

**JSCA 2008 Annual Fleet Planning
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2007**

Present: Andy Hunt, Chair; Brian Key, Philip McIlvenna, Kevin Wilder, Benj Rummen, Mike Cotter.
Regrets: Richard Spencer, Chris Stairs.

1. Introduction of Members

2. Selection of 2007/08 Programs Committee Chair

Andy Hunt was acclaimed as Programmes Committee Chair.

3. Review of 2007 Race Programs

Weekly JSCA race programs experienced growth in 2007. Sunday racing is still not as well attended as Tuesday Nite racing. All regattas were well attended. Videos of Tuesday Nite Racing and Dave Thomas' coaching clinic were very popular.

4. Preview of 2008 Race Programs

There is interest in developing a Vanguard/Rookie Fleet start. Some novice Tasar racers may choose to race in this class as well. A third Rookie Racing Clinic has been added to the 2008 schedule with the offer to conduct special sessions for interested clubs. We will continue to strive to remove the "intimidation factor" to novice racers. Using experienced racers to "mentor" rookies may help bring more people into our racing programs. It was suggested that a BBQ in the picnic area after Sunday Racing once a month will add to the social atmosphere and help boost attendance. There may be some interest in a team racing event. The first Penguin Cup race is scheduled for April 15-Andy will survey racers to see if there is enough interest to schedule a date earlier in the season.

There was discussion around the date of the Jericho Boat Show Open House which is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. Holding it earlier could adversely affect turnout due to cooler weather and holding it later would likely mean affiliated club opportunities would diminish.

Canada Day 2008 falls on a Tuesday race day and we would like to make this one special-the City may have funding for such events.

5. Junior Racing Programs

MacSailing is continuing to develop junior racing programs and may once again be involved with a high school championship event. There may be an opportunity to partner with the North West Youth Circuit to host an event as part of the Jericho Classic Regatta. This would require an additional course and additional resources. Andy will discuss with BC Sailing.

6. Race Scoring

Benj reports that cumulative race scoring would be better supported by Javascor.

7. Advanced Racing and Race Management seminars

There is a desire to have more Advanced Racing Seminars, such as the one presented by Dave Thomas, utilizing actual race footage of actual Jericho Racers. Other sailing experts such as Ross Macdonald will be asked if they would be interested in sharing their knowledge.

We will evolve our in-house race management training program by having a formal dry land introduction seminar prior to weekly on water sessions commencing in May.

Andy will organize a CYA Race Management Certification course at Jericho. Brian will organize a CYA Judging Certification course.

8. JSCA Marketing

The website will get a facelift to better promote the sports we facilitate. The homepage will become more “potential member” friendly so that landlubbers can more easily navigate their way through the available JSCA programs, facilities and services. The current home page will remain more or less intact with a primary goal to keep our members informed about every aspect of their organization- but it will be one click away. We will develop a member only discussion forum. Video clips can also be added to the website.

9. 2007 Vancouver Boat Show February 7-11

The committee would like to develop a better video/slideshow presentation. Tasar Fleet Captain, Tim Murphy, has volunteered to cull through our DVD collection to find some action sequences.

10. Sponsorship

We will look into the funding the Hobie Fleet received for the Harrison Regatta to see if an opportunity exists for the JSCA. The 2010 Legacy fund may be an opportunity for the JSCA. A sponsor who would cover the additional cost of broadband may help fund additional webcams by showing the world the view of Vancouver from Jericho. Andy will continue to seek prize sponsors for racing programs.

11. Wishlist

There was discussion of hosting more social BBQ's such as the “Complete Crew BBQ” –as many as one a month in June, July, August – in the picnic area. Andy would like a tape recorder for recording race finishes. An additional video camera on the Albatross may also achieve this. A telescope on the Safety Observation Deck is on our wishlist. Brian suggested a start/finish line marker other than the mast on the Albatross would assist race committee in spotting starts and finishes. A new weather reporting station is also on the committee's wishlist.

12. Adjournment