



International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA)

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**A revised set of J/70 Class Rules, J/70 Building Specification, and J/70 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document have been published and are now effective.**

You can find the text of the new Class Rules, the Building Specification, and the FAQ on the J/70 Class Rules page:

<http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

Here are two things boat owners may need to do immediately to be compliant with the current rules:

**1. You may need to re-do your safety line (lifeline) lashings.**

The Class Rules C.7.2(a) now requires that “Lashings used to attach safety lines shall be made of at least 3mm diameter polyester or Polytec covered Dyneema (or equivalent) and shall pass around the principal portion of the pushpit and/or the forward attachment point at least three times. Lashings shall be taped to secure knots.”

The purpose of requiring covered lashing line is to greatly reduce the propensity for the lashings to slip or creep during a day of racing (or regatta). Experience shows that a 4ft length of line works well for each lashing. Many owners find that 3mm line is easier than larger sizes to tighten to the required tension (generally as tight as you can get it!) and easier to secure. Note that CR C.7.2(a) requires taping the knots as well.

***All boats should check that they comply with CR C.7.2(a) prior to their next event.***

**2. You may need to obtain and carry a fire extinguisher.**

Boats with gasoline engines were required to carry fire extinguishers in prior versions of the rules. ***Now, pursuant to CR C.5.2(a)(9), all boats are required to carry fire extinguishers.*** Therefore, boats with electric engines (Torqeedo) will now need to carry a fire extinguisher. See CR C.5.2(a)(9) for details.

Class members with questions or comments about this Technical Bulletin should contact the IJ70CA Technical Chair, Polk Wagner (polk@polkwagner.com) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell (howell@j70office.com).

**Related Documents**

See Class website for current versions: <http://www.j70ica.org/class-office-rules>

*International J/70 Class Rules*

*J/70 Building Specification*

*J/70 FAQ*