



Minutes for 2025 National J24 Association AGM

Venue: Sandringham Yacht Club

8.30am, 10 January 2025

Members Present

Sophie Stace
Warren Slater
Sharon Hade
Adam Keyes-Tilley
Amanda Aylward
Murray McDonald
Sophie Davidson
Scott Hagen
Georgia North
Jack Fullerton

David Elmslie
Pauliina Matilla
Megan Aulich
John Crawford
Eva Stadler
Hugo Ottaway
Simon Grain
Dave West
Steve Wright

2 - Last year's minutes were accepted. - 1st John Crawford, 2nd Eva Stadler

The following reports were accepted.

3 - PRESIDENTS REPORT

Thank you for your attendance at this year's AGM, making the time to support the National Association.

It has been a busy year for many J sailors, with many events held here in Australia and the recent Worlds in Seattle. We only had one representative there but John and his crew on Innamincka acquitted themselves very well and flew the flag for Australia.

It's great to see new skippers and crew coming on board the J24 fleet, particularly the two crews from Adelaide who have come here for this series; welcome aboard to everyone.

The Victorian Association is strong as always and very active with regular Club racing and special events. With the luxury of being based here at Sandringham with its excellent facilities, storage space and of course the sailing venue itself, the fleet and indeed the Class has survived and flourished over the years. It is great to see how the VIC Association has grasped this event and added some new fun social aspects to the sailing that has made for an excellent event. Congratulations Megan and all the Committee.

In NSW, our fleet is more fragmented with a smaller number of boats at several clubs but the Association under President Dave West has been very focused on uniting the fleet wherever possible, running the Winter Regatta, the Youth Challenge and combined Club racing where possible. The Women's Keelboat Regatta is well supported by J24s and the Navy connections continue to develop.

It's great to see the two South Australian boats here, it was probably all a bit daunting at first but I hope you are enjoying the experience and that you can continue to develop in the Class. Please just ask if you need anything; everyone is happy to help out with whatever assistance or advice The SA fleet has been quite active over the years and we all look forward to holding the Championship back there one day.

Former J24 President Ron Thompson has been living in Perth for a few years now where there are a number of J24s at various Clubs. He owns a good boat himself and is working towards gathering the others into an informal group for some class racing and to promote the Class in the West.

The big effort in the last year has been the formation of the World Championship Organising Committee under Chair Megan, and the setting up of the structures and processes to make this event a success. We are almost 2 years out from November 2026 but there is a huge amount of work to do. Megan and the Committee have made great progress so far on the main areas of Race Management, Sponsorship, Charter Boats and Social Events and we already have a number of international boats very interested in attending.

If you have any skills in these areas (and everyone does) and you are interested in helping in some way but not involved yet, please make yourself known to me, Megan or anyone else on a Committee and we would love to talk.

Thanks again for supporting J24 Australia,

Steve Wright,
J24 Australia.

4 - Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance 1/1/24	\$5078.53
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INCOME	A\$
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Membership	10,737.50
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Royalty Tag Sales	1025
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Total Income	<u>11,762.50</u>
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EXPENDITURE	
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Memberships to IJCA (151) + 20 Tags	6292.27
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AS Membership	300.00
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Margaret Fraser Martin Photography	200.00
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Ink on Paper – Banners	282.95
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Website Hosting	100.00
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Total Expenditure	<u>7,175.22</u>
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Closing Balance	<u>4,587.28</u>
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Assets/Liabilities	
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Cash at Bank	9666.31
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Plus Royalty Tags at cost (x19)	1425
Less Liabilities	0.00

Net Assets 11,091.31

Simon Grain

National Secretary / Treasurer

5 - Election of Officers

No new nominations were received. Steve Wright was elected unopposed as President.

The current members of the committee, Dave West (NSW Pres), Hugo Ottaway (National Measurer), Megan Aulich (VIC Pres) and Simon Grain offered themselves for re-election and were returned to the committee unanimously.

Arthur Crothers has decided to step down, the meeting thanked him for his service over the years, John Crawford NSW and Scott Hagan SA were added.

6 - State reports –

VIC – Megan Aulich. The fleet remains strong at Sandy, with many class activities including Docklands trip, Crewser Cup, Tips and Tricks, Nationals, Festival of Sails at Geelong and Australian Womens Keelboat Regatta with Sophie Davidson from SA having visited us then winning the SA Womens Regatta. Hugo with Adam competed in the Europeans in Sardinia, Adam having just sailed the J70 regatta in Sweeden.

NSW – John Crawford. Youth Challenge was a success and is expected to be even larger this year with already more interest being shown by more clubs, next year it will be separate from the NSW States. John raced the Worlds in Seattle with Will Hough and young crew.

WA – Hugo Ottaway. WA has 9 boats with 4-5 boats sailing regularly. Ron Thomson is doing the winning and has ignited the class there. There is good potential to get the class together and be part of the National scene. Ron is planning to come to the 26 Nationals and qualify for the Worlds.

SA – Scott Hagan. Scott is a new boat owner from Adelaide and has volunteered to be the SA class representative. Having been appointed he had 5 minutes to come up with a state report ! He is keen to build the class back to a point where we can take the Nationals back there. He suggested 2027 ! There are two active boats and another 6 boats there for sale from the Squadron and these may be able to be bought for 10k and although of poor quality Scott is planning to try to bring these back to race condition and find new owners for them.

7 – 2026 Nationals – Due to be held in Melbourne in January 2026, Steve outlined the selection process at the Nationals for the Worlds.

8 – 2025 Worlds – The 2025 Worlds are due to be held in Plymouth this year, the current Nationals are the qualifying trials. Interested to go at this stage are John Crawford, Sean Kirkjian, Dave West, Steve Wright and Warren Slater. Committee to discuss and send invitations as is decided.

9 – 2026 Worlds – Megan outlined the current WCOG committee and noted that we need more expertise from the class membership. Of particular note is the need to start firming up on charter boats. The Worlds will have a strong social emphasis as this has been noted by OS competitors previously as being very important. We have a title sponsor in the wings and this will be announced in the very near future.

Joh Crawford gave a short talk on the use of the Race Sense used in Seattle, robotic marks, race committee set up and running of the racing. Adam added his experience of the RS used in the J70s

and the approx. cost of purchasing the system at around \$2500 plus an ongoing license. There was a tech guy available in Seattle to fix problems and this is something that needs to be considered here as well. The system is available through Harken. Jack suggested that we have the ability to run it here, as Clay Williams of the club is keen to get trained up on the system and so could be a valuable member of the RC if we go down the RS way.

10 - General Business

The meeting endorsed the idea of the committee exploring more detail on the Vakaros Race Sense system.

Meeting closed at 9.23am