

## **2019 World Championship**

***Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay England***

August 29-September 6

## **2019 European Championship**

***Fraglia Vela Malcesine, Italy***

June 21-29

## **2019 North American Championship**

***Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio USA***

September 22-29

## **2019 South American Championship**

***Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay***

December 1-7

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**1st Place\*** - J70 midwinters west

**3rd Place\*** - Yachting Cup

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# Peter Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* Controls J/70 US Midwinter Championship

Peter Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* only needed eight of the nine races at the J/70 Midwinter Champion to collect the 2019 title. Fifty J/70s enjoyed postcard Biscayne Bay conditions for three days (February 22-24), but none more than the *Relative Obscurity* team of Will Felder, Willem Van Waay and Bill Hardesty, who

counted scores of 1-1-4-1-1-1-2-7 for 18 net points. Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis* crushed the final day with three bullets, hurdling him into second place overall with 34 points. Brian Keane's *Savasana* placed third with 46 points. The *Juicy* team of Francisco Van Avermaete, Carlos Lacchini, Galvan Geronimo and Rafael De





Martis from Argentina earned victory in the 11-boat Corinthian division. Rounding out the top three amateur teams were Scott Sellers' *Donkey McFly* and Bob Willis' *Rip Rullah*.

"It's really all the practice and all the little things that make the big difference," Duncan summarized. "You have to do those very repetitively, and it becomes second nature. So when you have to make big decisions, it's easy." Duncan explained the team's conservative approach, saying, "We came

off the middle of the line, went straight as far as we could go. If we could hold our lane, it was very positive." While 2017 J/70 World Champion Duncan excels in a variety of conditions, they do like more breeze. "These boats are great to sail, and when there's 50 boats or more, it's very exciting!"

This event, hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami, FL, was a US qualifier for the 2020 World Championship to be hosted by California Yacht Club. The two Open berths are awarded to Bruce Golison and John Heaton, and the one Corinthian berth goes to Scott Sellers.





**DAY ONE RECAP:** The Championship got underway in gorgeous Biscayne Bay conditions with three races. Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* laid its claim by knocking off two straight bullets and adding a fourth for only 6 points. Following Duncan, Golison's *Midlife Crisis* and Keane's *Savasana* were locked in a tie for second and third places at 15 points each. Sellers' *Donkey McFly* was atop the Corinthian division. Miami delivered its renowned weather with sunny skies, temperatures in the low 80s and winds between 8-14 knots. The day's overall top three were the same group leading the way in the opening battle: Duncan, Keane and Golison. Trailing Duncan in race two were



Kevin Downey's *Mr. Pitiful* and Heaton's *Empeiria*. Golison earned the victory in Friday's final contest, ahead of Heaton and Paul Ward's *Eat Sleep J Repeat*.





**DAY TWO RECAP:** A fresh breeze in the mid-teens made for an exciting Saturday. Three more races were accomplished, bringing the total to six, five of which were won by Duncan's *Relative Obscurity*. Able to drop a fourth, the Rye, NY-based skipper kept five bullets for a mere 5 net points. Keane's *Savasana* moved into second place with 19

points, following consecutive second-place finishes Saturday and discarding an eight. Heaton's *Empeiria* climbed into third with 22 points, aided by redress given in race four. Sellers' *Donkey McFly* held its top spot in the Corinthian division. Duncan's team opened Saturday the same way they did Friday—with back-to-back triumphs, and then added a







third. Looking ahead at them in the day's first race were Ryan McKillen's *Surge* and Joel Ronning's *Catapult*. The trailing teams in the middle duel were Keane's *Savasana* and Michael Goldfarb's *Warcanoë*. And completing the top three to end the day were *Savasana* and Heaton's *Empeiria*.



## TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Relative Obscurity*, Peter Duncan / Will Felder / Willem Van Waay / Bill Hardesty 1 -1 -4 -1 -1 -1 -2 -7 -[51] ; 18
2. *Midlife Crisis*, Bruce Golison / Steve Hunt / Erik Shampain / Jeff Reynolds 3 -[11] -1 -10 -6 -11 -1 -1 -1 ; 34
3. *Savasana*, Brian Keane / Thomas Barrows / Charles Swanson / Mack Bryant 2 -7 -6 -8 -2 -2 -8 -[16] -11 ; 46

4. *Catapult*, Joel Ronning / Victor Diaz-de Leon / Patrick Wilson / Chris Stocke 9 -6 -[15] -3 -11 -7 -5 -5 -6 ; 52
5. *Empeiria*, John Heaton / Zach Mason / Joe Morris / Ian Barrows 21 -3 -2 -7.2 -7 -3 -9 -11 -[27] ; 63.2

Photos are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=6070>.



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DARWIN ESCAPES  
2019 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Royal Torbay  
Yacht Club



***The officers, members and staff of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club are looking forward to welcoming the J/70 International Class to Torquay for the J/70 2019 Darwin Escapes World Championship, August 29 to September 6.***

**Royal Torbay Yacht Club** has been at the heart of sailing in Torbay for over 150 years and continues to meet the demands of the modern-day sailor. Competitors, support teams and families are assured of a very warm welcome and cordial hospitality on the

English Riviera. Torbay is a truly magnificent venue and boasts some of the finest sailing waters in the world.

#### **Event Website**

Visit <https://j70worlds2019.com/> for information about the venue, logistics and accommodation. If you have not already signed up to receive event updates, the first one will be coming out soon so it's a good time to register. Check this out on the homepage of the event website.



### **Notice of Race and Entry**

The Notice of Race is due to be published and entry opened very soon. This will be announced on the event website, through the International Class Association and social media.

### **Boat Charters**

Boat charters are available in the UK and can be arranged by contacting Paul Ward, Sailing Secretary of the UK J/70 Class Association, at [paulward@me.com](mailto:paulward@me.com).

### **Boat and Trailer Storage**

All boats competing in the event may be stored free of charge at the Torquay town dock following inspection from 12.00 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> until 17.00 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Trailers may be stored free of charge at Daddy Hole Plain from 09.00 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August until 17.00 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Extended trailer and boat storage before or after the dates above may be available. For details, please contact [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org). There may be a fee associated with extended storage.

Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection and launching will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

### **Accommodation**

Please visit the event website for details and a list of accommodations close to the Club and Harbour: <https://j70worlds2019.com/venue-information/accommodation/>. There may also be lodging or other accommodations available locally or at the homes of club members. Please contact [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org) for further information.

### **Torquay and Torbay**

Torquay lies on the northern shore of Torbay, and together with Brixham and Paignton, the area is widely known as the English Riviera. It is a thriving and popular resort with an unrivalled range of harbourside cafes, restaurants and bars. An enviable range of hotels and self-catering accommodations can be found within easy walking distance of the Yacht Club and Harbour. The town comes alive at night, and visitors will be assured of a memorable experience.





## Travel

Torquay is easily accessible by road, rail and air. The new South Devon link road brings the UK motorway network right to the heart of the town, with London and Birmingham only 190 miles away. The **Railway station** is just a short distance from the harbour and yacht club and has excellent mainline train services from London Paddington,

Birmingham and the North of England.

**Brittany Ferries** operate from Plymouth 44 miles, Poole 100 miles and Portsmouth 160 miles with services to and from both France and Spain. **International air flights** operate from both Bristol, Exeter and Southampton in addition to Birmingham, London Heathrow and Gatwick.



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23rd – 26th August 2019

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## Industry leader GAC Pindar appointed by the J/70 World Championship Organising Authority as the Event Shipping and Logistics Provider.



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The Royal Torbay Yacht Club is pleased to announce the appointment of GAC Pindar as the Event Shipping and Logistics Provider for the J/70 2019 World Championship being held in Torquay August 29 to September 6. The event is expected to attract over 100 entries from across the world and to have GAC Pindar involved in the event as sponsors and logistics partners is a great boost for the organisers.

Headquartered in the UK sailing hub of Southampton, GAC Pindar is trusted to deliver complex logistics services for the world's biggest sailing events and is the official logistics provider for World Sailing. It made history in 2017 when appointed Official Logistics Provider for the Volvo Ocean Race for the second consecutive edition of the race, a first in the event's 45-year history.

GAC Pindar is a strategic partnership combining the global service expertise of the GAC Group with the Pindar brand's knowledge and understanding of the yachting world. Established since 1956, GAC employs over 9,000 people in more than 300 offices worldwide.

GAC Pindar's General Manager Jeremy Troughton said, "After

shipping equipment for events across the globe, we're proud to support the J/70 World Championship coming to UK shores. We have a number of logistics solutions available to teams competing and look forward to welcoming them to the great racing that we know they will have down in Torbay."

The same team that delivered the Volvo Ocean Race around the world can offer transport solutions for boats coming from Europe and worldwide, advising on the best option to fit competitors' needs. They have both containerised and 'roll on, roll off' (for boats transporting on trailer alone) sea freight and road haulage solutions and can also assist with boats towed behind vehicles, on curtain-sided lorries and ferry crossings. GAC Pindar can provide loading and lashing services where required and will handle all customs clearance procedures into post-Brexit UK, being an AEO (Authorised Economic Operator) approved customs broker.

***For further information on logistics' solutions and pricing, please contact:***

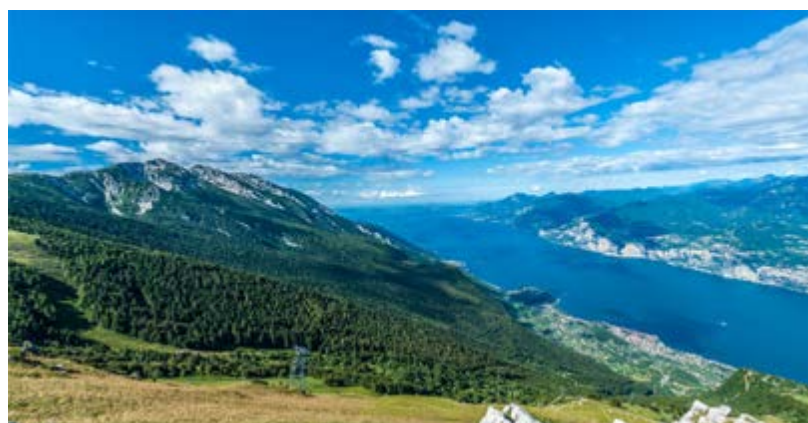
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## **Malcesine 21-29 June: Sailors from all over the world, it's time to gather to race at the wind factory!**

Every sailor knows the Garda Lake: from kids on Optimists to multi-World Champions of sailing, every year Garda Lake recalls thousands of sailors from all over the world to enjoy the amazing Mediterranean conditions of this alpine lake.

In June 2019, the medieval village of Malcesine on the Eastern coast of the Lake Garda will welcome hundreds of J/70 sailors. Let the morning breeze from the North called Peler push you in amazing downwind surfing and race until the sunset with the Southern breeze called Ora. Garda Lake is a must-go place for all sailors, and the J/70 Italian Class will do its best to provide you with an awesome event, both on the water and ashore.



### **Lake Garda, an Alpine lake with a Mediterranean taste**

Lake Garda is the most Mediterranean among the Alpine lakes, and it has always been considered by Central European





countries as the first step toward the sunny Latin culture. Lake Garda is the epitome of sport, relaxing, entertainment and culture.

### **Malcesine**

Malcesine is a medieval village surrounded by the nature of Lake Garda and the mountains whose highest peaks rise to 2000 m. Near the village, there are the beaches, the long lake and the cycle path. Thanks to the combination of water and mountains, it is possible to practice 15 different sports, all in the same place. That is why Malcesine is considered a multi-sport outdoor gym where racers and their friends can have a great time.

Between sailors, windsurfers and kitesurfers, Garda's fame is mainly due to the wind that blows most of the day, all year round. And it is for this reason that thousands of people come to Lake Garda each year to train and have fun in the varied conditions on the lake.

### **Italian J/70 Cup, an amazing journey toward the Europeans**

Don't be late with training...join the circuit organized by the J/70 Italian Class starting in early April!





A great tour that will take you all around Italy, starting from the Tyrrhenian Sea of Scarlino (April 5-7), moving then on the Adriatic to the city of Ancona (May 10-12). In June, it's time to test the race course of Malcesine (May 31-June 2) and then let's go with the Europeans from June 21 to 29. Last but not least, enjoy the great season finale in Sanremo with the J/70 Open Italian Championship (October 17-20).

**See you in Malcesine, let's break the records again!**

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## EUROPEANS

### Malcesine 2019



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## THE J/70 EUROPEANS IN MALCESINE

THE PERFECT  
MIX OF  
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LAKE GARDA: THE  
WIND FACTORY

THE PINNACLE OF  
SAIL RACING

A BEAUTIFUL  
LOCATION

FUN AND SOCIAL  
EVENTS







# LAKE GARDA, AN ALPINE LAKE WITH A MEDITERRANEAN TASTE

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Lake Garda has a lot to offer and it is the epitome of sport, relax, entertainment and culture. Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, is a tourist destination renowned all over the world.

The Northern part of the lake is surrounded by mountains whose highest peaks rise to 2000 m. The lake is 52 km long, with a maximum width of 16 km. It lies at 65 m a.s.l. and its maximum depth is 365 m.

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## LAKE GARDA: THE WIND FACTORY

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Thanks to the characteristics of the the two main winds, Malcesine is a great place to race.



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# WIND CONDITIONS

## The Pelèr (wind or north wind)

The Pelèr is the good weather wind which blows regularly during the summer months from north to south.

The Pelèr starts to blow at night and carries on as the sun rises.

The strongest Pelèr blows when the sun's rays hit the west coast of the Lake.

It is usually **20 knots**.

In the late morning, the Pelèr starts to drop and the Ora, the afternoon wind, takes over.

## Ora (south wind)

The Ora is the most well known wind on Garda.

The Ora starts when the Pelèr has finished, between 12 noon and 1pm (approx.) on normal days and dies away with the sunset.

It is created by many small winds that join together.

The Ora is a very regular wind, strong in the spring and the summer.

Its strength varies greatly depending upon where you are on the Lake and it gets stronger as it heads north.

At Malcesine, the Ora is normally **15 knots**.



# SAILING CONDITIONS

- Ample sailing area with the possibility to set up 2 racing courses
- Summer average temperature: min 20° max 30°
- Average water temperature: 20° - 23°
- Average tide: 05 cm maximum
- Current: maximum 0,5 knots
- Racing area just outside the marina:





# MALCESINE, A «MITTEL» EUROPEAN LOCATION EASY TO GET TO ARRIVING BY PLANE, RAIL OR CAR



## FUN FOR RACERS AND FRIENDS: HISTORY, BEACHES, MOUNTAINS AND A MULTI-SPORT OUTDOOR GYM

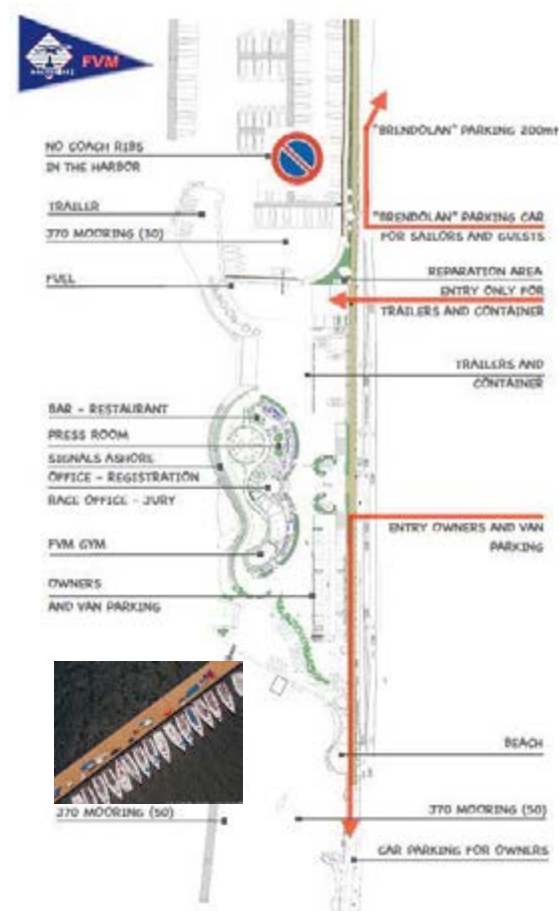
Malcesine is a **medieval village** surrounded by the nature of Lake Garda and Monte Baldo. Near the village there are the beaches, the long lake and the cycle path.

From the village the **cableway Monte Baldo** takes you to Tratto Spino at 1780m altitude. During the journey of the second trunk the cable car makes a complete 360-degree turn offering a spectacular view.

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## RACE&SOCIAL AGENDA



**J/70 EUROPEANS**  
Malcesine 2019



Date	Time	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	09.00–13.00 / 14.00–18.00	Equipment inspections and Registration
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	09.00–13.00 / 14.00–18.00	Equipment inspections and Registration
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	09.00–13.00 / 14.00–18.00	Equipment inspections and Registration
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	09.00 – 13.00 14.30 TBD	Equipment inspections and Registration Practice Race warning signal Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 13.00 After racing	Competitors Briefing First warning signal Social at Fraglia Vela Malcesine
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	TBD TBD 19.30	Competitors Briefing First warning signal Crew Dinner @ Speck Stube
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	TBD TBD After racing	Competitors Briefing First warning signal Social at Fraglia Vela Malcesine
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	TBD TBD After racing 19.30	Competitors Briefing First warning signal Social at Fraglia Vela Malcesine Crew party
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	TBD TBD 15.30 After racing TBD	Competitors Briefing First warning signal Last time for warning signal Haul out Closing ceremony and Awards

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## AN OUTSTANDING EVENT..

## OPENING CEREMONY ON THE RAMPARTS OF THE MIDDLE-AGE CASTLE



Thanks to the collaboration with the Malcesine Municipality, we will organize a parade with all the crews divided by nationalities followed by the marching band.



We will live a magic walk in the medieval streets of the town, up to the Scaliger Castle where the the official Opening Ceremony will take place.

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## MOREOVER.. ITALIAN J/70 CUP, AN AMAZING JOURNEY TOWARDS THE EUROPEANS

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## Malcesine 2019

## WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN MALCESINE



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# NORTH SAILS CLIENTS DOMINATE THE DAVIS ISLAND WINTER SERIES

## OVERALL RESULTS

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### EVENT 1

2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

### EVENT 2

1<sup>ST</sup>\* 3<sup>RD</sup>

### EVENT 3

1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup>

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# Uruguay Report

By Pedro Garra

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The J/70 Class is experimenting an outstanding worldwide growth. Uruguay has recently joined the parade, introducing a fleet of 10 boats in 2015 that has now grown to 16. This got the attention of the sailors of neighboring Argentina where J/Boats Argentina, which has been building J/24s since long ago, has already built 27 boats since, making for a total of about 45 boats in the South Atlantic region, something impossible even to imagine only a few years ago.

Crews are already training with the 2019 South American Championship in mind, which will be raced December 1-7 hosted by the Yacht Club Punta del Este, the club that pioneered the 70' in the region for the members of its Sailing School. The waters, interesting and varied sailing conditions of

Punta del Este, will be the framework of a very competitive regatta. The J/70 is now the top attraction among amateur and professional crews of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay. More than 30 crews are expected to attend from the region and abroad.

But Punta del Este is not only one of the best world spots for sailing. Being one of the most renowned beach resorts in South America, it offers lots of attractions for the families of competitors as well. December is maybe the best time of the year to enjoy the place, having most of the infrastructure available before the start of the high season in January. If you are planning to come from far away, please note that there are a few boats available for charter. But you need to move fast!

# J/70

## 2019 FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all National J/70 Classes

### ATLANTIC TROPHY

19 - 22 APRIL

SPI OUEST FRANCE

*Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-mer*

20 - 22 SEPTEMBER

ATLANTIQUE TÉLÉGRAMME

*Centre Nautique de Lorient*

### MEDITERRANEAN TROPHY

19 - 22 APRIL

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*Société Nautique de Marseille*

7 - 8 SEPTEMBER

TROPHÉE SEMAC

*Union Nautique Marseillaise*

### GOLD REGATTA

7 - 10 JUNE

GRAND PRIX DU CROUESTY

*Yacht Club du Croesty Arzon*

### GOLD REGATTA

11 - 12 MAY

J CUP

*Yacht Club International  
de Port Grimaud*

### NATIONAL CHERBOURG

9 - 11 NOVEMBER

*Yacht Club de Cherbourg*

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# EXCEL UNDER PRESSURE

## Recent Results:

- 1st\*, 2nd - 2019 Bacardi Series 2
- 1st\* - 2019 Davis Island Series 2
- 1st\* - 2018 South American Championship
- 1st - 2018 World Championship**
- 1st - 2018 Europeans Championship
- 1st - 2018 Marblehead NOODs
- 1st - 2018 New England Championship
- 1st - 2018 San Diego NOODs
- 1st - 2018 Charleston Race Week
- 1st - 2018 St Petersburg NOODs
- 1st - 2017 Bacardi Miami Sailing Week
- 1st - 2017 World Championship**
- 2nd - 2017 North American Championship
- 1st - 2017 South American Championship



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## Back to Back World Champs



**By Polk Wagner,**  
International Technical Chair  
USA 487 *Escape*

I'm proud to have been elected to serve as the Chair of the Technical Committee, and I want to start out by thanking Frank McNamara for his outstanding service to the Class during his term as Chair. I'm happy to announce that Frank has agreed to stay on as a member of the Technical Committee; we as a Class will continue to benefit greatly from his knowledge, wisdom and excellent judgement. Thank you so much, Frank.

As we begin 2019, the J/70 Class continues to be the premier one-design keelboat worldwide, with exceptionally large fleets stacked with the world's best sailors—both professionals and amateurs. This continuing success is attributable in no small part to the dedication of our Class members to principles of fairness, compliance and good sportsmanship. Going forward, I'm committed to working with all of you to maintain the J/70 Class Rules system as a model for stability and transparency, with the overall goal of making sailing skill the determinant of racing results. As the Class grows and develops worldwide, we will continue to make thoughtful and deliberate changes to the Rules when necessary—as always with an eye on fundamental fairness, controlling the cost of participation and maintaining a level playing field. I look forward to working with all of you to this end.

## **2019 Technical Committee Members**

Members of the 2019 International Technical Committee are:

**Polk Wagner, Chair**  
**Chris Howell, Class Executive**  
**Egidio Babbi**  
**Alex Finsterbusch**  
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**John Outhwaite**



## **Important 2019 Rules Change to Class Membership Requirements**

As a reminder, as of January 1, 2019, the J/70 Class Rules require all sailors in any J/70 event who do not hold a World Sailing Group 1 Classification to be members of the Class Association.

### **The rules on Class Membership are now as follows:**

1. Any driver of the boat (regardless of Classification) must be a Class Member;
2. Any crewmember not classified as a Group 1 (i.e., a Group 3 or someone not holding any Classification) must be a Class Member.

These changes were made to allow the Class to bring more consistency and accountability to the Class by making sure that the professionals sailing in the Class are as committed to the Class Association and have the same level of accountability as boat owners and drivers. A J/70 Class membership is easy to obtain online via the links at your National Class Association.



In addition, the January 2019 Rules specify that all members of the crew must be listed as part of the registration, entry list and results for all J/70 events, whenever the skipper or owner is identified. Yacht Scoring and other regatta management systems typically make this process straightforward, and we hope to make the process of cross-checking sailors' status for both World Sailing and J/70 Class status as seamless as possible later in 2019.

As a practical matter, going forward it will make sense for owners and skippers to ensure ahead of any events that they and all their crew who are Group 1 sailors maintain a valid World Sailing Classification and J/70 Class membership where needed, so as to avoid any last-minute scrambles or confusion onsite at regatta registrations.

### **New Winches are now Class Legal**

As of January 2019, the new Harken SnubbAir winches became Class legal replacements for the Harken B8A winches that have been builder-installed since the J/70 debuted. The SnubbAir has a matching bolt pattern and is an easy direct swap for the B8As, and offers a lower profile, a "kinder and gentler" upper edge pattern, and functionality as either an old-school "snubber" or (via a winch handle adapter insert) a single-speed winch.

The SubbAirs are available through Harken dealers and are installable by owners themselves. Importantly, as with any change to the boat's equipment, installing the SnubbAirs requires your

Manufacturer's Declaration to be updated to designate the swap. In addition, the pair of SnubbAir's are about 1kg lighter than the B8As they replace, so assuming your boat is at minimum weight, an additional 1kg of weight must be added to the boat to maintain the 812kg minimum.

### **Therefore, the Class-legal process for swapping winches is as follows:**

- Install the SnubbAir's, together with 1kg of weight in the rear corrector weight location specified in Section H.2 of the Class Rules.
- Notify the Class Association of the change (via email to [howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)) so that your Manufacturer's Declaration can be updated and reissued.

All the feedback I've heard so far about the new winches has been very positive. I know that Harken also plans to start selling a padded strap for the SnubbAirs which should allow those who rarely use the winches to cover them effectively.

### **Experimenting with a Modified Self-Compliance System**

One new initiative for 2019 is some experimentation with changing our usual Class Rules compliance checks at Class-sponsored events. To date we have used official Class inspectors and measurers at each event to go boat-by-boat with a compliance checklist and worksheet. And although this has worked quite well, there are times (especially in large fleets) when it can be inconvenient for competitors



to wait for an inspector, and the process can consume an enormous amount of volunteer time. Add to this the fact that the Technical Committee believes that the compliance level of the Class at major events in 2018 was high, and we're going to experiment with a tweak to this system.

The new process will be that each boat will complete its own compliance checklist, specifying that all required equipment is aboard, that no impermissible changes have been made to the boat or the equipment, and declaring the sails to be used for each event. This compliance form will be signed by the owner or person in charge of the boat and submitted at registration. In addition, the Event Technical Committee will conduct regular spot checks of Class Rules compliance both on and off the water before and during the event. This will include on-the-water inspections between races on the water and may include hauling boats during the event in some cases as well.

Note that boats without a current and valid Manufacturer's Declaration (MD) will, as always, need to be weighed, measured and inspected by a certified Class Measurer. But boats who already have a valid MD will be able to self-certify their own ongoing compliance.

Our hope is that by enabling and empowering competitors to self-certify, we can improve and smooth out the event registration process as well as continue to educate all our sailors about the Class Rules. The vigorous spot-inspection

process will, we hope, deter any slippage in the compliance area. And the Class Rules remain possible grounds for protest by others as well.

We utilized this system in early 2019 at the US Midwinter Championship, and plan to use it at other events during 2019. In early 2020, we will review the experiment to see whether it is worth continuing.

As always, feel free to contact me or any other member of the Technical Committee with feedback or suggestions.

***Again, thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve this Class. I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta!***





# Australia Report

By Andrew Tompson



The newly formed J/70 Australian Class Association held its inaugural Australian Championship at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on the weekend of 1 and 2 December 2018 in a combined event with Dragons and Ynglings. The schedule of four windward/leeward races on both Saturday and Sunday had the nine entrants keen to get on the water.

On the Saturday, we enjoyed four races in a building Sydney summer nor'easter with *Juno* (Reg Lord) taking first in each race. Reg's experience at a couple of J/70 World Championships shows the rest of the fleet what we need to do to be more competitive. Behind *Juno* was *James* (Tim Ryan) and *The Jackal* (Jervis Tilley), with the remainder of the fleet having their moments of glory.





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The forecast for Sunday was daunting with 25+ knots from the west, and the forecasters got it absolutely right. After a short delay to the scheduled start due to a changeable wind, we started in a beat up toward Fort Denison, but with gusts coming through in the mid to high 30 knots, the race officials abandoned racing, and we all headed back to the clubhouse for some R&R, kindly supported by our sponsors at North Sails.

The Sydney fleet were pleased to welcome competitors from Melbourne and Southport, and planning is already underway for the 2019 Championship.

## **RESULTS:**

**Scratch:** 1. *Juno* (Reg Lord), 2. *James* (Tim Ryan) 3. *The Jackal* (Jervis Tilly)

**Corinthian:** 1. *James* (Tim Ryan). 2. *The Jackal* (Jervis Tilly) 3. *Madness* (Paul Breslin)

**PHS:** 1. *Juno* (Reg Lord)



# Finland Report

By Staffan Lindberg

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The Finnish fleet will have its inaugural Finnish Championship on the Aaland Islands 12-14th of July. Everyone is really looking forward to that and hoping for 25-30 boats with help of our Scandinavian friends. We are continuing with the Finnish Sailing League that will do its fifth season already, but with a changed format with two semifinals feeding 10 clubs to the final in Mariehamn (beginning of October). Two wild cards for youth teams will also be handed out. The Nordic Club Sailing Championship will also be held in Mariehamn in the end of October with teams from all the Nordic countries battling it out to see who is the best club up north. Many clubs and individuals are considering getting into the Class, and we are sure we will have a thriving Class within a couple of years.





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# Nordic Report

By Jan Bjornsjø



## The J/70 Community is Strong in the Nordic Countries

2018 was the third year for the common Nordic J/70 series Grundig Sailing Cup, and we had in total 82 different boats participating. The series consisted of nine regattas, including the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Championships, and at the end of the season, there were a spectacular finale at a lake at 1060 meters above sea level up in the Norwegian Mountains. With the arrangements with Grundig as a common Nordic partner, we have achieved a good cooperation between the countries and have created a strong trademark in the Grundig Sailing Cup.

For 2019, we have signed a new three-year agreement with Grundig, and there will be seven regattas plus a finale in Denmark this year. The biggest regatta this year will most likely be the Nordic and Norwegian Championship on 27-29 June in Hankø, Norway. Hankø is a great place to be, and it offers really good sailing conditions at the Oslo-fjord. For the first time, there will be a Finnish Championship, which will be in Mariehamn at Åland on 12-14 July. Here we can expect great sailing conditions, and Mariehamn is a nice place for summer evenings. The Swedish

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Championship will be in Karlstad on 16-18 August with sailing at Vänern, the biggest lake in Sweden. In Karlstad, we hope to see most of the Swedish boats, but even many Norwegians since it is a short trip for them. The host Karlstad Segelsällskap is working hard to prepare a great event, both on the water and in the evenings. The Danish Championship will be held 5-6 October in Horsens. There we can look forward to some

nice autumn sailing just 130km from the German border, so hopefully we see some boats from the European continent here. What we also have on the horizon in the Nordics is the upcoming European Championship in Copenhagen 2020. There is a good opportunity to try out the conditions here when the first Grundig Sailing Cup regatta for the season will be here 11-12 May.



# 2019

**Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series  
(Act 5 of 5) at Yacht Club de Monaco**  
Mar 14 - Mar 17

**2018 / 2019 Barcelona Winter  
Series Event 6 of 6 at Real Club  
Nautico de Barcelona**  
Mar 16 - Mar 17

**2019 J/70 Cup Scarlino**  
Apr 5 - Apr 7

**2019 J/70 Cup Marina Dorica Ancona**  
May 10 - May 12

**2019 J/70 Cup Malcesine**  
May 31 - Jun 2

**2019 J/70 European Championship  
at Fraglia Vela Malcesine**  
Jun 21 - Jun 29

**2019 Kiel Week**  
Jun 22 - Jun 30

**2019 J/Fest Great Lakes at Royal  
Canadian Yacht Club**  
Jul 20 - Jul 21

**2019 J/70 UK National Championship  
at Royal Torbay Yacht Club**  
Aug 24 - Aug 26

**2019 J/70 World Championship  
at Royal Torquay Yacht Club**  
Aug 29 - Sep 6

**2019 J/70 North American  
Championship at Edgewater  
Yacht Club**  
Sep 22 - Sep 29

**2019 J/70 Open Italian Championship**  
Oct 17 - Oct 20

**2019 J/70 South American  
Championship**  
Dec 1 - Dec 8

# 2020

**2020 J/70 European Championship  
at Royal Danish Yacht Club**  
Jul 4 - Jul 11

**2020 J/70 World Championship  
at California Yacht Club**  
Jul 27 - Aug 3

**2020 J/70 North American  
Championship at Port Credit  
Yacht Club**  
Sep 20 - Sep 27

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**2021 J/70 North American  
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Stress-free logistics: a small waterfront sailing community with great restaurants, bars, and other services within a short walk from the docks.

### SCHEDULE

August 8 (Thursday) — boat arrival and setup, measurement, registration, practice race, welcome reception

August 9 (Friday) — race day, evening social event

August 10 (Saturday) — race day, evening social event

August 11 (Sunday) — race day; no race after 2pm; boat haul-out and de-rig, post-racing awards

### HOW TO GET HERE

Harbor Springs is located in northern lower Michigan, about a 4.5-hour drive north of Detroit and about a 5.5-hour drive north of Chicago. Two commercial airports—Pellston (PLN) (about 20 minutes drive) and Traverse City (TVC) (about two hours drive)—serve the area.

### TEAM DEVELOPMENT

- Top professionals from North Sails, Doyle Sails, and Quantum Sails will be in attendance, providing seminars, debriefs, and on-water coaching to all teams.
- The regatta program and schedule is being developed to fully integrate opportunities for teams to take their J/70 sailing to the next level.

### EASY LOGISTICS

- Irish Boat Shop (located next door to the LTYC) is a full-service marina, J/Boats dealer, and service facility, including a marine store, hoists, and more.
- Ramp launching also available adjacent to regatta site; ample trailer storage available.
- A range of convenient housing and dining options, including hotels, house rentals, and more. (Special housing packages are available.)

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