

Fleet 15 Conducts Annual General Meeting

By Richard C. Payne, Secretary, J/105 Class Association, Fleet 15

On Saturday, 24 January 2015, Fleet 15 conducted its Annual General Meeting at the home of Fleet Captain David Clark. In addition to David, voting members included Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott, Fleet Measurer Don DeLoatch, Past Fleet Captain Bob Rock, and Fleet Secretary Rich Payne. Three of the four current Fleet 15 officers agreed to serve in that capacity for 2015.

Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott submitted a written report (by e-mail), reporting that 2014 local dues were current, and the balance in the local treasury was \$367. He further stated that he would like to resign as Fleet Treasurer (bringing with him a check for the \$367 balance). His recommendation was that the Secretary assume both functions, but that members should pay national dues directly to the Class Association (i.e., the Fleet Treasurer would handle local funds only). He recommended that the \$15 local dues assessment be continued. Rich Payne agreed to assume this additional duty, but questioned the purpose of collecting local dues when we had a balance of \$400 and very few foreseeable expenses. Despite this objection, the group voted to continue local dues at \$15 per year. Information on the Fleet 15 website will be changed to reflect this new arrangement.

The meeting's final order of business was to review the racing schedule for 2015, a draft of which (contained in the SI) was presented by Rich Payne. Because there is considerable doubt about whether we can muster enough J/105's for a OD start, the 2015 SI contain language stating: "For series scoring, actual race scores will be adjusted to exclude scores of boats from other J/105 fleets, with the scores of Fleet 15 boats adjusted accordingly. This provision applies also if insufficient J/105's are registered to qualify for a separate OD start, and J/105's race as a sub-fleet within a PHRF Fleet organized by the regatta." The 2015 SI (as amended by the above provision) were approved by the group. It was emphasized that even if boats elect to use PHRF sails in other club racing events, they must comply with J/105 OD rules in order to be scored in the Fleet 15 OD series. Information concerning the three regional regattas will be posted to the Fleet 15 website as it becomes available.