

Mike Yates
Catherine Phillips

Apologies:

Stephen Davis, Jeroboam
Neil MacLachlan, Jai Ho
Jamie Will, Red Arrow

1. Confirmation of quorum and validity of meeting.

The AGM date was announced by the class secretary on 13 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 20 June 2024 by Zoom video call.

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. Raulf Berry – Treasurer
- iii. David McGough – Technical Officer and Measurer
- iv. Rob Cotterill – Secretary
- v. Chris Burleigh – Committee Member

b. Committee member elections

Raulf Berry and Chris Burleigh had been co- opted onto the committee since the 2024 AGM.

All five members of the committee were re- elected unopposed

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 presented his report as attached to these minutes. There was a discussion about how many years to wait between changing rudders.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

8. Calendar of Events 2024

Members' attention was drawn to this, as attached to the newsletter, these minutes and the class website. Next seasons championship events are the Taittinger regatta, Cowes week and Dartmouth week.

9. Weight Limit discussion

There was a consensus that the weight limit set in the class rules and commonly disappplied in sailing instructions for class regattas should be replaced. A suggestion was to replace it with a limit of 8 unless 2 or more crew members were female or under 25, in which case a 9th person be allowed. David McGough was tasked with forming a working party to propose options for a future general meeting to consider. No change to come into place before the 2026 season.

10. 2026 Nationals

It was proposed to hold these in Dartmouth. Concern was expressed over the lack of marina facilities, and at least one member would not return there again unless these were fixed. It was decided to see whether the 2025 Dartmouth Week facilities improve on those from 2024 before proposing to return the nationals there.

11. Pairings for boat inspections – feedback.

It was felt that these had worked for the boats in Hamble, less useful for those where there are fewer J/109s in an area.

12. 2025/26 Annual Dinner

There was a discussion around the date of an annual dinner. Options were November, December, February. A WhatsApp poll will be organised to test preferences. The venue (Harbour hotel) was a good one. Look to get the 99s and 111s involved again.

13. Any Other Business

A suggestion that the class should allow Code 0s was suggested. This makes sense for some round the can races when J/109 results are being extracted from IRC results, but these regattas are not raced under class rules anyway. For regattas under class rules, with an exclusive J109 start there was concern that allowing Code 0s would either force owners to buy an expensive sail or not compete and so would not increase participation. The matter was left as a suggestion to the committee.

Attachments:

- Chair's report
- Measurer's report
- Treasurer's report and annual accounts
- Calendar of events 2025