

# J/70 International Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/17/14

**Start:** 10:05 a.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 11:15 a.m. EST

## **Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
Jeff Johnstone, J Boats X  
Ned Jones, IJ70CA Technical Chair X  
Willy Alonso, Spain X  
Diego Berho, Mexico  
Paolo Boido, Italy X  
Fred Bouvier, France X  
Henry Brauer, USA  
John den Engelsman, Holland  
Jacopo Carrain, Monaco X  
Malcolm Jaques, UK X  
Pelle Nihlmark, Sweden  
Juan Eduardo Reid or Miguel Osorio, Chile  
Sebastian Ripard, Malta  
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X  
Scott Weakley, Canada X

## **Agenda:**

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates
2. Class Rules Changes
3. Championship Updates
4. 2015 Budget Proposal and Approval
5. Technical Update
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting date

## **Description:**

### **1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates –**

PRESIDENT Jürgen Waldheim's observations from the President: Jürgen welcomed everyone. He said that we have a wonderful Class, both within the number of races and how fast we are growing. He thanked all members for contributing to this success. Regatta organizers from small events to large also deserve our appreciation. Jürgen thanked Chris and Julie Howell for their endless efforts in building the Class. The upcoming year's championships will build on our current achievements. He asked how the NCAs would like to communicate going forward (e-mail, Google group, etc.)? Some folks are not utilizing Google mail, especially during business hours. Jürgen will work with this Council via e-mail.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Christopher Howell's Class Office report: Chris reported that the Class Office has sold 1,876 sail royalties to date in 2014 (compared to 1,417 total in 2013). Membership lists were received from Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Monaco, Spain, UK and USA.

COPYRIGHT HOLDER Jeff Johnstone's annual business update: Jeff echoed Jürgen's comments on the amazing year in Europe, North America and around the world. It was great to see so many people step up to take leadership roles. It really hasn't been long since the launch of the first boat. Our first World Championship was the biggest first time Worlds in a J Class, with 13 countries and 86 boats. The Asian builder is active. The combined builder production is projected at 20-22 boats per month for the next six months. Hull #s are at the mid-700s in boat delivery, and they expect to break 1,000 in about a year. Sailing leagues are becoming popular in Germany, around Europe and possibly in the USA. US Sailing will be utilizing the J/70 in the 2016 Women's Keelboat Championship in Newport, RI. He is excited about the growth of the J/70 in South America and the Pan Am countries. Discussions are underway for the J/70 being the boat for the 2018 Pan Am Games in Peru. J/Boats has a sponsorship proposal from the 2014 Worlds which is available for use by other NCAs.

- ### **2. Class Rules Changes –**
- Chris received several ballots via e-mail, but not all. A majority of 10 votes (out of 19) is needed to pass a proposal. The USA has 5 votes due to their # of members, per the Constitution.

(2015CRC-1) Crew positioning: receives 7 “for” votes, and therefore does not pass. The Technical Committee may revisit the issue in the future.

(2015CRC-2) No crew limit: receives 13 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

(2015CRC-3) Modification for disabilities: receives 18 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

(2015CRC-4) Crew above deck: receives 18 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

(2015CRC-5) Support boats: receives 18 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

(2015CRC-6) Safety lines: receives 16 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

(2015CRC-7) Limit professionals: receives 4 “for” votes, and therefore does not pass.

(2015CRC-8) Hull appendages: receives 17 “for” votes, and therefore passes.

Paolo requested more clarification regarding the degrees. Ned summarized that this rule basically states that you can’t thin out the trailing edge but you can add a 45 degree angle. Chris agreed that an explanation can be made public on the website, possibly with pictures and/or diagrams.

All comments received on the ballots have been passed on to the Technical Committee for consideration.

### 3. **Championship Updates –**

2015 Worlds. The 2015 Worlds are in La Rochelle, France. Fred asked about measurement help from the IJ70CA for the event? Chris stated that the 2015 budget projects costs allocated for Chris and Ned to attend. Someone from the French Class should also plan to be on the measurement team. In Europe, some boats have been weighed, but they will be working through a measurement event in France as we prepare for the Worlds. Italy is planning the same in 2015.

2016 Worlds. The 2016 Worlds are in San Francisco, California.

2017 Worlds. Sweden, Italy (multiple possibilities, but likely in the Northwest), UK (British Riviera) and Germany have expressed interest in hosting this event. It was noted that the UK and Italy were the first to “raise their hands” in the past, so we should prioritize their bids. Chris asked that all proposals be updated and resubmitted to the Class Office to be circulated for a vote of the entire World Council by the second quarter of 2015. The proposal deadline is March 15, 2015. Regatta budgets should be included in the proposals.

2018 Worlds. Chris would like to see our World Championships decided three years out, so we should vote on the 2018 Worlds at our next Annual Meeting.

The Council will need to decide on how often the Worlds are held in the USA, as Europe has a high concentration of different nations. Malcolm thought that we need to go where the boats are. For now, he’d prefer to alternate Europe and North America. As South America, Australia and Asia develop, they would move into the rotation. There was overall agreement with this philosophy.

4. **2015 Budget Proposal and Approval –** Chris circulated the 2014 projected income/expense and 2015 projected budget via e-mail. The sail tag royalty income was very strong. The “revised budget” reflects our April revision to increased royalty sales, and we even exceeded that. Chris projects the level of sale to back down, but the question is when. Chris explained a few expenses: measurement tools indicates two sets of mylar sail templates to be used for Continental and Worlds hosts. The IJ70CA also bought a scale. Flags were purchased for Race Committees, as well as lead used for corrected weights of boats. (This cost will be somewhat offset in 2015 when owners purchase the lead from the Class). We had to buy the sail tags to sell this year, so there is a cost of purchasing that material. *Malcolm Jaques made a motion to accept the 2015 budget as presented, seconded by Jeff Johnstone. No discussion ensued and the budget passed unanimously.* Jeff added that the IJ70CA might consider sponsorship for some part of future Worlds, such as to sponsor a party. Jürgen suggested about \$2,000/event. Scott asked whether NCAs will be buying memberships from the IJ70CA? This is something for the World Council to discuss for the future, but our budget does not seem to require this in 2015. It

is common in other Classes for NCAs to pay about \$15.00 per membership to the ICA. Chris said that since we are still growing, the fees of moving money between NCAs and the IJ70CA does not currently lend itself to charging NCAs for memberships.

5. **Technical Update** – Ned said that the Technical Committee is pleased with going through the current Rules proposals process. They are still learning a lot about what members want to do to their boats. A main goal for 2015 is to prepare a manageable plan for Worlds measurement. We kept the measurement time in Newport very simple, but this followed most boats being pre-weighed throughout qualifying events. The Committee will also be reviewing comments received during the 2014 Rules cycle. They will be moving ahead to 2015 proposals, and hoping to publicize the information earlier in the year. Paolo would like to correspond about the open technical issues. Jürgen asked Paolo to write down a summary and submit his thoughts via e-mail for further discussion.
6. **New Business** – Jürgen will distribute information on the German sailing league.
7. **Next Meeting Date** – Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:00 am ET

Julie Howell

**Action Items:**

- The Technical Committee will formulate an explanation to be made public on the website, possibly with pictures and/or diagrams regarding 2015CRC-8 Hull appendages.
- 2017 Worlds proposals from Europe will be updated and resubmitted to the Class Office by 3/15/15 to then be circulated for a vote of the entire World Council.
- The Technical Committee will work on a measurement plan for the 2015 Worlds.
- Paolo will write down his technical thoughts via e-mail for further discussion.
- Jürgen will distribute information on the German sailing league.
- Jeff will distribute the 2014 Worlds sponsorship material.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:00 am ET