

J/70 International Class World Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/23/18

Start: 10:05 a.m. EDT

Adjourn: 11:25 a.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats X
Henry Brauer, President X
Frank McNamara, Technical Chair X
Juan Francisco Lago, Argentina X
Ray Entwistle, Australia
Alexander Giesinger, Austria
Flavio Andrade and Kadja Brandao, Brazil
Scott Weakley, Canada & IJ70CA Treasurer X
Juan Eduardo Reid, Chile X
Dan Ibsen, Denmark
Staffan Lindberg, Finland
Vianney Vautier, France
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany, **Proxy to Henry Brauer**
John den Engelsman, Holland X
Marie-Claude Heys, Ireland
Vittorio Di Mauro, Italy & IJ70CA Secretary X
Sebastian Ripard, Malta
Diego Berho, Mexico
Leonardo Magni and Michel Boussard, Monaco X
Halvor Friisk, Norway
Irina Gorbatyuk and Dmitrii Zaritckii, Russia
Willy Alonso and Luis Sanz, Spain X
Jan Björnsjö, Sweden X
Ruedi Corbelli, Switzerland
Ahmet Eker, Turkey
Ian Wilson, UK & IJ70CA Vice President X
Pedro Garra, Uruguay X
Jim Murrell, USA X

Agenda:

1. Roll call and introduction
2. Class Office report
3. Class Rule proposal
4. Championship Updates/WC berths
5. Technical Report
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

Description:

1. **Roll Call and Introductions** – Chris announced the attendance as noted above. A quorum is present. Henry called the meeting to order.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported 2018 membership lists were received from and therefore hull stickers distributed to: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Uruguay and USA (these are the NCAs with votes). The threshold is 10 boats to start an NCA. If your NCA is not on this 2018 list, please e-mail howell@j70office.com with your member list (including contact information and hull #s) + the shipping details. There is no fee to the IJ70CA for memberships.

Chris added that the Class Office has sold 688 sail royalty tags to date in 2018. 2017 was a tremendous year, and we do not anticipate selling that high of a number again (likely due to the open Worlds in 2017). The 2018 number is in line with 2016.

3. **Class Rule Proposal** – Henry recapped that the following Class Rule proposal was distributed for review in March:

(CRC-1) Class Membership of Crew Members Proposed Rule Change

C.3 CREW

C.3.1 LIMITATIONS ON THE CREW

- (b) All members of the crew shall be current class members in good standing, except that a crew member other than the driver is not required to be a class member if he or she holds a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22.
- (c) No crew member shall be substituted during the world championship and any event of 6 or less consecutive days, without the approval of the Race Committee or event Technical Committee.
- (d) For events of two or more consecutive days, all crew shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet and results listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

Current Rule

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- (b) No crew member shall be substituted during the world championship and any event of 6 or less consecutive days, without the approval of the Race Committee or event Technical Committee.

Reason for Changes: With the tremendous growth and popularity of the J/70 Class, there has been a significant influx of professional sailors into the Class. The involvement of professional sailors has been a significant contributor to the strength of the Class because of the expertise and knowledge they willingly and freely share with the Class and its members, and because of the exciting high level of racing that they provide. Consistent with their important involvement in the Class, it would be beneficial if they extended their involvement by becoming Class members and partners with other Class members. In those extremely rare cases where some discipline might be required, the Class would have the ability to impose limitations on their participation. (This provision would apply to all crew except those who are classified Group 1 under World Sailing's regulations. Many professional sailors choose not to be classified Group 3, and choose instead to simply remain unclassified, so they would be covered by this Rule.) It is also important for the Class if the public can see all members of the crews who are participating in an event, so that people are aware of the high level of racers who are participating in the Class. Every member of the crew is an important contributor to the results of the competing team, and should be acknowledged as such.

Henry highlighted that NCAs can decide the membership dues fee for the Group 3 members and manage their databases as they do now, such as via Yacht Scoring. The Yacht Scoring website links with World Sailing to confirm Group status. NCAs would have their own modules for their members, which all connect back to a master online database. If NCAs are unable to provide an alternate membership level, the IJ70CA will offer this membership level at a nominal fee. Leonardo said that Monaco already has various membership levels for owners and crew with different voting power, which preserves the owners' rights. Juan said Argentina does not currently charge a membership fee as it is still growing, but Chris said that they are free to set the price for these Group 3 members, even if nominal. Remember that this Rules proposal is not changing the owner requirements, and just referencing Group 3 crew. Henry recapped that the intent is to know who these non-Group 1 members are, so that the Class has some jurisdiction via a Group 3 membership. (Anyone can be protested via a Rule 69 violation.) Juan said that this will help confirm that those sailing Corinthian are actually Corinthian. The only way to be a Corinthian is to hold a current/valid World Sailing Group 1 classification (not having a Group 1 means you are a Group 3, per World Sailing). Jeff suggested NCAs provide Group 1 crew with a complimentary Class membership. Vittorio

supports the overall proposal but is concerned about the extra workload to be carried by NCAs.

Section 5.2 of the Class Constitution says “Full Membership in a NCA is open to all J/70 owners, co-owners or drivers upon payment of the annual membership dues prescribed by the NCA. These members may vote, attend meetings and hold office in the NCA.” So only people who are J/70 owners, co-owners and drivers can become full voting members. This, combined with the provisions of CR C.3.2, mean that only professional sailors (Group 3) who own at least 50% of a boat may be full members. This CR proposal would not change the fact that the Class is managed by the strong leadership from its boat owners. The Class International Executive Committee assumes that the new professional sailor members will be Associate Members.

Switzerland could not attend the meeting but voted Yes via e-mail.

Ian Wilson made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Scott Weakley. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris said that this Rule takes effect January 1, 2019, per the Constitution, unless the World Council votes to implement it sooner. As Chris sorts out the database, he will reach out to the WC to determine our timing. Ian noted that Europe has new database laws that we will need to consider before rushing into anything.

4. **Championship Updates/World Championship berths –**

Chris recapped that the North American Championship just concluded in Mexico, which was an excellent racing venue. The Mexican fleet was brought up to speed with boat weighing, etc. This was the first time the NAC was held outside of the USA.

2018 European Championship at Real Club Náutico de Vigo, Spain, June 12-16: 77 boats are registered for five days of racing. Willy said they are ready to take care of everyone on and off the water. The Regatta Guidelines say that we *may* split the fleet, so this will be determined by the Race Committee offline. Henry complimented the promotional video currently posted on Facebook.

2018 World Championship at Eastern YC, Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA, September 22-29: 56 boats are registered to date. West Marine is the title sponsor, along with several others at lower levels. The fleet will start as one. Contact Henry if you have any questions on the event. Chris said that some NCAs are still finishing their qualification process, and as these qualified individuals are identified, NCAs must send their names and e-mail addresses to Chris Howell so he can forward a specific URL to register. To date, 79 registration invitations have been sent. June 14 is the deadline to register for qualified individuals. There is an international waiting list, so NCAs are welcome to forward those names to Chris as well. As berths open up, they will be distributed internationally (not to the USA). Luis asked the Class to consider allocating berths on Championship results and not just a percentage of membership numbers. He also suggested increasing berths to the host continent, and not only the host country. Chris agreed that a better combination of membership percentage and Luis’ suggestions will be discussed by the Executive Committee. Timing is a factor in determining qualifiers so that attendees and organizers can plan in advance, and so that charter boats can be made available from those who did not qualify. Michel asked if the 100-boat Worlds attendance is set? Chris said that sailors typically prefer to sail as one fleet so getting to that result is the goal (the number at which to split can vary depending on host location). It was also discussed whether Corinthians would like to sail as their own group, although the general consensus is that Corinthians do want to sail as one open fleet. Vittorio prefers not to cap attendance, however Henry endorses having the best racers and moving the Championships around geographically. This topic will be further vetted by the Executive Committee.

2019 European Championship at Fraglia Vela Malcesine, June 22-29

2019 World Championship at Royal Torbay YC, Torbay, UK, August 30–September 6

2019 North American Championship at Edgewater YC, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22–29
2019 South American Championship in Buenos Aires Argentina, November 17-24
2020 European Championship at Royal Danish Yacht Club, July 4-11
2020 World Championship at California Yacht Club USA, July 14-19
2021 World Championship at Yacht Club de Monaco, October 18–23

Chris asked the South American NCAs to forward their Continental Championship details to howell@j70office.com.

5. **Technical Report** – Frank pointed out three important documents that answer most member questions:

Class Rules: see www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70RevisedClassRules2018-23497.pdf. Recent changes are highlighted, such as with hiking and jib measurement.

Building Specification: see <http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70-Building-Specification-3-2018-Final.pdf>

FAQ: see http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70FAQ-Final-41518_.pdf

New clarification will be published on a) the 45 degree angle on back of keel, b) putting material between wedges and keel.

Manufacturers Declaration information can be found at <http://www.j70ica.org/manufacturer-declaration>.

Contact Frank, Chris or your National Measurer with any questions.

6. **New Business** – N/A

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Chris will research the Group 3 membership database.

--South American NCAs will forward their Continental Championship details to howell@j70office.com.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting in the Autumn