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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2013 has been a historic year for sailing in general, and the J/70 fleet in particular. We have grown in a fashion never seen before in the history of sailing. I want to thank everyone for embracing OUR new Class in such an overwhelming manner.

We had the biggest fleets at KWRW, St. Pete NOOD and Charleston Race Week over the winter, and this trend has continued on in most of the regional regattas around the country this summer. This is a great testament to the commitment of the local and regional fleets. We are enjoying phenomenal grass roots support everywhere, and this is key to the continued success of the J/70 Class.

The Executive Committee comprised of myself, Chris Groobey, Kathy Parks, Henry Brauer, Sean O'Keefe, Jeff Johnstone and Chris/Julie Howell (Executive Directors) have been busy overseeing the development of Class Rules, regatta management, member requests and questions, our first North American Championship and much more. We recently appointed a full-time national Technical Committee comprised of Sean O'Keefe, Rod Johnstone (representative of Copyright Holder), Bennett Greenwald, Ron Copfer, Karl Pomeroy and Brandon Flack. They will be looking to organize all things technical at the local, regional and national levels. If all local fleets would assign a fleet measurer and forward this information to the Class Office, we will get that information to the Technical Committee and they will be available to help and advise you at the local level in the future.

Kathy Parks and Will Keyworth of Annapolis Yacht Club have graciously been organizing our first NAC. This promises to be an event of epic proportion given the level of expertise and sponsorship that they have attracted. We yet again made history with this event when we sold out our pre-assigned 90-boat entry limit in only 28 hours. We recently sent out an RFP to all members for the 2014 and 2015 NACs. The Class is proud to announce that Rochester Yacht Club will host the 2014 North American Championship in July 2014! More information on that event will be forthcoming. Anyone interested in hosting the 2015 NAC can present a proposal to the Class through the Executive Director at howell@j70office.com.

In August, the J/70 was submitted for ISAF status, with approval expected in early November. Again, history will be made by how fast this submission has been made.

All in all, it has been an amazing first year for the J/70 Class with a very promising future in store for all of us. J Boats and the Johnstone family have given us a wonderful boat and Class. Thanks again to all for giving us such incredible support and good luck in the future.

Joe Colling,
Class President

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It was only a year ago March when we ramp launched J/70 hull #1 on an unseasonably warm day and sailed her on Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island. Now, there are 350 boats sailing in 18+ countries including the USA, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Chile, Italy, Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Australia, Hong Kong, Peru, Norway, Spain and Togo. The builders in the USA (CCF Composites) and France (J Composites) are at full capacity, and we are working on adding a third builder for the Pacific Rim. The J/70's rapid acceptance around the globe is second only to the J/24 in our company's 36-year history. What a great thrill to see a new design resonate so strongly with so many sailors across so many markets.

J/70 owners have been responsible for significantly impacting the sailing scene in 2013. The J/70 led all classes in participation at Key West Race Week (39 teams), St. Petersburg NOOD Regatta (21 boats), Charleston Race Week (58 teams) and Annapolis NOOD Regatta (49 teams).



The inaugural J/70 North Americans in Annapolis, USA with 90 boats pre-registered, actually eclipses the J/24's inaugural North Americans that drew 64 boats to Newport in 1978. Our thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic support of the Class and for making it so much fun.

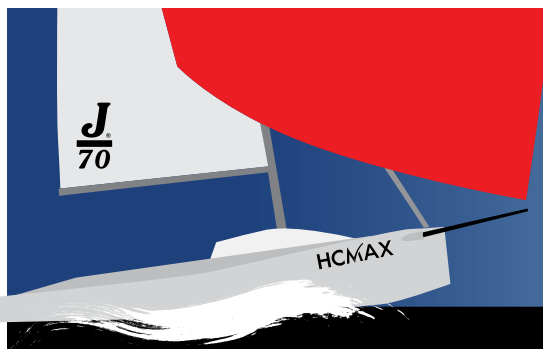
Best regards, Jeff Johnstone



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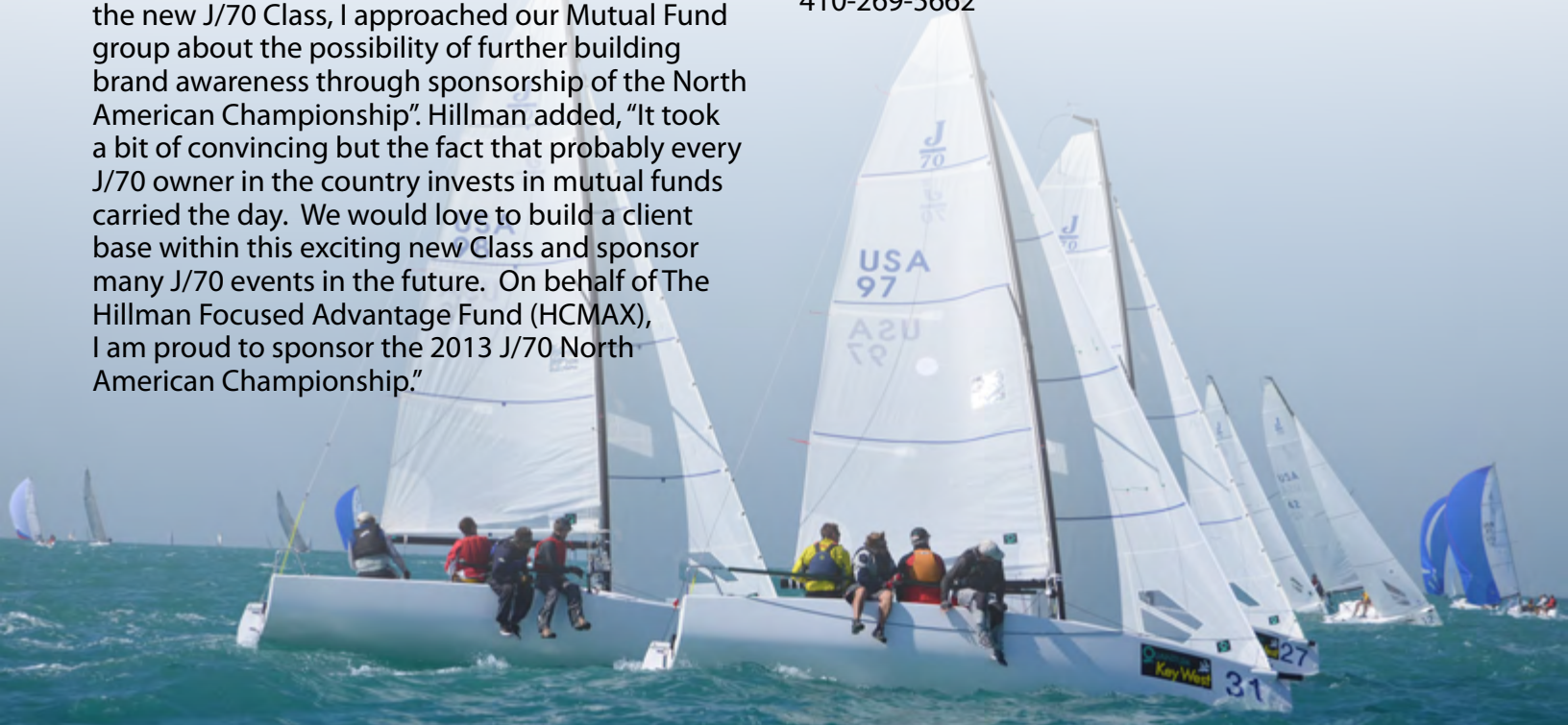
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The Hillman Focused Advantage Fund signs on as Title Sponsor of J/70 NAC

The 2013 J/70 North American Championship committee is pleased to announce the support of The Hillman Focused Advantage Fund for the inaugural J/70 North Americans. The regatta, which many believe to be the first event of its kind to fill all entry slots within about 24 hours of opening registration, is generating enormous buzz throughout North America, and the committee is pleased to note that entries are in from the US, Canada and Mexico. Mark Hillman, a long-time member of Annapolis Yacht Club, was eager to get involved with the event at its inception. Hillman said, "Hillman Capital Management has sponsored the J/24 East Coast Championship since 2002. I had learned so much from the people in that Class that I wanted to give something back to the community. Over the years, what began as an expression of gratitude unexpectedly turned into a nice brand-building exercise. When I witnessed the excitement building around the new J/70 Class, I approached our Mutual Fund group about the possibility of further building brand awareness through sponsorship of the North American Championship". Hillman added, "It took a bit of convincing but the fact that probably every J/70 owner in the country invests in mutual funds carried the day. We would love to build a client base within this exciting new Class and sponsor many J/70 events in the future. On behalf of The Hillman Focused Advantage Fund (HCMAX), I am proud to sponsor the 2013 J/70 North American Championship."

Kathy Parks, a long-time member of the J/22 fleet who has many regattas at the North American level under her belt, became a J/70 owner early this year and along with her Co-Chair Will Keyworth will not only be organizing the regatta but competing in it as well. "We knew from the beginning that the J/70 North Americans would be an exciting event, and we are proud that Annapolis Yacht Club was selected to host this first fleet championship." Parks continued, "The Co-Chairs and I are fortunate to have the help of 14 committee chairs including a world-class race committee. There will be over 100 volunteers working hard to execute our plans for the event. We've been meeting since April and will soon be ready to invite members and friends to sign up for the volunteer slots. Stay tuned for the details!"

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Tim Healy's Team Helly Hansen Wins J/70 Fleet at Quantum Key West Race Week

The J/70 was the largest class at Quantum Key West Race Week with 39 boats registered, and the brand new design was showcased with some spectacular racing. Tim Healy and his experienced team on Helly Hansen seized the lead on Thursday then held it by winning both races on Friday, which featured 14-16 knot winds. Geoff Becker (tactician), John Mollicone (trimmer) and Dave Reed (foredeck) comprised the crew on Helly Hansen. "It was really fun to figure out how to sail the boat. Right up to the last race, we were working on tuning and experimenting with techniques," said Healy, a J/24 champion who was making his J/70 debut. "We went out early every morning and tinkered with sail trim and rig tune. We made progress every day, and the crew worked very hard at fine-tuning every maneuver." David Franzel (Somerville, MA) captured the Corinthian portion of J/70 fleet, consisting of 12 boats that did not have a professional aboard. Franzel sailed Spring to a steady stream of firsts and seconds within the Corinthian contingent. For complete regatta information, visit www.premiere-racing.com.



Following the event, Julie Howell of the J/70 Class interviewed Tim Healy for more insight on his Key West Race Week experience:

JH: Congratulations on winning the inaugural J/70 Midwinter Championship! What was your strategy coming into the event? How did you prepare?

TH: We had hull #2, which we got at the beginning of last summer as a demo boat so it was in the water most of the season. We were



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able to do boat handling, but not as much as I'd like. Then the "Fall Brawl" was affected by Sandy, and it was too much for me to make that trip with family concerns, so our strategy for Key West was to get there early with the team. That was really helpful to have 2-3 days of practice and to get the boat together. Finding tuning partners was key. With the regatta starts at 11:30 and the J/70s being the third start, we got out early each day to tune and do some boat handling practice.

JH: Tell us about each member of the team and his role/contributions to your team work as a whole.

TH: Forward from me was John Mollicone who did jib trim, rig tune and downwind tactics. Then Geoff Becker who handled spin trim and upwind tactics. Dave Reed did bow and mast.

JH: You've raced successfully on a variety of boats. What makes the J/70 unique?

TH: J Boats asked me last March to do sea trials for the first two boats, and it was apparent then that the J/70 would be big! It's easy to manage and set-up and breakdown both on the trailer and





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in the water. The rig and sail plan are simple, and the deck layout is clean. It's a really modern, fast design. The Class Rules keep costs down which is attractive to a wide range of sailors.

JH: What was your opinion of the venue?

TH: The week there was excellent! The weather was the best part, but it's not always like that. I'd be careful of planning there every year due to costs. The ramp launch, which was included, was a breeze and easier than crane launching. But I think it's healthy to mix it up and choose different venues.

JH: With 38 J/70s in the fleet and everyone new to the boat, how did you approach the starts? Mark roundings?

TH: What's so attractive about the boat is how easy it is to handle—similar to a J/22 or J/24—so the boat handling became comfortable quickly. It will be a familiar feel to others who race keelboats.

JH: How would you describe your tactics in the generally breezy Key West conditions?

TH: Upwind, the boat tacks fairly easily so we could make two tacks in tight quarters. Downwind, with the A-sail in the 12-18 knots of wind that we often saw, we kept the boat on a plane as much as possible. We'd make sure to be in a puff when gybing so we were in the puff for a while. We got ourselves speed oriented and lined up for breeze.

JH: The J/70 Class is growing at a rapid pace. What do you see as the future of the J/70?

TH: This will be a successful Class for a long time! The key factors are keeping costs down and keeping the boat simple, clean, easy to sail and uncomplicated. The hassle-free factor is high right now. People will get in the Class and stay there!

J/70 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Sean O'Keefe

The Technical Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee in accord with the Class Constitution Article 9.1 et seq, and had its first meeting on July 29. The full committee is: Brandon Flack, Ron Copfer, Karl Pomeroy, Bennett Greenwald, Rod Johnstone, and yours truly, Sean O'Keefe, serving as Chair.

The first issues addressed were concerned with One Design & Rule integrity for the North American Championship coming up in late September at Annapolis Yacht Club.

The committee is recommending that the Hiking Rule be enforced with on the water judges. As part of an ongoing educational effort, pictures along with the rule will be circulated.

Pursuant to the NAC NOR, a checklist for inspection has been prepared. Technicians from J Boats will be on hand with templates in the event there are any questions. The committee is also recommending measurement of all sails. The Class has purchased three sets of sail templates. In general, given that all major lofts have ISAF certified measurers and sails are cut by robotic computers, no real problem is expected.

Briefly discussed was the issue of allowing five-person crews in order to accommodate juniors and all female teams. Whether or not this rule should be tied to a weight limit remains an open issue for discussion. Chris Howell has prepared a survey of owners on various issues, which is currently being circulated. This issue and other issues will be tabled until after the survey results are reviewed.

Also mentioned were some rule changes that may not have been noticed because they were included in changes to the Builder's Specs. The more significant changes mentioned were:

blocking the trailing edge of the rudder and keel is allowed, an auto retraction system of the sprit is allowed, and the kelp cutter slot may be filled. (I should also add that owners are free to change the stock floating Cunningham to a fixed block system; also an alternative deck house block system for vang leads is permissible.)

On a personal note, owners should feel free to contact any of the Tech Committee members with ideas for improvements (contact information is available at www.j70class.com/index.php/class-rules). Virtually all of the changes that were made during the first year arose from the fleet experience. Take advantage of e-mail. We are listening.

Finally, I urge all fleets to elect a measurer. After the NAC, a measurement certificate will be put in place to maintain a high degree of one-design integrity. Measurers will be a critical element of maintaining that integrity.

See you all at the NAC!



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2013 J/70 West Coast Championship

September 07, 2013 to September 08, 2013
Where: Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Newport Beach, CA

2013 HOOD

September 21, 2013 to September 22, 2013
Where: Houston Yacht Club, Houston, TX

2013 Big Boat Series

September 26, 2013 to September 29, 2013
Where: St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, CA

2013 J/70 North American Championship

September 26, 2013 to September 28, 2013
Where: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD

2013 J/Fest

September 27, 2013 to September 29, 2013
Where: San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, CA

The Fall Brawl 2013

October 19, 2013 to October 20, 2013
Where: Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD

2013 J/Fest Southwest

November 02, 2013 to November 03, 2013
Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX

2013 Fall Fling Regatta

November 16, 2013 to November 17, 2013
Where: Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, VA

2014

**2014 J/70 Midwinter Championship/
Quantum Key West Race Week**

January 19, 2014 to January 24, 2014
Where: Key West, FL

2014 Primo Cup-Credit Suisse

February 07, 2014 to February 09, 2014
Where: Yacht Club de Monaco, Monaco

2014 Bacardi Miami Sailing Week

March 03, 2014 to March 09, 2014
Where: Miami, FL

2014 Lipton Cup Regatta

April 11, 2014 to April 13, 2014
Where: Smyrna Yacht Club,
New Smyrna Beach, FL

2014 J/70 North American Championship

July 14-20, 2014
Where: Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester, NY

Gold Cup

September 8-13, 2014
Where: Newport, RI



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