

# J/70 Class Association International Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 3/4/14

**Start:** 10:00 a.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 10:25 a.m. EST

**Present:**

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

**Agenda:**

1. 2015 Worlds
2. New Business
3. Next Meeting

**Description:**

1. **2015 Worlds** – This is a follow-up meeting after further studying of the 2015 Worlds proposals, which have been available via Dropbox. Jeff said that all four proposals are very impressive, and it's great to see so much support for hosting. He looks at the builder/dealer standpoint to support a large fleet of charter boats, and sees La Rochelle as the best fit in that regard. Paolo agreed and thought that planning is important from a marketing standpoint. He'd like to see us return to Europe in 2017. Malcolm added that they can plan European Championships, especially when the Worlds are in the USA. With the boat growing in so many areas, it's reasonable that many other countries could host a Worlds including Canada, Mexico, Chile and Asian nations. *Everyone agreed to award the 2015 World Championship to France.* Chris asked about the July timing, and Malcolm supported that. Jeff noted that college dorms are vacant in July so it improves housing options. The European NCAs will work on a plan for European Championships, possibly including the J/70 into a long-standing event. They also want to brainstorm ways to involve youth. Paolo asked about the 2016 Worlds, and Chris would like to see us have three years of Worlds planned out. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. We will have to balance where the boats are as well as marketing. Chris will get back to all of the proposal contacts and add the 2015 Worlds to the calendar. It is likely that all of the non-winning proposals would be interested in hosting a different event in the future.
2. **New Business** – Diego said that the J/70 will be included in major Mexico events this year (such as March in the Mexorc), and he welcomed all to come as he can assist with charter boats. Jürgen noted that they have 9 boats on the lake in Berlin.
3. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. ET (NY time)

**Action Items:**

- The European NCAs will work on a plan for European Championships, possibly including the J/70 into a long-standing event.
- Chris will get back to all of the Worlds proposal contacts and add the 2015 Worlds to the calendar.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. ET (NY time)