

J/70 Class Association International Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 2/18/14

Start: 10:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 11:10 a.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J Boats X
Diego Berho, Mexico X
Paolo Boido, Italy X
Fred Bouvier, France
Joe Colling, USA X
John den Engelsman, Holland X
Malcolm Jaques, UK X
Bjorn Magsnusson, Sweden X
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X
Scott Weakley, Canada X

Agenda:

1. IJ70CA Update
2. Worlds Qualifying
3. Boat Weighing
4. 2015/2016 Worlds
5. Technical Committee
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **IJ70CA Update** – Chris reported that the IJ70CA has sold 329 royalty tags so far in 2014. In order to establish each NCA, he asked that each person submit information proving organization per the Constitution. This includes:
 - 5.7. The Executive Committee shall officially recognize a NCA when, and as long as, the following criteria are met:
 - 5.7.1. Membership of a minimum of seven (7) registered boats whose owners are active Members of the NCA.
 - 5.7.2. Presentation by the NCA and acceptance by the Executive Committee of the NCA's By-laws or Constitution.
 - 5.7.3. Election of Class Officers by Members of the NCA.
 - 5.7.4. Scheduling of at least one national or continental Class championship per year.We will issue 2014 MEMBERSHIP HULL STICKERS to any NCA that describes how they meet the requirements of 5.7 of the Constitution along with a list of the members including boat hull numbers plus owner name and contact information. It is up to each NCA to establish dues for their country. There is no fee to the International Class for 2014. The International Class may charge a nominal fee for each membership in 2015 and beyond. Scott noted that some of the Canadian members joined the US Class. Chris will work this out financially with Scott.
2. **Worlds Qualifying** – Chris distributed the first draft of overseas Worlds slots for 30 berths for the 2014 World Championship:
 - 2013 Euro Cup winner - 1
 - Australia - 1
 - Brazil - 1
 - Chile - 1
 - China - 1
 - Denmark - 1
 - France - 2
 - Germany - 4
 - Italy - 2
 - Netherlands - 2

Norway - 1
Peru - 1
Russia - 1
Sweden - 2
Switzerland - 2
UK – 5

Reserve Slots (new countries) – 2

Each nation will need to advise the IJ70CA of who is representing each country by a certain date (likely June 1). Un-used slots will then be re-distributed. The distribution plan was accepted, and Chris will post on the IJ70 website. There will also be 10 berths from North America other than USA. Paolo asked the IJ70CA for a letter authorizing International dealers. Paolo will submit a draft of the needed wording to Chris, which he will put on letterhead and sign. Jeff added that Chile is also getting organized.

3. **Boat Weighing** – Chris shared that the US Class has been weighing large numbers of boats. Information on this process has been posted on the website, and weighing has generally been quick to accomplish. In the USA, more than 80 boats have been weighed, including several variations on engine weight. The average boat weight has come in around 10 kg light (some a little more, some a little less). The lighter weight allows flexibility with the engine as well as other factors such as bottom paint. Adhesive is used to affix the corrector lead (a 3M product, 4000) fore and aft. A master list of boat weights will be posted online, so all nations are asked to keep the Class Office updated on their weighing. Paolo was hoping that the engine could be left out of the weight, but Chris clarified that the goal is to allow options for the engines while still keeping everyone on the same playing field overall. Joe suggested to have lead onsite if weighing occurs at a major event, although Paolo preferred to use another metal. Jeff said that as long as the weight meets a minimum density, that is OK (such as iron). The minimum engine weight is 12 kg.
4. **2015/2016 Worlds** – Chris distributed 3 World Championship proposals – Denmark, UK and France. The J/24, J/22 and J/80 Classes all have a World Championship in Germany in 2015 (July and August). Paolo has previously submitted a proposal from Italy, which Chris will place in the Dropbox folder for all to review. We will be looking at a host for 2017 soon, so we could consider these proposals for future years as well. Everyone will review the proposals further, and we will vote at our next meeting. John stressed the importance of knowing about the financial piece of each proposal, as well as sponsorship, charter boats and ease of port access. 2016 will be in North America. Ideally, we will have these events planned three years out. We will need to determine whether the 2015 Worlds will be “open.” Jeff pointed out that we should make sure to designate the charters within a certain timeframe so that the top teams do not get shut out. Everyone agreed that the 2015 Worlds should be open, and we could place a cap on entries if needed.
5. **Technical Committee** – Chris asked for recommendations from Europe for the International Technical Committee. International Measurers are encouraged, but other suggestions are also welcome, preferably prior to our next call.
6. **New Business** – Paolo noted some rumors regarding the difference in masts and spreaders. Jeff said that this happens in every Class, but they have gone through a thorough process to ensure the one-design nature of the boat. Jeff welcomed Paolo to forward any e-mails to him. Joe asked where we stand with the Officer establishment. Chris said that the NCAs will be selecting their national Officers, and then we can deduce the international Officers. Technically, the US is the only recognized NCA thus far, but with the Worlds approaching, everyone thought that June 1 is a proper deadline for establishing Officers.

7. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. EST (NY time)

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Each NCA will submit organizational data on their membership to the IJ70CA.

--Paolo will submit a draft of the needed wording for a letter authorizing International dealers to Chris, which he will put on letterhead and sign.

--Chris will post the international Worlds distribution on the IJ70 website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. EST (NY time)