

J/70 International Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/3/17

Start: 10:05 a.m. EDT

Adjourn: 11:10 a.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats X
Henry Brauer, President X
Frank McNamara, Technical Chair X
Ned Jones, Chief Measurer
Juan Francisco Lago, Argentina
Ray Entwistle, Australia
Alexander Giesinger, Austria
Flavio Andrade and Flavio Andrade, Brazil
Scott Weakley, Canada X
Juan Eduardo Reid and Miguel Osorio, Chile
Dan Ibsen, Denmark
Vianney Vautier, France X
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany
John den Engelsman, Holland X
Vittorio Di Mauro, Italy X
Sebastian Ripard, Malta
Diego Berho, Mexico
Michel Boussard, Monaco X
Thomas Nilsson, Norway
Grigory Aksenov/Dmitrii Zaritckii, Russia X
Willy Alonso, Spain X
Jan Björnsjö, Sweden X
Jörg Sigg, Switzerland
Ian Wilson, UK X
Pedro Garra, Uruguay
Craig Tallman, USA X

Agenda:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates
2. Tech Committee Update/Class Rules
3. Championship Updates/WC Berths
4. 2018 Budget Proposal and Approval
5. Election of Officers
6. New Business

Description:

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

PRESIDENT Henry Brauer's observations from the President: Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting. We're coming off a record World Championship in Italy. Thank you to Vittorio, the Italian Class and the YC Costa Smeralda for all their diligent work! After dealing with a Rules issue during the inspection process, our Class has come out stronger. The Officers met for dinner at YCCS, which was great to talk and meet in person. Henry plans to continue the tradition next year at Eastern YC. Thank you to all the Officers around the world! Henry also thanked Julie and Chris Howell for their Class Office work. The J/70 had a much stronger World Championship attendance-wise than our similar one-design Classes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Christopher Howell's Class Office report: Chris and Julie update the website regularly...suggestions are always welcome. Chris reported that the Class Office has sold 2,123 sail royalties to date in 2017 (compared to 1,744 total in 2016). This is an outstanding number. We will continue to have the IJ70CA funded by sail royalties alone. 2017 membership stickers were distributed to Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Uruguay and USA upon receipt of member lists. Some other countries are still becoming organized as an NCA. Jürgen Waldheim of Germany was unable to join the call but submitted his votes via e-mail in favor of all Rules Proposals and Officers.

COPYRIGHT HOLDER Jeff Johnstone's annual business update: Jeff estimates up to 185 boats being added this year. Hull #s through 1330 are assigned, with 1290 built as of now. Europe still sees the biggest growth. Twenty new boats were in Porto Cervo for the Worlds. Fleets in Finland and Estonia are in the works. With the Europeans in Spain next year, more growth is expected. The J/70 is on display at many boat shows. In North America, production will resume this fall. Look for an announcement soon about leasing opportunities. This August, Newport held the first Youth Championship, which will be in St. Petersburg, FL in 2018. J/Boats Argentina has built 7 boats, with 25 ordered.

2. **Tech Committee Update/Class Rules** – The 14 2018 Class Rules proposals are posted at <http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/IJ70CA-Class-Rules-2017-Master-1.pdf>.
 - (CRC-1) Manufacturer's Declaration
 - (CRC-2) Sail Numbers on Charter Boats
 - (CRC-3) Event Technical Committees
 - (CRC-4) Crew Positioning
 - (CRC-5) Portable Equipment
 - (CRC-6) Class Technical Committee
 - (CRC-7) Gennaker Retrieval Line and Launching/Retrieving through Forward Hatch
 - (CRC-8) Elastic cord on outhaul
 - (CRC-9) Headsail Clews and Reinforcement
 - (CRC-10) Use of Straps as Attachments on Sails
 - (CRC-11) Headsail Batten Pocket measurement
 - (CRC-12) Headsail Foot Irregularity
 - (CRC-13) Outside Assistance
 - (CRC-14) National Championships

Frank summarized that several of these proposals are administrative. Others are bringing the Rules up to speed with what J/70 sailors are already doing and/or to comply with the RRS. A couple are related to safety. Finally, there are proposals to clarify sail measurement issues.

Ian Wilson made a motion to accept all 14 proposals as presented, seconded by Craig Tallman. The proposals passed unanimously.

Vianney has observed that some boats have changed crews based on weather conditions. He asked the Technical Committee to review this topic for the next Rules cycle.

3. **Championship Updates** –

Following the 2017 World Championship in Italy, Chris prepared and distributed a document "Closed Class Rules - Don't change the as-molded shape" explaining the inspection process and that the Technical Committee discovered that the as-molded shape of the keel had been changed on some boats presented for inspection. Seven boats were unable to compete in the Worlds. This explanation document is posted on the IJ70CA website in the "Documents" section. The boats in question have been asked to return to J/Composites in France for re-certification at the owners' expense. The seven hull #s will be posted online to protect potential future buyers. Vittorio said there are significant expenses for the owners to take their boats back to J/Composites, and he wondered if a J/Composites representative could come to Italy to re-certify the boats. Chris recapped that J/Composites set these parameters as the Licensed Manufacturer, and he's not sure if the keels are the only issue on these boats. We also must make sure that the illegal keels are destroyed. Jeff added that the builders are discussing serial #s on the keels to match the hulls. He recalled a similar issue with a J/24 in the past where additional violations were found, other than just the keel. This can be a challenge to accomplish in the field. Vittorio thinks a single location in Italy can meet the same needs. Vittorio, Chris, Jeff, Henry and Frank will discuss this topic offline.

Here is information on future major events:

2017 North American Championship at American Yacht Club, Rye, NY USA, October 9-15

2017 South American Championship at Cofradía Náutica de Pacífico, Chile, October 28-November 1: 25 boats are expected. Dave McNabb from Canada, an IM, will lead inspections.

2018 North American Championship at Club de Vela La Peña A.C., Mexico, May 14-20

2018 European Championship at Real Club Náutico de Vigo, Spain, June 12-16

2018 World Championship at Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA, USA, September 22-29:

Henry said that the Notice of Race is in the works...look for it shortly. The cap is 100 boats, plus perpetual berths, due to geography shore-side.

2019 World Championship at Royal Torquay Yacht Club, Torquay, UK, August 30–September 6

World Championship berths: Chris distributed a document entitled “J/70 World Championship Qualification System.” Each National J/70 Class Association (NJ70CA) shall determine who from its country will fill the allotted berths listed below. The NJ70CA should send their list of qualified entries as soon as possible but no later than 100 days before the World Championship. Berth totals are determined by the following criteria. The host country receives additional berths equal to 50% more than its total member percentage plus 2 host club berths counted in the perpetual berths total. The host NJ70CA in coordination with the IJ70CA has discretion to fill unused berths after a date 90 days before event date. NJ70CAs on the same continent receive additional berths equal to 33% more than their total member percentage. All other NJ70CAs receive berths equal to 50% of total their percent-of-total or a minimum of 1. Berths not used by the NCA will be at the discretion of the OA/Class Association for consideration of petitions. The chart distributed is confirmed for the 2018 Worlds, and is an estimate for 2019 Worlds. Although there are over 100 possible berths, there is natural attrition, bringing the goal to around 100. John den Engelsman said we are lucky to have so many sailors wanting to participate, and he hopes we will make the Worlds as open as possible on a case-by-case basis. Henry added that the US qualifying system for the 2018 Worlds is 50% Corinthian/50% Open. Ian said that the 2019 host can handle a very large group, but we must think about what we, as a Class, want for a World Championship. Please send any feedback on this topic to howell@j70office.com.

Chris will send a Request for Proposal for the 2020 World Championship (North America) and 2021 World Championship (Europe) and 2019 and 2020 European Championships.

4. **2018 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the 2017 projected income/expense and 2018 projected budget via e-mail. He highlighted a few areas: Championship Support additional costs include perpetual trophy for European Championship, travel cases for World Championship trophies and international shipping of measurement tools and trophies. Also, Class Officers meeting/dinner costs at World Championship. Measurer Tools additional cost includes a new set of mylar sail measurement templates left in Europe to be used for major events in Europe. Henry noted an increase in payment to the Administrators to reflect our growing Class. *Scott Weakley made a motion to accept the P&L and budget as presented, seconded by Ian Wilson. No discussion ensued and the P&L/budget passed unanimously.* Chris said that it is proper non-profit management to keep one year of operating funds in reserve.
5. **Election of Officers** – The following slate of Officers was presented for re-election:
President: Henry Brauer, USA
Vice President: Ian Wilson, UK
Treasurer: Scott Weakley, CAN
Secretary: Vittorio DiMauro, ITA
Technical Chair: Frank McNamara, USA

(Jürgen Waldheim remains in the Past President position, Jeff Johnstone as the Copyright Holder, and Ned Jones as the Chief Measurer.) Chris noted a two-year limit to the President's role.

John den Engelsman made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Jan Björnsjö. No discussion ensued and the slate passed unanimously.

Henry noted that the Executive Committee is always willing to talk...just reach out.

6. **New Business** – Vittorio suggested that we use some of the Class funds to improve the IJ70CA website and multi-media. Chris will obtain quotes.

Julie Howell

Action Items:

- Chris will send a Request for Proposal for the 2020 World Championship (North America) and 2021 World Championship (Europe) and 2019 and 2020 European Championships.
- Vittorio, Chris, Jeff, Henry and Frank will discuss offline the re-certification of the hulls from the Worlds.
- The Technical Committee will review changing crews based on weather conditions for the next Rules cycle.
- Chris will obtain quotes for website improvements.

Next Meeting: TBD