

# J/70 International Class Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/14/18

**Start:** 10:05 a.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 10:50 a.m. EST

**Present:**

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

Chris announced the attendance as noted above. Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked all for their support during his time on the Board.

1. **Officer and Copyright Holder Updates** – Jeff thanked Henry, Jürgen and all NCAs for helping the Class to grow over the past few years. Shipments of production are in the mid-1,400s. The 2019 forecast is 100-120 new boats, and South America is seeing the most growth at this time. Sailing League participation has exposed many people to the J/70. Jeff stated that Harken is bringing to market a low-profile winch, and this is approved in the Builders Spec. Finally, he expressed concern regarding the escalation in crew weight, as the boat was designed for 3-4 people (only encouraging five for women and youth teams).

Chris reported 2018 membership lists were received from and therefore hull stickers distributed to: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK,

Uruguay and the USA (these are the NCAs with votes). To order 2019 membership hull stickers, please e-mail [howell@j70office.com](mailto: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 at this time.

Chris added that the Class Office has sold 1,882 sail royalty tags to date in 2018 (2017 was a tremendous year at 2,413). Hopefully 2019 will be solid with well-attended Championships in Europe.

A modernized IJ70CA website was launched with more photo/video options. Send us your pictures and video so we can keep it fresh. Chris noted that the J/70 Facebook page has 5,600 fans, and 1,350 on Instagram.

2. **Technical Committee Update/Class Rules** – Frank recapped that earlier this fall, guidance on hiking was published to the IJ70CA website. This, and other important files, are on the Documents tab of the website at <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>. The standard NOR and SI have been updated and posted there. The Class Rules change on requiring Group 3 non-owners to be members takes effect on 1/1/19. All of the crew must be listed on event entry lists/results. The updated Rules are on the IJ70CA website as well as that of World Sailing. Frank reiterated Jeff's comments on the low-profile winches (called "snub air winch," see <http://store.sail22.com/j-70/harken-snubb-air-1300-low-profile-winch/>), adding that the winches weigh 1 kg less, so put an extra kg of correctors in the aft location. Early reports on the use of these winches has been very positive. Other updates to the Builders Spec include: mooring attachments in the bow, clarifying that two different size traveler cars are permissible, clarifying 3mm diameter on cockpit safety lines, and can upgrade to 40mm if the spinnaker halyard sheave is 29mm.

Priorities for 2019 include: Race Management policies, reviewing crew weight and inspection/measurement processes for major Championships.

He reminded everyone to be attentive to Manufacturers Declarations. See the Compliance section at <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>.

3. **Championship Updates/WC Berths** –

--2019 European Championship at Fraglia Vela Malcesine, June 21-29: Vittorio said the NOR will be published in a few days, and their event website will be live in January. More than 100 boats are expected. There will be an event in Malcesine prior to the Europeans, so you can sail there multiple times.

--2019 World Championship at Royal Torbay YC, Torquay, UK, August 30–September 6: Ian said the NOR is under review, and the website is up and running, including charter information for overseas visitors first. Sponsors are in place. See <http://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/J70-World-Championship-Qualification-System.pdf> for a listing of the World Championship Qualification System. Chris said the percentages listed there haven't changed much, but he will review again.

--2019 North American Championship at Edgewater YC, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22–29: Chris said the NOR should be posted to Yacht Scoring next week. Entries will be capped around 90. It is a fresh water event, and will be inexpensive.

--2019 South American Championship in Buenos Aires Argentina, November 17-24

--2020 European Championship at Royal Danish YC, July 4-11

--2020 World Championship at California YC USA, July 14-19: Chris said both the California YC and Royal Danish YC have been asked to separate their dates.

--2020 North American Championship at Port Credit YC, Mississauga, Ontario  
September 20-27

--2021 North American Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club, Maryland, May 13-16

--2021 World Championship at Yacht Club de Monaco, October 18–23

Chris welcomes any NCAs to send promotional information on their Championships for e-mail distribution.

4. **2019 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris H. circulated the IJ70CA Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2018 and Budget 2019. He highlighted the notes on Championship Support and Supplemental Media Budget, which were approved by the Executive Committee after the budget was approved at the prior AGM. It is recommended for non-profit Associations to have one year’s worth of reserves in the bank, which we have, indicating the health of the IJ70CA. *Ian Wilson made a motion to accept the Budget as presented, seconded by Scott Weakley. The motion passed unanimously.*

5. **Election of Officers** – Chris presented the slate:

President: Ian Wilson

Vice President: Scott Weakley

Secretary: Vittorio Dimauro

Treasurer: Jürgen Waldheim

Technical Chair: Frank McNamara

*Jim Murrell made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Staffan Lindberg. The slate passed unanimously.*

Henry remains an Officer as Past President, and Jeff as the Copyright Holder.

Ian thanked Henry for all his time put into the Class! He looks forward to working with everyone.

6. **New Business** – Happy Holidays!

Julie Howell

**Action Items:**

**Next Meeting:** TBA