

J/70 International Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/16/16

Start: 10:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 11:20 a.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats X
Ned Jones, IJ70CA Technical Chair X
Alexander Giesinger, Austria
Mauricio Santa Cruz, Brazil
Scott Weakley, Canada X
Juan Eduardo Reid, Chile X
Dan Ibsen, Denmark
Vianney Vautier, France
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X
Vittorio Di Mauro, Italy X
Sebastian Ripard, Malta
Diego Berho, Mexico
Michel Boussard, Monaco X
John den Engelsman, Netherlands
Thomas Nilsson, Norway
Dmitrii Zaritckii, Russia X
Alberto Macana Garcia, Spain X
Pelle Nihlmark, Sweden
Jörg Sigg, Switzerland
Ian Wilson, UK X
Pedro Garra, Uruguay
Henry Brauer, USA X
Frank McNamara, USA X
Craig Tallman, USA

Agenda:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates
2. Class Rules
3. Championship Updates
4. 2017 Budget Proposal and Approval
5. Election of Officers
6. Technical Committee Update
7. New Business

Description:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates –

PRESIDENT Jürgen Waldheim's observations from the President: Jürgen welcomed everyone to the meeting. 2016 was very successful with the number of boats increasing in most NCAs. The Europeans were in Kiel, the South Americans in Uruguay, the North Americans in Texas and the World Championship in San Francisco.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Christopher Howell's Class Office report: Chris reported that the Class Office has sold 1,744 sail royalties to date in 2016 (compared to 1,617 total in 2015). This is a very solid number, and keeps the Class finances strong. 2016 membership lists were received from Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, United Kingdom and the USA. To receive your 2017 hull stickers, send your updated membership list to howell@j70office.com + your shipping information. We will continue to have the IJ70CA funded by sail royalties alone.

COPYRIGHT HOLDER Jeff Johnstone's annual business update: Jeff submitted a written report which was e-mailed prior to the call. The J/70 has been used for the International Womens Keelboat Championship and Sailing Leagues, which has created increased interest for the boat being used in additional platforms.

2. Class Rules – Chris distributed 2017 proposed clerical Rule changes + a Technical Committee Rule change proposal for CR I.3 as follows:

Current CR I.3 (2016-02-01 Version):

I.3 SUPPORT BOATS

Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including:
(i) *communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, visual signalling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or different colors of clothing) or*
(ii) *the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring each day until the boat has finished racing for the day.*
Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) late arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat prior to the first race of the day, and (ii) crew may be transferred in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency. Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty to the boat associated with the support boat. Such penalty may be either penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee or jury.

Proposed 2017 CR I.3:

I.3 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

A boat shall receive no outside assistance from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring until the boat has returned to the dock or mooring each day, except

- (a) as provided for in RRS 41; or*
- (b) the transfer of late arriving crew, food or drink prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of the day and the transfer of crew, food or drink after the boat has finished or retired from its last race of the day; or*
- (c) assistance reasonably necessary for the safety of the crew or boat.*

Reason for Change

It has been suggested that the current CR I.3 may, in effect, change the defined term Support Person in the new RRS (2017-2020). The focus of World Sailing on “support persons” and “coaching” make this a focus point for Juries, so we should avoid anything that may conflict with the RRS. This change needs to be done on an emergency basis with World Sailing so the Rule can be used in 2017.

Technical Committee Rule Change Proposal

Reference Materials

PART 4 OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHEN RACING

Part 4 rules apply only to boats racing unless the rule states otherwise.

RRS (2017-2020) Rule 41:

41 OUTSIDE HELP

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except

- (a) help for a crew member who is ill, injured or in danger;*
- (b) after a collision, help from the crew of the other vessel to get clear;*
- (c) help in the form of information freely available to all boats;*
- (d) unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be another boat in the same race.*

However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received under rule 41(a) may be protested and penalized; any penalty may be less than disqualification.

RRS (2017-2020) Definition of Racing:

Racing: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.

Everyone agreed to move forward with expediting the Rule change proposal for CR I.3 as stated above. The clerical updates do not affect the way anyone is sailing the boat. The Class will proceed as such.

3. **Championship Updates** –

2017 European Championship at Royal Southern Yacht Club, UK, June 3-9: Ian said the entry site is going live this weekend. They are preparing measurement plans and organizing volunteers. He expects 80+ boats, and they can handle over 100. If the numbers are this high, the fleet will be split. The Spanish Class welcomes anyone who wants to train this winter/spring. Ian added that there are many opportunities to race in Europe prior to Worlds.

2017 World Championship at Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo Italy, September 12-16: Vittorio distributed a PDF file to all (<https://we.tl/X8yG8198Tt>), detailing the calendar, Notice of the Race, web/social/media, social events, logistics, accommodations, services, car rental and charter. On September 10, there is the 50th Anniversary of the YCCS Regatta...all are invited. The Notice of Race will be published in January, and registration opened. The social events will be a priority, with a post-racing meeting daily, plus the opening ceremony, beach party and crew barbecue. Thanks to the partnership with Moby, the leading ferries company from continent to Sardinia, the owners carrying the boats can have a reduction of 50% on the ticket. The offer is valid for:

- Sardinia Ferries by Moby
- All the routes
- Every date
- Vehicle and trailer
- Accommodation (seat, cabin type, ..)

Regatta accommodations are available at Residence Bougainvillae for a one week rental, and several other options are accessible. J/Boats Italia has arranged 10 J/70s to be available for charter for crews outside Europe. The price will be 6.500,00€ + IVA. They are also working with neighboring NCAs on further charters. Charters are available first come/first serve to those from other continents. Henry asked about the logistics of shipping a boat from North America. Vittorio said that they will work with a shipping company and provide more information based on their research. Genoa would be the proper port, and then the Moby can be used to get to Sardinia. Julia, the Italian Class Manager, will be a resource on these types of logistical issues. Ian expects 8-10 boats from the UK. Henry thought about the same from the USA, plus a few more from Canada and Mexico. There are about 50 boats in Italy + the new 10, and Vittorio expects all to be racing. Spain projects 6-10 entrants and Monaco about 10. Chris noted that having charterers able to make deposits on a specific boat will confirm complete attendance. Vittorio asked everyone to forward his materials to their members.

2017 North American Championship at American Yacht Club, Rye, NY USA, October 9-15: Chris said that this location is very close to New York City, and is in an area filled with J/70 activity. This event could also reach 100 boats. Look for the NOR and registration soon. Henry added that there should be a large pool of charter boats available via private arrangements.

2017 South American Championship at Cofradía Náutica de Pacífico, Chile, October 28-November 1: Juan said that the Notice of Race will be released in the next couple weeks, and a Jury is secured. Four or five boats will be available for charter. He and Chris will work out a measurement plan.

2018 World Championship at Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA, USA, September 22-29: Henry said that Hank Stuart is secured as the PRO, and an approved Jury is set. Again, more than 100 boats are expected, so there may be a qualification program to keep the number at or below 100. This will ensure the highest quality event and also promote regional racing during the qualification process. There should be plenty of charter boat available, as well as a few warm-up regattas. More information will be forthcoming after the holidays.

2019 World Championship at Royal Torquay Yacht Club, Torquay, UK from September 23-28: Ian said that plans have started, and they will attend the 2017 Worlds to learn more.

Alberto said that the Spanish Class has issued a proposal to host the 2018 European

Championship. After these three exciting years, the Spanish fleet has been consolidated with 17 strong teams, taking part in the Class growth and attending all the major events, not only in Europe but also in America. Chris said that the Executive Committee will discuss the proposal in early 2017.

Henry said that his yacht club (Eastern YC) is investigating an international invitational in 2019, with boats and sails provided. The goal would be to create diverse teams on this new platform. More information to come...

4. **2017 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the 2016 projected income/expense and 2017 projected budget via e-mail. *Ian Wilson made a motion to accept the P&L and budget as presented, seconded by Henry Brauer. No discussion ensued and the P&L/budget passed unanimously.*
5. **Election of Officers** – The following slate of Officers was presented:
President: Henry Brauer, USA
Vice President: Ian Wilson, UK
Treasurer: Scott Weakley, CAN
Secretary: Vittorio Dimauro, ITA
Technical Chair: Frank McNamara, USA
(Jürgen Waldheim moves into the Past President position, Jeff Johnstone is the Copyright Holder, and Ned Jones will be the Chief Measurer.)
Michel Boussard made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Alberto Macana Garcia. No discussion ensued and the slate passed unanimously.
Chris thanked Jürgen for his work as President!
6. **Technical Committee Update** – Chris noted that the 2016 World Championship featured extended inspections of keels, hull shape, wedge shape, deck equipment, spreader rake, sprit pole length, etc. Often times, we “chase a rumor” about major issues, which typically require very minor correction. Let’s remain diligent at our Championships. Ned said that the Committee has been reactive, but they want to move toward being more proactive. Remember that the Class Rules are closed, and we have to work hard on maintaining a level playing field. Frank said that he’s looking forward to working on the IJ70CA Technical Committee, after serving in the same role for the US Class. He plans to see many members at the Europeans and Worlds in 2017. Juan said we need to utilize tooling to confirm who is within the Rules and who is not. Chris shared that the Class has two International Measurers, as well as several additional Measurers who have staffed major Championships for the last several years. This Class is a Manufacturer Class, and Jeff noted that all boats have come of the same sets of molds. If all the numbers are released from the manufacturer, everyone tries to get to the minimum or maximum, with “experts” having opinions on how far to push based on who won recent events. The Class has increased its jigs and measurers, and continues to do so.
7. **New Business** – Henry thanked Jürgen again, and said he is always available to hear from our members. Looking forward to 2017! Jürgen thanked everyone for their support over recent years. Merry Christmas!

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--The Executive Committee will discuss the 2018 European Championship proposal from Spain.

Next Meeting: TBD