

# **Oivind Lorentzen on Cloud Nine**

**at J/70 North American Championship**



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# Oivind Lorentzen on Cloud Nine

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Oivind Lorentzen's *Nine* held a mere 0.7-point advantage over Joel Ronning's *Catapult* heading into the final day of competition at the J/70 North American Championship hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio. Light winds permitted only one race, and *Nine* nailed it, earning a second-place finish (to *Catapult's* 12<sup>th</sup>) to claim the 2019 title. Joined by Lucas Calabrese, Ian Coleman and Will Felder, Lorentzen tallied 26.3 net points in the 10-race series. 2016 J/70 World Champion Ronning captured the silver position with 31 points. John Brim's *Rimette* gained a third in the day's lone contest, pumping them up to third overall with 38 points. *Team Vineyard Vines* led by John and Molly Baxter closed the Championship with a bullet, giving them fourth place on a tiebreaker (over Brian Keane's *Savasana*) at 42 points. Kevin Morgan's *Wild Child* with crew Mike Sheehan, Caroline Sundman, Sarah Paisley and Mark Hassett topped the 13-boat

Corinthian division. Following them were Martin Johnsson's *Aquaholiks* and Charlie Pendleton's *Bad Hombres*.

"It's very exciting for me because I've been working at this now for a few years," beamed Lorentzen. "The level of competition makes it so rewarding. Having good crew makes all the difference in the world. The thanks really go to them." Although Lorentzen has sailed in the Great Lakes before, he's never done so in Cleveland. "The venue was a pleasure—the wind, the welcoming club. Hopefully we do it again."

Willem van Waay, racing on *Zaguero*, summarized the week's conditions in Cleveland, "15-25 knots, 72-degree fresh water, 5-8 foot waves, 80+ degrees out. San Francisco is awesome, but this place, this week, is at a different level. It's like God built a perfect playground for us!"





Photo courtesy of Tim Wilkes

**DAY ONE RECAP:** Postcard conditions on Lake Erie greeted teams with a south breeze from 12-16 knots and gusts in the 20s, equaling perfect planing opportunities. Adding in sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s, everyone relished the three races to kick off the Championship. Lorentzen's team on *Nine* rocked all three contests to take the early advantage with 6 points, after posting a 1,2,3. The Baxters' *Team Vineyard Vines* started with a seven and added two bullets for 9 points and second place. Ronning's

*Catapult* was only one notch behind the Baxters in third (scores of 5,3,2). Johnsson's *Aquaholiks* crew of Jorgen Johnsson, Lindsay Hernandez and August Hernandez had the advantage in the Corinthian division. Lorentzen's *Nine* launched the regatta with a bullet, followed by Brim's *Rimette* and Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis*. The Baxter family took the second and third victories, ahead of Lorentzen and Ronning in race two, who flipped spots in race three.



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**DAY TWO RECAP:** There were gray skies in the morning until the sun peeked out with a NW breeze from 15-20 knots, gusts in the high 20s and monster waves. Teams completed two full-on races. Following a Redress hearing, Lorentzen's *Nine* kept a slight grip on their lead with 8.3 points (2.3, 3 on the day). It looked as though Ronning's *Catapult* had moved into first, however they held second place with 9 points (3,1 on Thursday). *Team Vineyard Vines* fell to third with two fives, totaling with 12 points overall. Brim's *Rimette* took a bullet for the day's first race, bringing them to fourth overall at 13 points. Following one tick behind

them was Golison's *Midlife Crisis*. Johnsson's *Aquaholiks* maintained his lead in the Corinthian Division. Ronning, who won the day's final contest, said, "Worlds' swells were very vertical while the swells here are wide and further apart, which led to an amazing downwind. You felt like you were on a cliff floating above the wave sometimes looking 7 feet down. It was a cool experience." *Rosebud*'s Pamela Rose said she is excited to be one of two women skippers at the Championship, "Very exciting, very similar conditions from the Worlds' experience in 2018. It was exhilarating racing; we clocked 20 going downwind."



**DAY THREE RECAP:** Solid breeze continued Friday, although from the South, meaning flatter water. Four epic races went in the books, bringing the total to nine. Lorentzen's *Nine* and Ronning's *Catapult* played chutes and ladders for the top two positions, with ultimately Lorentzen holding the overall lead, albeit by less than one single point (24.3 to 25). *Nine* suffered an 18 in the day's first race, which became their discard, however *Catapult's* throw-out was only a sixth. Temperatures reached the low 80s in Northeast Ohio, with partly sunny skies and a beautiful South wind between 12-15 knots.

Morgan's *Wild Child* took control of the 13-boat Corinthian division. Ronning's *Catapult* handily took Friday's opening match, with Keane's *Savasana* and Brazil's Haroldo Solberg on *Viking* getting in on the action. Lorentzen's *Nine* then took their turn at the front of the pack in the next contest, ahead of Rose's *Rosebud* and Keane in third this time. Solberg's *Viking* kept up their solid day by winning race eight, as Keane was again near the top in second, chased by Brim's *Rimette*. Following Golison's *Midlife Crisis* to shore after the final duel were Lorentzen and James Prendergast.

### TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. ***Nine*, Oivind Lorentzen**, 1 -2 -3 -2.3 -3 -[18] -1 -10 -2 -2 ; 26.3
2. ***Catapult*, Joel Ronning**, 5 -3 -2 -3 -1 -1 -4 -6 -6 -[12] ; 31
3. ***Rimette*, John Brim**, 2 -4 -8 -1 -6 -5 -6 -3 -[16] -3 ; 38
4. ***Team Vineyard Vines*, John Baxter**, 7 -1 -1 -5 -5 -10 -8 -4 -[36] -1 ; 42
5. ***Savasana*, Brian Keane**, 4 -9 -4 -6 -4 -2 -3 -2 -8 -[20] ; 42

Thirty-five teams competed from September 25-28, including five nations (Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico and USA). Thank you to Mark Foster and his Race Committee. Photos are available at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7etudvj42ma4z23/AACoYQb3Eawm3EeHhRLsZNRxa?dl=0>, and complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6145>.



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North American Championship - 2nd  
South American Championship - 1st  
St Petersburg NOOD - 1st  
New England Championship - 1st

## 2018

### **World Championship - 1st**

Charleston Race Week - 1st  
South American Championship - 1st  
Marblehead NOOD - 1st  
San Diego NOOD - 1st  
St Petersburg NOOD - 1st  
New England Championship - 1st

## 2019

### **World Championship - 2nd\***

North American Championship - 2nd\*  
Monaco Winter Series Act One - 1st  
Dutch Nationals - 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th  
New England Championship - 1st  
Marblehead NOOD - 1st, 2nd\*  
Annapolis NOOD - 1st  
Long Beach Race Week - 1st  
Cal Race Week - 1st\*  
Miami Midwinters - 1st, 2nd  
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Bacardi #2 - 1st\*, 2nd  
Bacardi Cup Invitational - 1st\*, 2nd  
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# The J/70 World Championship Returns to California

**July 26 through August 1, 2020**

By Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Regatta Chair

California Yacht Club (CYC) looks forward to welcoming the J/70 International Class to Los Angeles for their 2020 World Championship. Recognized by its peers as one of the top 20 yacht clubs in the United States, our Club will be rolling out the “red carpet” for competitors, support teams and their families, as one might expect from the entertainment capital of the world.

The J/70 Class is the latest in a long list of one-design boats that have held a major Championship in our waters. As a three-time winner of US Sailing’s St. Petersburg Trophy for “Excellence in Race Management,” our members and management are confident



in our ability to deliver to your Class the exceptional on-the-water racing and warm shoreside hospitality for which we have been recognized in the past.

This is an invitational regatta, with elite teams representing more than 20 countries having qualified under the J/70 World Championship Qualifying System.





Invitations with registration information will be sent to these select teams by the International Class Office in December.

Competitors coming to the Championship can expect ideal, summer sailing conditions with a consistent seabreeze building throughout the afternoon and temperatures in the mid-70s. Racing will take place in the Pacific Ocean, in an area free of commercial traffic with little or no current.

Getting your boat and crew to the venue is facilitated by its proximity to the Los Angeles International Airport and to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the two busiest container ports in the United States. Those not wishing to bring their own boats to the competition should contact Jim Murrell at [jimmurrell30@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmurrell30@hotmail.com) for charter boat information.

There's no need to leave your family behind either, as our Marina del Rey, CA location is an ideal base for a Southern California vacation getaway. You'll be within a short drive of many of Los Angeles' iconic tourist destinations including Disneyland, Universal Studios and the Griffith Observatory. The area teems with cultural attractions including



The Getty Museum and Villa, The Broad Museum and the LA County Museum of Art. Shopping opportunities range from the eclectic stores on Abbot Kinney Boulevard to the world-renowned merchants of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

This is a Championship you won't want to miss. Contact me at [2020j70worlds@gmail.com](mailto:2020j70worlds@gmail.com) if there's anything I can do to help make that happen.



# Italy Report

By Giulia Albuzio



## **J/70 Cup Scarlino,**

April 2019: 52 boats from 10 countries  
*Calvi Network* owned by Carlo Alberini is the overall Winner, *M-Sailing* owned by Andrey Malygin wins Corinthian Division

## **J/70 Cup Ancona,**

May 2019: 45 boats from 11 countries  
*Marina Dorica Enjoy1.0* owned by Carlo Tomelleri is the overall Winner, *White Hawk* owned by Gianfranco Noè wins Corinthian Division

## **J/70 Cup Malcesine,**

June 2019: 66 boats from 17 countries  
*Calvi Network* owned by Carlo Alberini is the overall Winner, *White Hawk* owned by Gianfranco Noè wins Corinthian Division





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## **J/70 Europeans,**

June 2019: 124 boats from 23 countries  
*Petite Terrible* owned by Claudia Rossi is the overall Winner, *Pez d'Abril* with Luiz Perez Canal wins Corinthian Division

## **J/70 Cup Sanremo,**

October 2019: 52 boats from 12 countries  
*L'elagain* owned by Franco Solerio is the overall Winner, *White Hawk* owned by Gianfranco Noè wins Corinthian Division

## **J/70 Cup General Ranking 2019:**

*DAS Sailing Team* owned by Alessandro Zampori is the overall Winner, *White Hawk* owned by Gianfranco Noè wins Corinthian Division





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Our **2020 calendar** has been changed as follows:

- 1) J/70 CUP 1st event, 24-26 April, Marina di Nettuno - Yacht Club Nettuno, Nettuno (ROME) - Tyrrhenian Sea
- 2) J/70 CUP 2nd event, 14-16 May, Yacht Club Rimini, Rimini (RN) - Adriatic Sea
- 3) J/70 CUP 3rd event, 12-14 June, Fraglia Vela Malcesine, Malcesine (VR) - Lake Garda
- 4) J/70 CUP 4th event and Open Italian Championship, 17-20 September, location to be defined - Tyrrhenian Sea



# Australia Report

By Reg Lord

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## 2019 J/70 Australian Championships Regatta

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), home of the famous Sydney to Hobart off-shore race, hosted the J/70 Australian Championship on Sydney Harbour on the weekend of October 19 and 20. A strong shifty westerly wind blowing from the land provided tough conditions on day one, with gusts over 30 knots and a particularly challenging top mark set in a leeward bay with very fluky winds. Day two saw a steadier 10 to 12 knot southeast wind with some very close racing throughout the fleet.

Helped by off-season racing at the J/70 Worlds in Torquay, the *Juno* team (Reg Lord, Ben Lamb, Murray Jones, Tom Grimes) racing for the CYCA won each race to claim the title for the third consecutive year. Second overall and first Corinthian was *James* helmed by Tim Ryan, also from the CYCA. Third was *Jabberwocky* (Middle Harbour YC), helmed by Australian Class President Andrew Tompson with expert trimmer Noel Drennan on main.

A newcomer to the fleet was Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) Captain and three-time Olympian Karyn Gojnich, who said afterwards, "Sara Ladd and I took ownership of the *Jackal* during the week so we were

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pleased just to get out to the race course and finish each race. Big thanks to Pete Lown-des and Ewa Lindelöf who joined us for the weekend."

Another newcomer, and fourth overall, was Michael Nash from RSYS who traded his Etchells for *Maybe J*. Nash commented that, "The J/70 is a great boat for mixed sailing as the main is manageable for anyone. Olga (Skatkova) said just yesterday that she was surprised she had no problems playing the spinnaker on Saturday where winds were gusting over 30 knots."

Ray Carless of *Junior* commented, "The winds and harbour conditions were at times challenging, but overall it was an excellent event with great sportsmanship, camaraderie and, most of all, fun J/70 sailing."

Also, a special mention to the teams *Jumpin' Jack Flash* and *Spike* who travelled 1,000kms from Victoria to compete.

The 2020 Nationals are scheduled to take place over Easter, hosted by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on Port Philip Bay in Melbourne, Victoria.





## J/70 European Championship 2020 NEWSLETTER



### The 2020 European Championships will take place in Copenhagen 3-11 July.

The Royal Danish Yachtclub is looking very much forward to host the Europeans next year and preparations are already well under way. J/70 sailing is a very fundamental part of the Club. WE won the first European League Final and our teams have always been among the top 5 in Europe. So even the class is young we have a strong tradition.



The event will take place at Skovshoved Harbour app 10 km north of Copenhagen center. This harbour is one of 3 stations that RDYC runs and it is the biggest as it was expanded and renovated 4 years ago. It is the intention to have all the boats – there will be a max limit of entries of 150 – moored in the same basin close to the clubhouse and race office.

The event site is already up and running at [www.J70Europeans2020.com](http://www.J70Europeans2020.com) and we will gradually upload relevant information the coming months.



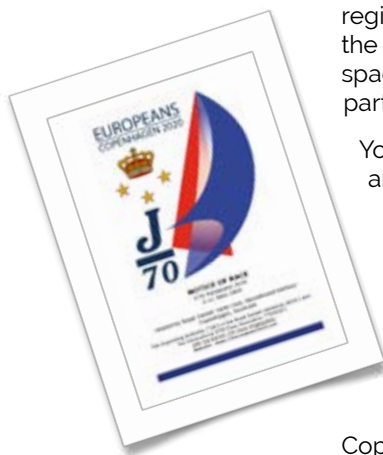
NOR in a preliminary version is available – and this preliminary should be very close to the final that will be uploaded not later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Entry module – which is run by Manage2Sail - is also active, so if you want to be sure to be one of the 150 our best advice is to register and pay ASAP. Be aware that apart from registration of the boat and the crew you will be able to order event polos, space for Ribs and tickets for spouses and shore crew to take part in the social program.

You don't have to do all in one sequence you can come back and adjust and add orders or change information.

The event will be run as a sustainability regatta meaning among other activities that we will work hard to minimize paper and try to make as much run electronical.

And when you are not on the water there will be a lot of social activities at or close to the harbour and Copenhagen is fantastic in July – just to mention Tivoli, Canal Touring, Nyhavn and Bakken. And for those not sailing Copenhagen shopping is world famous.



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**WE HAVE CREATED TWO SEPARATE EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE EUROPEANS:**

**J70Europeans@kdy.dk** for all questions concerning the event

**J70registration@kdy.dk** to be used for forwarding all documents to be shown at registration, so participants can forward all documents in scanned format for checking in advance.

**By Polk Wagner,**  
IJ70CA Technical Chair  
USA 487 Escape

## Proposed Class Rules Changes

*The International Technical Committee has proposed a set of Class Rules changes for 2020. The vast majority of these changes are minor wording changes that have been identified over the past several years as areas for clarification, and none of the proposed changes will alter the way that J/70s are sailed.*

*The text of the 2020 Rules Change proposals can be found at the International J/70 Class Association website (<http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>). Under the Class' bylaws, they will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on December 11, 2019, and thereafter be submitted for approval by World Sailing. I expect they will go into effect in early 2020.*

## ***A few of the highlights of the Proposals are:***

A change to the way the safety lines (lifelines) are to be secured, which should ease everyone's ability to comply with the tension requirements as well as make it easier to enforce the tension requirements. Experience has shown that the most effective way to prevent droop hiking (prohibited by the Class Rules) is to ensure that lifelines are taut.

A clarification in language to specify that all boats—regardless of type of engine—must carry a suitable fire extinguisher. This change will greatly improve safety practices as well as eliminate a difference in required equipment between boats with gas versus electric outboards.

The creation of a new—entirely optional—"One-Pro Division" for scoring and awards. Many Class members have discussed experimenting with one-pro limitations, and this new division (which will work much the same as the Corinthian Division) will allow event organizers to encourage participation by offering awards for boats with only one pro aboard.

Again, most of the rest of the changes—there are 24 in all—are minor language alterations to provide more consistency and clarity and to better align the Class Rules with the J/70 Building Specification, the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Equipment Rules of Sailing and with existing Class intent and practice.





Class members with questions or comments about these changes should feel free to contact Chris Howell and/or myself.

## 2019 NORTH AMERICANS REPORT

At the 2019 North Americans at Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, OH, your Technical Committee conducted inspections of both boats and sails, as well as on-water inspections. We again utilized the online Class Rules Compliance Declaration Form and found that it worked well to streamline the process. A huge thanks to David McNabb, the Event Technical Chair, and all the volunteers at Edgewater YC for making the inspection system run so smoothly.

### ***A couple compliance reminders that emerged from Cleveland:***

## MAINSHEET STROPS:

The J/70 Building Specification has a maximum and minimum length for the strop that connects the boom to the mainsheet purchase. If you have replaced your stock strop, confirm that yours will fall between the minimum and maximum length. The current Building Specification can be found with the other J/70 Class Rules: <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

## KEEL WEDGES:

As a reminder, keel wedges may not be shortened, their position altered or otherwise tampered with without the express permission of J/Boats and the International Technical Committee. If you believe (or someone tells you) that your boat is 'flawed,' your recourse is to contact the Class and J/Boats for further instructions, not to have the wedges altered to 'correct a flaw.' Note that wedges will be an inspection emphasis in 2020.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

The Technical Committee will be present at the J/70 Midwinters in Miami, the European Championship in Copenhagen, the Corinthian Nationals in Marblehead, the Worlds in Los Angeles, and the North Americans in Toronto. We continue to refine our techniques and processes and look forward to making Rules compliance as easy and seamless as possible on our members, while achieving the Class' intended high level of enforcement.

As always, I am proud to serve as your Technical Chair and am honored to work with the talented members of the IJ70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to contact me ([polk@polkwagner.com](mailto:polk@polkwagner.com)) and/or the Class Executive Director Chris Howell ([howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)).

I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta!

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Congratulations  
*Claudia Rossi*

## NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Congratulations  
*Oivind Lorentzen*



# Turkey Report



The J/70 Turkish Class finished the season in Didim with the Turkish National Championship. The Turkish Championship went to Emir İcğören sailing Ameera Jet. The Championship ended the 2019 Turkish J/70 Tour. The Tour had started in February and consisted of five venues in Turgutreis, Gocek, Marmaris, Istanbul and Didim. A total of eight J/70s participated in the venues. The Turkish seasonal trophy was won by Ahmet Eker sailing Eker Kaymak. D-Marin sponsored the event, and they will also be the sponsor in the 2020 season.

## The Turkish Tour 2019 results:

SAILNO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	POS
1118	EKER KAYMAK	Ahmet Eker	1
1119	AMEERA JET	Emir içğören	2
1389	TROYKA	Vedat Tezman	3
1320	ADA JR	Alp Doguoglu	4
1081	ASTERIKS	Hasip Gencer	5
1116	EKER YOGURT	Gulboy Guryel	6
1082	FAR AWAY JR	Batu Ozonur	7
1321	NIMBUS	Saruhan Çınay	8

## J/70 Turkey 2020 schedule:

March 6-8, 2020 – Gocek

April 3-5, 2020 – Marmaris

May 1-5, 2020 – Bodrum

June 5-7, 2020 – Turgutreis

September 17-20, 2020 – Trilye Turkish Championship

# USA Report



Photo courtesy of Christopher Howell

## **San Francisco/Annapolis YC Team Wins Battle at J/70 U.S. Youth National Championship**

Eleven teams vied for the third annual J/70 U.S. Youth National Championship, hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club in St. Petersburg, FL from November 22-24. The weekend was dominated by the teams of San Francisco Yacht Club/Annapolis Yacht Club, led by James Golden, and Cal Maritime, led by Kyle Collins. Although they were tied on points heading into the 11<sup>th</sup> and final battle, it was Golden's team who earned the victory by four points, with Luke Koerschner, Hannah Sellers and Caleb Yoslov. They ended with 23 points to Collins' 27. Golden and Koerschner are from Annapolis YC; Sellers and Yoslov from San Francisco YC. The

local St. Petersburg Yacht Club squad, led Heather Kerns, took third with 30 points. Light winds prevented racing on Friday, but conditions allowed all 11 intended races to be completed over the next two days.

The goal of this event is to help develop and build leading-edge junior keelboat sailing programs across America. Youth teams (representing CA, CT, FL, GA, MA, MD, MI, NJ and SC) competed on provided J/70s with class sails. Boats were identically rigged and tuned at base settings recommended by the sailmaker. As teams gathered on Thursday for a practice race, local J/70 expert Marty Kullman conducted on-water coaching and classroom lessons at SPYC. Each youth team was permitted up to five crew, age 20 or younger as of December 31, 2019.



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Photos are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook page, and event details may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenuecfm?elD=9667>.



# Nordic Report

By Jan Bjørnsjø

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Photo courtesy of Grundig/Dan Ljungsvik

When we summarize the 2019 J/70 season in the Nordics, it has been a great year—a good selection of regattas in both fleet and sprint racing spread over the four Nordic countries. For the major fleet racing regattas, we, this year, had 99 different entries. This means the fleet continues to grow (in 2018 it was 82).

For the fourth year, the common Nordic series Grundig Sailing Cup was carried out. The Grundig Sailing Cup contained seven regattas in Norway, Sweden and Denmark and led to the final in Færøssund in Denmark. From each regatta, the number one and number two qualified for the final. To this, a number of wildcards were invited, and one of them was the defending 2018 Grundig Sailing Cup Champion Jacob Nikolajsen. A majority of the qualification regattas is in fleet racing with own boats. But the final in Færøssund was sailed in sprint format with

the boats from the Danish Sailing League. And for the second year in a row, we had the Dane Jacob Nikolajsen at the top of the podium with a check worth 2000 Euro in Grundig products.

There have been four National Championships (Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark) during the season, where the one in Hankø in Norway also was the Nordic Championship. To this regatta, 33 J/70s met up in the beautiful area of Hankø for racing in really nice conditions in the Oslo Fjord. Fredrik Hedlund, the Swede living in Switzerland but racing under a Norwegian flag and with a Norwegian crew, became the Champion followed by *Wolfpack Racing*, helmed by Thomas Nilsson (NOR), and *Alandia Sailing Team*, helmed by Daniel Mattsson (FIN).





Photo courtesy of Grundig/Dan Ljungsvik

The Finnish Championship was hosted by Åländska SS in Mariehamn at Åland. Finland is the youngest J/70 country in the area with a smaller fleet, but a really competitive one. Here *Alandia Sailing Team* with Daniel Mattson (FIN) won the first Finnish Championship ever, followed by Henrik Lundberg (FIN) and Tomas Skålen (SWE). This regatta was also a warm-up for the Nordic Championship in 2020 which will be at the same venue 21-24 of May.

The Swedish Championship in mid-August was organized by Karlstad Sailclub and was sailed in Lake Vättern with 35 J/70s at the starting line. The regatta was sailed in rather tough conditions with a lot of wind and choppy waves. In these conditions, the defending 2018 Champion and the winner of the Finnish Nationals, *Alandia Sailing Team* with Daniel Mattsson (FIN) at the helm, were outstanding and became the 2019 Swedish Champion, followed by Magne Klann (NOR) and Hemming Hanses (FIN). At fourth place, we had the best Swede, Magnus Tyreman.

The Championship season in the Nordics was finalized with the Danish Nationals the first weekend in October. Here in rather

light conditions, Henrik Søderlund (DEN) won, followed by Annete Wiborg (DEN) and Claas Lehmann (GER). All Nordic results are collected here: <https://bit.ly/2pkPr1l>

In Sweden, there is a fleet racing ranking, where you count the three best results from Swedish regattas, but can replace one with the best Nordic result. For 2019, Tomas Skålen ended up as number one in the ranking. The complete ranking including 99 J/70s can be seen here: <https://bit.ly/2NR0zft>

For 2020 the major regattas in the Nordic region are:

- 21-24 May – Nordic Championship – Mariehamn Åland, Finland
- 25-27 June – Norwegian Championship – Grundig Hankø Race Week
- 6-11 July – European Championship – Copenhagen, Denmark
- 28-30 August – Swedish Championship – Nynäshamn
- 3-4 October – Danish Championship - TBA

# Dutch Report

By Jon den Engelsman



## **J/70 Dutch Championship at Braassemermeer**

We had a record 24 boats at our Nationals from 1-3 November in the Netherlands. Teams from four countries were competing in challenging conditions on Lake Braassem, close to Amsterdam.

The Race Committee of Yacht Club Braassem did an excellent job giving us 12 races over 2 ½ days in very different wind conditions. We had no generals recalls, which was primarily due to a fantastic start line and really good race management. Therefore, there were no delays or time wasted between races and starts. All sailors appreciated this professional race management.

Friday started with medium wind conditions from a southerly direction, and it seemed that the left side of race course was slightly favored. Teams sticking to this game plan made some good results, and after one day, Team PRO4U (Sweden) was leading before Team Henrilloyd (skipper John den Engelsman).

The second day, we had more challenging conditions. The weather forecast was predicting 22-32 knots of wind, and the J/70 is always fun to sail in these reveling conditions. With top speeds of 21.6 knots, Team GER1377 won the speed prize of this day. Really big smiles on all crew members' faces on every boat after this race day!

The foreign teams proved to be excellent competitors, with the Swedish team

(SWE 786) with Patrik Forsgren as helmsman still leading after the first two days of the regatta. And Team GER 13 with skipper Gordon Nickel in second position.

The last day of the regatta proved to be totally different. The wind was dying, and the Race Committee gave us four good races in 4-8 knots of wind. The Swedish team started with an OCS, and this proved to be expensive. The German team (Gordon Nickel) was very solid and scored top 10 results also in this very light wind conditions. The last race was abandoned in a dying breeze of 2 knots. The Race Committee proved once more to make proper decision. GER13 with Gordon Nickel from Cuxhaven finished at the top of the ranking and are winners of the Dutch national title.

Team NED 936 (team Maarten Jamin) also sailed a fantastic Championship and just passed the Swedes by one point, climbing the ladder for second position. Team Patrik Forsgren finished third, and Team NED1117 finished just outside the medals in the fourth spot.

There was a great prize ceremony every day including free drinks and Dutch 'Bitterballen' after racing and sailors' dinner at the club. The social was well organized by the Dutch Class. This was a great finishing of a fantastic sailing year 2019. Thanks to all sailors who showed up at this event.

For more details on the Dutch Class, visit [www.keelboatacademy.com](http://www.keelboatacademy.com).



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# J/70 Europeans 2022 Go to Gdańsk, Poland

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Sailing grew from the need to travel and still evolves to fulfill this need better. This is why sailing events tend to travel around the globe. A major 2022 event in Europe will be held on 9-16 July in Gdańsk, Poland. Yacht Club Gdańsk and AZS Galion – two experienced regatta organizers successfully secured the bid and were awarded the rights to host the J/70 European Championship in 2022. The venue will be Marina Gdansk that recently hosted the ORC Europeans that saw 82 teams competing. It is a city venue and as such offers a variety of housing options as well as a vast number of bars and restaurants in walking distance from the dock. Moreover, the sailing area located in Bay of Gdansk tends to show winds of 2-5Bft in July. But still as it is widely opened to the East, it can expose sailors to 1-2m swells when Easterlies

come. The race organizers' plan is to schedule races next to one of the Gdansk piers, displaying J/70 sailing on its natural stadium. We are happy to welcome all teams and will feed you with regular updates on: [www.j70europeans2022gdansk.pl](http://www.j70europeans2022gdansk.pl)

The city of Gdansk, the capital of northern Poland with 460.000 inhabitants and more than a million living in its metropolitan area, has it all. Apart from great sailing waters, the city offers a variety of accommodations from five-star hotels to private apartments and hostels. One can also choose from hundreds of restaurants and bars. It is a harbor city of more than 1,000 years history that supports sport activities of its citizens. One of those activities is sailing. Year-to-year, the City of Gdansk supports regattas including its own

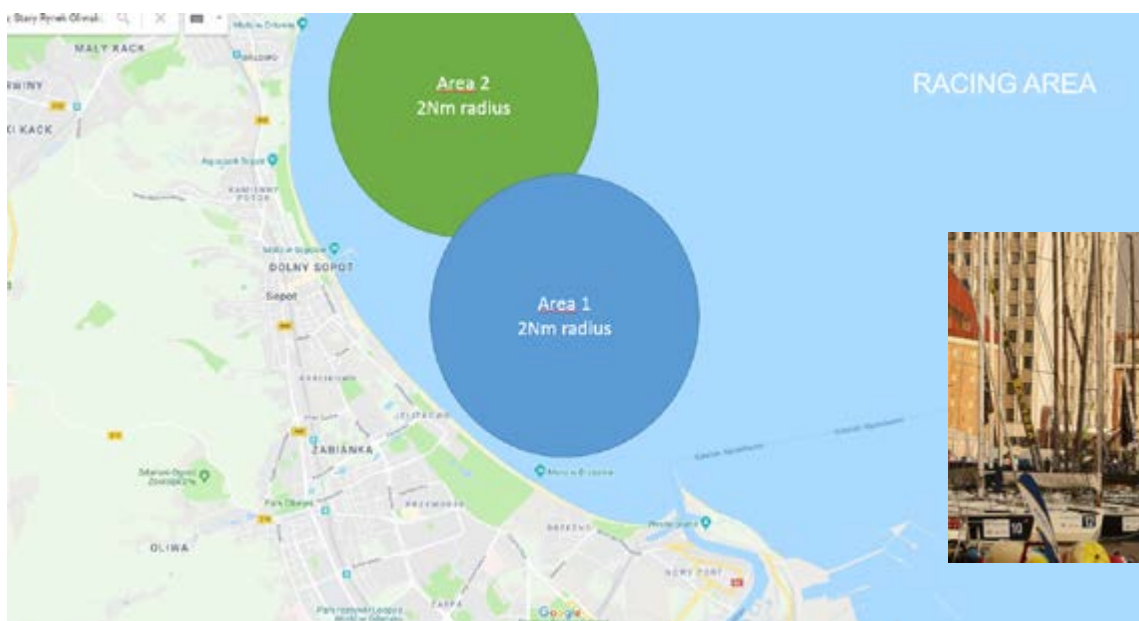




Marina Gdansk Cup as well as LOTOS Nord CUP Gdansk. Gdansk is home to many yacht clubs as well as many Polish top sailors. The city is a great tourist destination with many of its monuments, museums and famous sandy beaches. It was voted as third Best European Destination 2017. Discover more at [www.visitgdansk.com](http://www.visitgdansk.com).

### Getting there:

Gdansk airport is developing fast, with 4,9 mln passengers per year (2018). The city has a high ferry connection to Scandinavia – mainly Sweden. The city has also recently improved road and railway connections.



2020

**2020 J/70 Med Cup 3 at Yacht Club de Monaco**

Mar 5 – Mar 8

**2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 1 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**

Mar 7 – Mar 8

**2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 2 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**

Mar 28 – Mar 29

**2020 J/70 Med Cup 4 at COYCH (Cercle d'Organisation du Yachting de Compétition Hyèrois)**

Apr 4 – Apr 5

**2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 3 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**

Apr 18 – Apr 19

**2020 J/70 CUP 1st Event at Marina di Nettuno - Yacht Club Nettuno**

Apr 24 – Apr 26

**2020 J/70 CUP 2nd Event at Yacht Club Rimini**

May 14 – May 16

**2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 4 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**

May 16 – May 17

**2020 J/70 Med Cup 5 at Yacht Club International de Port Grimaud**

May 16 – May 17

**2020 J/70 Med Cup 6 at UNM (Union Nautique Marseillaise)**

Jun 4 – Jun 7

**2020 J/70 Spanish Championship at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**

Jun 5 – Jun 7

**2020 J/70 CUP 3rd Event at Fraglia Vela Malcesine**

Jun 12 – Jun 14

**2020 Landsail Tyres J-Cup at Royal Ocean Racing Club**

Jul 2 – Jul 4

**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 1

**2020 J/70 CUP 4th Event & Open Italian Championship at Location to be defined**

Sep 17 – Sep 20

**2020 J/70 North American Championship at Port Credit Yacht Club**

Sep 20 – Sep 27



2021

**2021 J/70 North American  
Championship at Annapolis  
Yacht Club**

May 13 – May 16

**2021 J/70 World Championship  
at Yacht Club de Monaco**

Oct 18 – Oct 23

2022

**2022 J/70 European Championship  
at Yacht Club Gdansk**

Jul 9 – Jul 16

**2022 J/70 North American  
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