



Canadian 2.4mR Class Association
2024 AGM Minutes
December 5, 2024

Meeting called to Order: 7:33 EST (4:33 PST)

17 members in attendance

Opening Remarks – Peter Wood

- The 2.4mR Class had a successful season, seeing an increase in membership.
- We had successful activity with the Canadians in Toronto and the North Americans in Hamilton. Participants came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec in Canada and Florida and Connecticut in the U.S.
- Thank you for assistance in running the Class Association: Brian Robinson – Secretary, Bruce Millar – National Measurer and International liaison, Peter Norwood – webmaster, and Siobhan MacDonald – treasurer.

Reports from the Fleets for 2024

Victoria Fleet Report – Bill Marshall

- 2024 started off on a sad note. Early in the year, Doug Taylor Lee, a long time member of our Fleet, passed away. There is a possibility his daughter might sail his boat.
- The fleet continued sailing practice races on Saturday and Wednesday throughout the year, averaging around 6 boats on Wednesday and more on Saturday.
- Our Fleet Championships were held in early June and the Pacific Coast Championships were held in early September.
- In between our 2 major regattas, the Fleet held two 3 day training camps, one in July and the other in August. We were fortunate to have Steve McBride, RVMC's head coach lead the July camp and Alex Fox the August camp. I think all of us found the on the water exercises very useful and a lot of fun. We also spent some time discussing rules and wind and currents in the bay.
- In terms of Fleet members travelling abroad, Bruce participated in the Can Am regattas in Florida and the World Championships in Germany.
- Five members of our Fleet, including Bruce, Louise, Doug, Brian and Chris made the trek to Ontario to participate in the Canadian Championships and North American Championships in late September.
- We have one more regatta for 2024, the David Bleakney Ice Bowl scheduled for December 28th.
- All in all it's been another great year for the Victoria 2.4mR fleet and we are looking forward to 2025.

Saskatchewan Fleet Report – Joe Gerlinsky



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- We had a good, but shorter sailing time this year. We are trying to get more people in the boat. The ones that are trying it love it.
- Karl tried it out and went to the Canadians and North Americans in Ontario along with myself. Karl learned a lot about the boat and is interested in helping promote the class thanks to Bruce.
- Joe is now certified to sink test your boats, which are in need.
- Flotation needs replacing in some boats.
- We look forward to next season.

Hamilton Fleet Report – John Finch (presented by: Bruce Millar)

- The Hamilton 2.4 fleet began in 2023 with 3 boats. By the summer of 2024, the fleet had doubled to 6 boats. In the past several weeks, it has doubled again to 12 boats. The more we grow, the more people notice and want to join the fun.
- The key to fleet growth is always having a turn-key boat available for someone to buy. It is unrealistic to expect a potential new owner to be able to find a boat, get it home, fixed up, assembled and tuned up on their own. So, our fleet does this legwork, enabling someone to simply buy a boat that's on-hand and ready to sail without hesitation. At the moment we have 2 boats destined for new owners, one ready to go and the next one in the works.
- A big boost to our 2.4 visibility and awareness happened somewhat by accident. After leaving the crane one day, we did a little side trip sailing in and among the big boat docks. This caught the attention of lots of people who were intrigued and later came over to check out the boats. It's become so popular that we now routinely do a “fly by” of the docks on the way out or back in.
- Our first regatta to host was the 2024 North American Championship. Many thanks to Rachel Smith and Jerry Wendt for organizing this event. 25 boats competed. There is now discussion of hosting more events in the future.
- One of our fleet members, Bryan Milne, hosted a “2.4 Demonstration Day”. Everyone was invited to come and try out a 2.4. It was a big success and I expect we'll have more demo days in the future.
- Our sailing season has ended for the winter. We are eagerly looking forward to an early start in the springtime.

Toronto Fleet Report – Darrell Suderman

- The season started with an ice breaker event with TSCC (Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club) and National YC. This is a 2 day event.
- There were 3 local regattas, one in each of June, July, and August. Participation usually included 7-9 boats.
- The Canadian Championships were a success with 22 boats participating.
- Next year will see a similar schedule with the June Regatta extending to 3 days as some Florida boats will likely attend and as well as one from Victoria.

Ottawa Fleet Reports – Peter Norwood



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- It was a quiet year in Ottawa.
- One of our fleet members sold her boat to Peter Norwood and Peter Wood.
- The third owner doesn't keep his boat at the Club as he sails it exclusively at out of town regattas.

President Report – Peter Wood

- It is my pleasure to give you a review of the activities of the Canadian 2.4mR Class after a very successful year. The year started off with a strong contingent of Canadian sailors participating at CAN AM Winter Series in Charlotte Harbour Florida. By my count we 12 Canadian boats sail in one or more of the series. A few boats stopped off at Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford MD on their way back north. The Tred Avon Spring Regatta was held in late April and is one of their early season events. The hospitality of the club great with most out-of-towners being billeted in the homes of club members. Thanks to Julia Dorset for organizing this.
- The Toronto fleet hosted a regatta every month starting with the ice breaker regatta in May and concluding with the Canadian Championships in September. I will let a member of the Toronto fleet elaborate on their summer activities.
- The Hamilton fleet has been revitalized after a lapse of many years. Thanks to John Finch, Jerry Wendt, and Rachel Smith they have added keen one design sailors from other fleets. The Hamilton Fleet organized the 2024 North American Championships which drew competitors from across Canada and the USA. The organizers even arranged for green water in the yacht basin to honor sailors of Irish decent.
- Out in Victoria the fleet is doing well. They are fortunate to be able to sail most of the year. They hosted the Pacific Coast Championships and a strong weekend training regatta. Five of their sailors made the long trip to Eastern Canada for the 2024 Canadians and North American Championships.
- On the prairies we were happy to see Joe Gerlinski and Karl Brady travel to Ontario for the Canadian and North American Championships. Since the 2.4mR class is no longer a sailing event at Canada Summer Games it has been difficult stimulating interest in the prairie provinces. Low water on many of the prairie lakes has not helped.
- Last but not least, we are barely holding water in Ottawa and Montreal. In Ottawa we lost one sailor and have been having difficulty stimulating interest. Too many people think the 2.4's are boats for people with disabilities. This is an image we need to correct. In Montreal, Erick Poirier has contended with injuries which has restricted his sailing. It is my understanding that he will be returning his Clagett boat back to the organizers.
- Finishing on a positive note I am happy to say that our class membership has exceeded 40 paid up members for the first time. The class finances are in good shape but we will have some significant cash disbursements in 2025 as we renew our web hosting contracts.
- In closing, I would like to thank Brian Robinson who is doing an excellent job as class secretary, sending out members notices for meetings, reminders to pay their dues, and other administrative details which is not always my best practice. I would like to thank Peter Norwood who stepped into the role of webmaster when Debbie Reinhart was required to step down for health reasons. The web page is an important contact for people seeking out our class and Peter has kept it working. Finally I would like to thank



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Bruce Millar who as well as serving as our chief measurer also serves the international class on both the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee. I would also like to welcome Siobhan MacDonald to our executive taking over as treasurer from Alain Dubuc. It hasn't been easy to change signing officers especially when each of us live in different cities however it is now done. I look forward to working with Siobhan.

Class Secretary Report – Brian Robinson

- 44 total memberships – 43 full, 0 associate, 1 organization membership
- One boat was chartered from a current boat owner for the season.
- 2 new sail numbers were issued
 - New sail numbers are administered by the Canadian Class Association so please contact the president or class secretary.
- There are 37 sail numbers available.
- The registration data has been updated with member's contact information and buoyancy records.
- Members are reminded to keep their contact information updated with the Class Association.

Treasurer Report– Siobhan MacDonald

1. Financial Overview:

- Net Income: \$497.95, reflecting a positive financial outcome for the year.
- Total Assets: \$4,269.21, indicating a solid financial position going into the new year.

2. Budget Performance:

- Membership income exceeded the budget by \$200, demonstrating strong membership growth or higher-than-expected renewals/registrations.
- With the Hamilton fleet growing, hopefully we will continue growing our membership into the 2025 year.

3. Expense Management:

- International contract dues of 10 Euro per member were paid, meeting our financial obligations to the international 2.4mR class.
- Provide quick overview of the key costs associated (bank fee, paypal fee, web costs will kick in 2025 when contract is renewed, budget for Bruce's measuring goals for next year)

4. 2025 Forecast

- Membership fees will remain the same (see below). We will encourage our Hamilton fleet to join the association and continue promoting our 2.4mR Canadian class. We also have a new young sailor in Nova Scotia who was a very competitive sailor on the Canadian Team in previous years. Hopefully she will enjoy her experience in the boat and want to join our class in future years.
- We are looking good for 2025!



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- It was noted that \$250 went towards each of the Canadian and North American Regattas.
Membership Fees as of April 1, 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 the Canadian Class Measurer – Bruce Millar

- **Canadian Measurers** - The class has three official measurers. David Foscarini (Toronto) who is a World Sailing International measurer, John Finch (Hamilton ON), Myself (Victoria BC) acting as chief measurer and record keeper for measurement paperwork. I also serve on the Technical Committee of the International 2.4mR Class.
- **Canadian Buoyancy Certificates** – Brian Robinson has been doing a great job in making sure that class membership information also has the dates of the Buoyancy test. This helps us when Regatta organizers want to verify certificates. It is easy to look up any boat in Canada. Brian checks in with me if any information is missing.
- **Buoyancy Test Certifiers** – In Canada we continue to add official Buoyancy Certifiers. These people are approved by the International Class to perform the required buoyancy test. Official Measurers can also perform this test. We have continued to expand to people to cover across the country.
 - Victoria – Bruce Millar, Louise Anstey, Chris Anstey, Bill Marshall, Dennis Woodward
 - Saskatchewan – Joe Gerlinski
 - Hamilton – John Finch
 - Toronto – David Foscarini
 - Ottawa – Peter Wood
- **Fleet Expansion/Measurement Paperwork** – The Hamilton fleet has grown rapidly in the past year. This was done by the relocation of some boats already in Canada and some new used boats coming in from the USA. One of the challenges is to make sure boat have



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all the correct paperwork. John Finch and I have been working at this and in some cases, boats will need to be re-measured as original fundamental paperwork is missing. This creates a lot of extra work, so class members are reminded to keep paperwork on their boats in a safe location. I keep an electronic file of the papers of the boats, but I need to receive copies of new or updated scans to keep my files current.

The Norlin 181 Project

- For the past few years, the USA and Canadian Class has been working to get Norlin MK3 boats measured for One Design. This requires additional measurements above and beyond the 2.4mR and is done with templates etc. Once measured the boats can receive a Norlin One Design (NOD) certificate from the International 2.4mR Class. Louise Anstey in Victoria is the administrator of these certificates for the International Class and processes the paperwork received from measurers around the world.
- The principal idea behind the One Design is that the boats become equalized by having the same shape and with a restriction on maximum lead in the keel being key areas of measurement.
- The Norlin 181 Project is an attempt to further equalize boats. The idea here is to allow any Norlin MK3 boat to carry the maximum 181kg of lead, even if it means that the overall weight increases. The problem is by doing so with older boats it now changes the waterline length and therefore does not no longer meet the 2.4mR rule.
- John Finch and I have been looking at this in more detail and we think one of the best approaches to equalizing the boats is to create the same righting moment on all boats that would be equivalent to a modern Norlin Mk3 boat that carries. The hope is this test would be easy to perform by tipping the boat over in the water to heel angle of 30 degrees and measuring the force with a scale that is exerted on a fixed measurement point on the mast. This test could be done with any Norlin boat as well as any other 2.4mR design.
- The Victoria group have agreed to try some experiments and help develop the tools and specifications that can be used on all boats.
- **One Design Measuring** – About 50% of the Norlin boats in Canada have been measured for OD. Most of the boats produced in the past 10 years have had this measurement but not all of the older ones. This coming winter, spring and summer I will be pushing to get *ALL* of the boats in Canada measured for One Design. I will be starting with the remainder of the boats in Canada and then in the spring (June) I will be spending several weeks in Ontario for sailing and measuring. The other Canadian measurers will be assisting and if we can get some groups of owners assisting, we should be able to measure the majority of boats in a short time. I will be sending out emails in the new year.

Webmaster Report– Peter Norwood (interim for Debbie Reinhart)



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- Many website components have become outdated. This is being addressed cautiously.
- Updates appear on the website and facebook as needed. A request was made for members to submit content for posting such as articles, interests, etc...
- There was some discussion about Google analytics (traffic on website) and whether to carry on with it. GA3 was installed some time ago (likely as a free trial) and is now outdated. GA4 is available if the board sees any value in monitoring website traffic. Will check costs.
- The website is not HTTPS compliant (SSL/TSL expired in 2018). We do not store credit card information, but we do store name, address, phone #, and email address.
- The website has many broken links (in excess of 40). This is being addressed.
- Canada 2.4mr.com email addresses have been issued to all board members and to date remain unused. "We all know each other's personal emails".
- There was some discussion about the membership database on the website. At this point there are only sail numbers beside names and yacht club affiliates which is acceptable.
- Paypal receives about 3.5% on transactions. It is prudent for members to use e-transfers rather than paypal when possible.

International Class Association Activities – Bruce Millar

- Report – As a member of the Executive Committee (EC) and the Technical Committee (TC) of the International Class I generally have 2 separate Zoom meetings a month. Each role is separate but overlap each group as I report back and forth.
- EC Work 2024
 - World Championships 2024, Kiel Germany (Completed August 2024)
 - World Championships 2025, Lake Garda Italy (October 7-12, 2025)
 - Production of Promotional Video
 - Ongoing business activities
- Meeting minutes can be read under the heading "THE ICA" at <https://www.inter24metre.org>
- TC Work 2024
 - Class Rules (December 2, 2024 latest version, just published)
 - Buoyancy certifiers. Continuing to add more people.
 - Ongoing advice published
 - Guides and Management Manuals updating
 - Continue to work with boat builders to accredit/measure Norlin OD production boats
- Meeting minutes can be read under the heading "THE ICA" at <https://www.inter24metre.org>
- Class Rules etc. can be read under the heading "TECHNICAL" at <https://www.inter24metre.org>



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- I have been a member of the EC in various forms for the past 15 years and I am **not** putting my name forward this upcoming ICA AGM for a position on the EC. If anyone wants to run for a position the class would love to hear from you. The deadline for nominations is Dec 10th, 2024.
- I remain on the TC for at least one more year and will decide if I am to continue in 2026.
- The INT 2.4mR AGM will be held February 8, 2025 via Zoom.

Update on Regatta Hosts

The following plan is in place based on information available and discussion.

- 2025 Canadian Championship – National Yacht Club, Toronto – Mid-September
- 2026 Canadian Championship – Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Victoria – Mid-September
- 2026 North American Championship – Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Victoria (tentative)
 - If confirmed, this event will follow the Canadians.

Election of Officers

- Election of Officers, the President, Secretary, National Measurer, and Treasurer agreed to continue until the next AGM (December 2025 or January 2026). A motion was passed accepting these officers.

President – Peter Wood

Secretary – Brian Robinson

Treasurer – Siobhan MacDonald

Webmaster – Peter Norwood

Chief Measurer – Bruce Millar

New Business

- No other business was brought forward to the meeting.

Adjournment: 9:08 (Eastern), 6:08 (Pacific)