

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR
J/105 CLASS ASSOCIATION, FLEET 15
7 January 2012**

Minutes

The annual general meeting of Fleet 15 convened as scheduled at 2 PM in the home of Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott, a quorum of voting members being present, and proceeded according to the published agenda.

Fleet Secretary Rich Payne reported that the current slate of officers had agreed to serve for 2012 if no other members were interested in serving. There being no nominations or volunteers from the floor, a motion to re-elect the current officers for 2012 was carried unanimously.

Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott reported that with all expenses paid, a balance of \$37 will be carried over into 2012, which he judged to be cutting it too close. His recommendation was that the local Fleet 15 dues be raised from \$10 per year to \$15 for 2012. This motion carried unanimously. Note that because National Class Association dues have been raised to \$50 for first owner, the aggregate dues for Members who are primary owners is \$65 (\$50 National dues, \$15 local Fleet 15 dues), \$45 for second co-owner and for Associate Members (\$30 National dues, \$15 local dues). The Treasurer will send a consolidated payment of dues to the National Class Association. As in the past, \$15 dues will be collected from individuals who desire to be local Fleet 15 members only (or from individuals who are already members of the National class association). It was also agreed that the Fleet would continue to fund a full page notice in the CCV Racing Guide (a collection of notices of race distributed to racing sailors in Region IV South). To increase publicity, it was also agreed that Fleet 15 will establish a Facebook page, which will be maintained by Strother and Don Wood. In addition, Strother will establish a separate album of Fleet 15 photos in the Fishing Bay Yacht Club Flickr site. This album will be linked to the Fleet 15 Class Association Site, to make it easier for members to post photos and give them the greatest possible viewership.

Fleet Measurer Cyane Crump distributed copies of proposed National rule changes for 2012, none of which appears to be very significant. In response to a question, she went over the procedures for documenting purchase of new sails. This is done by the sailmaker, in direct contact with the National Class Association so that the sail can be tagged and purchases recorded on the Class Association website. It is not necessary to inform the Fleet Measurer.

Fleet Secretary Rich Payne then distributed a copy of the 2012 Sailing Instructions for the Southern Chesapeake Bay One-Design Series, which contains a summary of Fleet 15 modifications to the national Class Rules, a list of dates, and regatta scoring procedures. This reflects no change from the 2011 SI, other than the dates, and there was no

discussion of possible changes, so the 2012 SI are considered approved. He also distributed a race circular/entry form for Southern Bay Race Week, which was obtained from the regatta organizers. In the ensuing discussion, several members stressed the importance of Southern Bay Race Week to the overall credibility of the Fleet. Ideally, all members should send in a regatta entry form for SBRW not later than the cutoff date for Early Bird Entries, 23 April 2012. Note that we need to have 5 entries no later than 23 May 2012 in order to get a One Design start. Entries may be sent through the Fleet Secretary or directly to the regatta organizers. As Region IV (South) liaison, Rich Payne will monitor entries and send out reminders as necessary. Note that the Southern Bay Race Week website is already up and posted at this time.

After the meeting formally adjourned, Fleet Captain David Clark presented Fleet 15 awards for the Southern Chesapeake Bay J/105 One Design Series for 2011. Mike Karn (Inevitable) took first place, Strother Scott (Loose Cannon) second, and David Clark (Corryvreckan) third. It is notable that the trophies were potable, though they conveyed a decidedly Caledonian (as opposed to the traditional Caribbean) flavor.

