



Canadian 2.4mR Class Association
2023 AGM Minutes
April 11, 2024

Meeting called to Order: 7:35 EST (4:35 PST)

15 members in attendance

Opening Remarks

- Peter welcomed all participants and noted that this meeting is normally held in January but a few issues postponed the meeting including the dates of the International class and regattas and travelling by the president. We will revert to a January meeting date for the 2024 AGM.

Reports from the Fleets for 2023

Victoria Fleet Report – Louise Anstey

- A longtime member and well known sailor, Doug Taylor Lee of RVYC's 2.4mR Fleet and local PHRF Fleet passed away on February 24, 2024.
- The local fleet has grown to 20 boats.
- There was a good turnout for the Fleet Championship and Pacific Coast Championship which included 3 out of town boats attending the latter.
- Two training camps were held during the summer months. The David Bleakney Ice Bowl was held during the winter, which was followed by a dinner with spouses attending.
- There will be a similar schedule for this year. **Please see the attached regatta schedule.**
- Many of the 2.4mR sailors helped out around the Club with race committee duties for regattas.
- Jackie Gay attended the World Championship in Finland last summer. Four sailors attended the 2023 Can Am Series in Florida. Bruce Millar attended the Canadian Championship in Toronto last September.
- Opening Day at RVYC will be on April 27th and the 2.4mR fleet will participate. RVYC is looking to send 5 boats to the Canadians (Toronto) and North American (Hamilton) Championships in September.
- It was challenging to promote interest in the Interfleet Event last year. This year will be more an Open House format whereby sailors will be invited to come down and try the boats.
- Mark Brown launched his newly completed wooden 2.4mR on April 13th. Several fleet members attended the event.

Saskatchewan Fleet Report – Joe Gerlinsky

- The fleet sailed for about 8 weeks last year until the water dropped too low.
 - Due to not enough boat time, they were unable to attend the Canadian Championship.
- Since the fleet is unable to use docks, a launching machine is needed, but unfortunately it got stuck in mud due to extremely low water level.
- The same scenario is shaping up for this year.

- The fleet did manage to sail in tanzer 303's for some of the time.
- New leadership is needed to organize the boats owned by the Provincial Sailing Association.

Toronto Fleet Report – Darrell Suderman

- National Yacht Club in Toronto hosted a great Regatta of 27 boats for the Canadian 2.4mR Championship. This was a record sized fleet for a North American Regatta.
- Two NYC boats are now sailing in a Fleet of 4 boats out of Hamilton.
- Toronto still has a solid Fleet of 10-11 boats.
- NYC has scheduled 6 regattas for the upcoming 2024 season. **Please see the attached regatta schedule.**
- National Yacht Club will host the 2024 Canadian 2.4mR Championship from Sept 21-23 in Toronto.
- Royal Hamilton Yacht Club will host the 2024 North American Championship from Sept 26-29, 2024.
- NOR's for the NYC regattas will be posted on NYC website shortly and Darryl Suderman will be emailing the fleet periodically with regards to weekend training sessions at NYC.

Ottawa Fleet Report – Peter Wood

- Four boats are currently active.
- The fleet is working towards introducing new people to the 2.4mR, but there is a shortage of boats. Also, effort is being made to let sailors in general know the 2.4mR is for everyone.
- It is somewhat challenging to get 5 boats that are needed for a separate start in local regattas. There is a conflict in scheduling this year with the C Thomas Clagett Regatta and Clinic June 25-30, Newport Rhode Island.
- In the future, they may organize a separate 2.4mR Regatta.

Montreal Fleet Report– No Report

President Report – Peter Wood

- Highlights of the sailing season was the Pacific Coast Championships at Royal Victoria YC and the Canadian Championships at the National Yacht Club in Toronto. 28 boats attended the Canadian Championships.

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- We have just completed the 2023 – 2024 CAN AM series in Florida where Bruce Millar of Victoria and Allan Leibel of Toronto placed 1st & 2nd respectively. At the final event (the US Nationals), 8 Canadian sailors competed and 4 placed in the top 5.
- We are looking for great turnout at the 2024 Canadian Championships in Toronto and the 2024 North American Championships in Hamilton in September.
- Bruce Millar will be competing in the 2.4mR World Championships in Kiel West Germany July 29 – August 3rd
- Internationally the 2.4mR class has a revised constitution passed early February 2024. The class has cut its annual dues to National Associations from 12 Euros to 10 Euros. Bruce Millar was re-elected to both the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee of the International Class.

Class Secretary Report – Brian Robinson

- 39 total memberships – 37 full, 2 associate, 0 organization memberships
- 3 boats were chartered from current boat owners for the season
- 4 new sail numbers were issued
 - Noted: New sail numbers are administered by the Canadian Class Association so please contact the president or class secretary.
- New Brunswick no longer has a boat.
- New registrations are going well for 2024. The second reminder notice will be sent out soon as since the new season began on April 1, 2024.
- Members are reminded to keep their contact information updated with the Class Association, particularly email addresses and phone numbers.

Treasurer Report– Peter Wood

- In the absence of the class treasurer, the president reported on the 2023 Financial Statements. The financial statements were circulated to the members prior to the AGM. The financial statements were prepared on a cash basis. As such, some expenses paid in 2023 cover services to be received going forward (received in 2024). The class had a small cash surplus of \$ 274.01. As of Dec 31, 2023 the class had assets of \$ 3,771.26 which was held in a bank account at the Bank of Montreal.
- The proposed budget for 2024 was previously circulated. Among its highlights were grants of \$ 250.00 each for the organizers of the 2024 Canadian and North American Championships, a reduction in international dues and a small anticipated deficit of \$ 108.00. On questioning from a member, the president and the membership felt comfortable with the deficit.
- A motion moved by president, Peter Wood and seconded by Doug Bell to accept the treasurer's report was **carried**.

Proposal for 2024 Class Membership Dues:

- The dues will remain as they were last year. Please see the table below.
- Dues are for the year from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

Individuals	Organizations
Boat Owner – \$40 Seasonal Charterer – \$40 Non-Boat Owner – \$20 Associate Member – \$20	Sailing Club Sailing Association National, Provincial, or Local Sport Organization
	Up to one 2.4mR boat – \$40 Additional 2.4mR boats – \$20/boat

Report from National Measurer – Bruce Millar

- From the Canadian perspective, it should be noted that changes can affect measurement procedures.
- Bruce is updating files as boats change owners.
- It was noted that as time passes, people make changes to their boats and may unknowingly be affecting the measurement certificate. Toronto has a national measurer David Foscarini. With Canadians and North American Championships, it is recommended measurements are checked before these events, if you're planning to attend. Please comply with the rules.
- Buoyancy check continues to be every 5 years. Some new certifiers are in Victoria, but the goal is to get more people accredited to do buoyancy checks on boats.

International Class Association Activities – Bruce Millar

- The New International Class Rules have been modified and are available on the International 2.4mR website. Some new rules were proposed and accepted at the last International AGM (February 2024), but they need to be passed by World Sailing.

- One of the new rules proposed and accepted will allow for two electric pumps in a boat. One hand pump is still required, but now two electric pumps are acceptable.
- The seat is no longer needed to be included as part of the boat weight. This allows older boats to carry more lead than in the past because boats gain weight over time and have had to use less lead.
- Bruce has met with the International Executive Committee and the Technical Committee regularly for the past 4 years.
- There is a continuous effort to promote the class.
- The International Class constitution has been updated which makes it easier to operate as a class.
- One area lacking is boat builders in North America. Newer boats are difficult to find. Some new boats are being shipped from overseas. There is a goal to start manufacturing boats in North America. Discussions have already begun.
- Allan Leibel thanked Bruce for the incredible leadership work that he's done for the class both nationally and internationally.

Bruce Millar proposed the following motion to the membership prior to the AGM.

Motion:

I propose that in ALL Norlin Mk3 boats to carry up to a maximum keel ballast (lead) weight of 181kg in ALL regattas sailed in Canada.

- It was noted that 98 percent of Canadian boats are Norlin Mk3. Although most have 2.4mR measurement certificates, a large number of boats do not have a Norlin One Design measurement certificate.
- This motion is aimed towards making the boats as equal as possible for the Norlin Mk3.
- There was some discussion about the motion as stated above. Further discussion continued regarding boats meeting the rule and checking boat leads at major regattas.
- It has been recommended that the U.S. table a similar proposal.
- The motion was seconded by Rod Mack and after voting was **carried unanimously**.

Webmaster Report– Peter Norwood (interim for Debbie Reinhart)

- The president advised the meeting that the webmaster has had to step aside from her portfolio due to health issues. As this may be of long duration, Peter Norwood (CAN 66) will step in and take this on temporarily. Thanks Peter.
- Information processing was shared with regards to acquiring sail numbers, measuring, and buoyancy certificates and the records.

Update on Canadian and North American 2.4mR Championships



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- See Toronto Report for update

Election of Officers

- Election of Officers, the President, Secretary and National Measurer agreed to continue until the next AGM (January 2025), The officers are seeking to find a replacement for the treasurer (Alain Dubuc) who has decided to retire from his position. A motion was passed accepting these officers. [\(A new treasurer has been found since the meeting. Thank you to Siobhan MacDonald for stepping up.\)](#)

President – Peter Wood

Secretary – Brian Robinson

Treasurer – Siobhan MacDonald

Webmaster – Peter Norwood (interim)

Chief Measurer – Bruce Millar

New Business

- No other business was brought forward to the meeting.

Adjournment: 8:47 (Eastern), 5:47 (Pacific)