

J/70 Class Association International Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 12/19/13

Start: 10:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 10:55 a.m. EST

Present:

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

Agenda:

1. IJ70CA Update
2. Class Rules
3. 2015 Worlds
4. Class Officers
5. Technical Committee
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting

Description:

Roll Call – Chris went through the roll call, as noted in the above box.

1. **IJ70CA Update** – Chris told everyone that measurement forms have been posted on the IJ70CA website, as well as news stories. 1,417 royalty tags have been sold so far this year.
2. **Class Rules** – Chris recapped that we are still in a holding pattern on rule changes as we await official documents from ISAF. Jeff noted that the “hot spots” are crew positioning and permitted drivers. In these instances, it’s not that they want to change meaning, but are seeking to simplify the wording. If we don’t have the updates by January 1, our current rules remain in effect. The only issue would be in regard to H.2 Corrector Weights (50/50 weight fore and aft), where we would have to post this rules revision. Jeff continues to push ISAF, but these are volunteers plus it is holiday time. Chris sent out a document on how to weigh a boat, which encompasses the 50/50 weight placement. Everyone agreed that the 50/50 placement is much more efficient. Jeff stated that the boat weight out of the factory does not include variables such as engine and fixed equipment, but he’d estimate most boats are 5-20 kilos light assuming a minimum weight engine. The boats at the Midwinters in the USA will be weighed so we’ll have a better idea then. Lead and the proper tools will be on hand in Key West to bring the boats to compliance. Paolo thought the boat should be empty during weighing, and Jeff confirmed that running rigging and spars are the only items included. John thought we should have a tolerance, but Chris thought that this just creates a new lower number to be sought. He suggested a tolerance only be utilized at regattas (not in the Rules). Jeff added that the Class is creating weight certificates with the builder weight included. He also noted that not everyone wants the most minimal engine (based on their geography). He supports weighing the engine separately from the boat, but still counting the engine weight in the 812k minimum weight per current rules.. No one objected to the 50/50 corrector weight placement, so Chris will update this and post online.
3. **2015 Worlds** – Chris sought a date to accept bids from Europe for the 2015 World Championship. They decided on April 1, 2014. The host will then be awarded later that month. Chris will send the RFP. We need to make sure we select a site where the competitors will be

well taken care of. We can guide hosts in this regard. For the 2014 Worlds, the US has a qualifying system, but spaces will be available for international teams (likely 30). Each country needs to establish a national Class Association so Chris submitted a template for tracking membership. Upon receipt of the membership data back to the Class Office. Chris will then distribute 2014 membership stickers and then we can decide upon how many berths go to each country. Paolo wants ISAF to advise each nation of the status of the IJ70CA to help getting through regulations.

4. **Class Officers** – Chris has received some e-mails for Class Officer/Technical Committee recommendations, but he is seeking more. Please e-mail howell@j70office.com.
5. **Technical Committee** – See #4 above.
6. **New Business** – Jeff shared that he has been working with New York YC to raise sponsorship dollars for the 2014 Worlds. There should be enough dockage at Sail Newport to accommodate all 120 boats without moorings. Everyone is very excited for the event. A website is in the works and the NOR should be ready for review after January 1. J Boats will be directly involved in arranging charters, including several brand new boats.
7. **Next Meeting** – Upon receipt of ISAF paperwork

Julie Howell

Action Items:

- Chris will update the 50/50 corrector weight placement wording and post online
- Chris will send an RFP for the 2015 World Championship.
- Each country will submit membership data to the Class Office.
- Each country will e-mail howell@j70office.com with Class Officer/Technical Committee recommendations.

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