

## WORLD SAILING INTRODUCES MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19



**World Sailing**

**Guidance for Event Organizers for the Protection  
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# Brazil's Nationals 26-29 November South American Championship 1-6 December BETTERS WINDS WILL COME!

The J/70 Brazil fleet is currently at home. But gazing ahead, we can still see the ocean. As we stand united and hoping for better days to come, we believe that the COVID-19 pandemic will be under control by September 2020. Therefore, we are keeping the last trimester competitions of our 2020 calendar. In the event of new information or any changes in circumstances worldwide, we will be providing updates by September 1, 2020.

## THE FLEET WILL MEET AGAIN!

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## How J/70 Class France is adapting to COVID-19 crisis?

Haar Monica Trophée Sémac 2018

Lockdown was completely new for each of us! When our government announced to stop all activities and asked to stay at home, trainings had started for our members and we were about to compete on our first French Championship events.

Fear and frustration were our first feelings, but then, our sailing clubs understood it would be important to maintain relationship with their members by proposing virtual trainings and regattas.

J/70 Class promoted on its Facebook page different virtual events organised by sailing clubs of the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts.



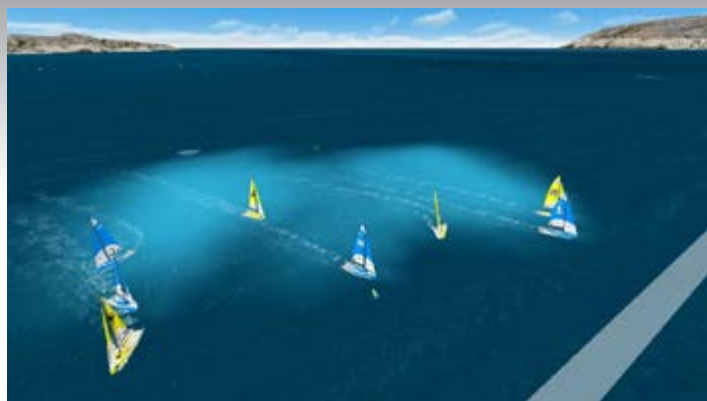
For instance, we had the SNIM regatta at the end of March, Spi Ouest France...

In order to maintain team spirit in each sailing team, some special challenges have been organized (Match race 4 boats vs 4 boats) : the Phocéa Commodore's Cup





Photo: Nicolas Trépoëz - C&M 2018



on Easter weekend, or the Virtual women's race (a woman had to be the team leader) from the 1st to the 3rd of May.

This was a great opportunity for sailing clubs to create enthusiasm during this strange period! Winners of the Phocéa Commodore's Cup won half a day of trainings on J/70 at the Union Nautique Marseillaise at the end of lockdown!

As all regattas are forbidden until the end of July in France, the J/70 French Class had

to reorganise and reduce the 2020 French Championship. We decided to propose only one regatta on each racing area (in Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea) and a National which will gather all sailors.

For the Atlantic sea, the Spi Ouest France will take place from the 24th to the 27th of September in la Trinité-sur-mer. For the Mediterranean, we will have the Semac Trophy on the 5th and 6th of September in Marseille.

Our National will take place from the 6th to the 8th of November in Hyères, the future place of the J/70 European in 2022.

We hope gathering people for the end of season and expect to have lots of pleasure on the water!

We cannot wait to come back sailing!



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## 2017

### World Championship - 1st

Bacardi Miami Sailing Week - 1st  
 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 Chamionship - 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 I - 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  
 Charleston Race Week - 1st\*, 2nd  
 Bacardi #2 - 1st\*, 2nd  
 Bacardi Cup Invitational - 1st\*, 2nd  
 Mexican Nationals - 1st\*, 2nd

## 2020

Monaco Winter Series Act II- 1st  
 Bacardi #1 - 1st, 2nd\*, 3rd  
 Bacardi #2 - 2nd  
 Rolex South Atlantic Circuit - 3rd\*  
 Brazilian Nationals - 1st  
 Midwinters - 2nd\*, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th  
 Bacardi Cup - 2nd, 3rd\*, 4th\*, 6th, 7th, 9th

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

Your Technical Committee hopes that everyone in the J/70 family is staying healthy, safe and looking forward to a return to sailing. In the meantime, we are working on several fronts to use this quiet time to improve the Rules governing our Class.

As a reminder, you can find all our information—the most current Class Rules, the Class Rules FAQ, the updated Building Specification, and more—on the J/70 Class Rules page:

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

## Planning for a Return to Sailing

A recurring topic of discussion as we think about our re-launch of J/70 sailing is how to reduce the costs and complexity of high-level competition in the Class, and measures that might level the playing field among competitors at a national and continental level. One option that is often suggested is to limit the number of professional sailors (World Sailing Group 3) aboard.

In this regard, the current version of the J/70 Class Rules offers options that Organizing Authorities can use to implement restrictions on professionals, or create incentives to reduce the number of Group 3 sailors. For example, optional

Class Rule I.7 allows Organizing Authorities to designate an event as “one-pro” only. Similarly, optional Class Rule I.5 (new for 2020) allows Organizing Authorities to issue separate awards to teams with only one pro aboard, as most events already do for Corinthian divisions.

As we return to sailing later in 2020 or early 2021, we are hopeful that Organizing Authorities will consider experimenting with CR I.7 and I.5. The popularity of the one-pro format in these settings will, we think, greatly inform future discussions about whether the Class should consider broader restrictions on professional sailors.

While we are discussing ways to keep the costs of participation down and simplify high-level J/70 sailing, it is worth reminding event organizers to consider “turning on” optional Class Rule I.3, which greatly diminishes the scope of activities for coaches and other support personnel during events.

## Technical Committee Projects

The Technical Committee is using the downtime to work on a few longer-term projects:

### A revision of the J/70 Class Constitution.

The Class Constitution describes how the Class organization is run and was last updated in 2013. Obviously, the Class has grown dramatically since then, and there are few areas needing attention and updating.

## Possible Class Rules Changes.

A recent series of online seminars hosted by Sail22 provided an opportunity for some of the Class' top sailors to suggest some revisions to the Class Rules to make sailing J/70s easier, fairer and more accessible to all sailors. The Technical Committee is considering these changes and plans to offer some proposals later in the year for consideration by the Class. Stay tuned for more information on this later this summer.

## Online Compliance Forms.

The Technical Committee continues to refine the Class' online (web-based) compliance declaration forms used as a part of the check-in process. These forms allow competitors to self-declare that their boat, as well as its equipment and sails, comply with the J/70 Equipment Regulations (the Class Rules, the Building Specification and the Equipment Rules of Sailing).

As always, the Technical Committee welcomes your feedback on these projects, as well as other suggestions or compliance strategies.

## Looking Ahead

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 Office ([howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)).

I look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and join me in hoping we can all be sailing again shortly.





# J/70 World Championship Postponed to August 2021

By Regatta Chair Marylyn Hoenemeyer

The curtain was about to rise on the 2020 J/70 World Championship when the world as we knew it was upended. The uncertainty surrounding international travel, and the logistical difficulties competitors faced in preparing for this significant event, made postponement inevitable. Another year of rehearsal will make for an even better show.

Please plan to join us for the 2021 J/70 World Championship at California Yacht Club on August 7-15. A revised Notice of Race will be posted this August, with registration opening in mid-December. Invitations will be issued by the International Class Office to skippers who had qualified to compete in the 2020 Worlds. We hope that all 99 teams on the deeply talented, internationally diverse roster for this year will make the trip to Los Angeles next summer.

While the dates have changed, much will remain the same. Competitors can expect ideal summer conditions with a consistent seabreeze building throughout the afternoon and temperatures in the mid-70s. The hotly contested racing will be followed by warm hospitality ashore, with festivities reflecting the international composition of the fleet, and the beach culture of Southern California. Our members, management and staff will be at the ready to ensure a memorable event for all.

We look forward to welcoming you to California Yacht Club next August, and in the meantime, we wish all J/70 sailors and their families the best in these unprecedented times.



# The 2021 J/70 European Championship

will take place in Copenhagen from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June

By Lars Ive



Everything was ready. The club and all the volunteers, the community of Gentofte and the Mayor. And we had planned for great weather. However, the Coronavirus wanted it differently.

So, we had to cancel the 2020 European Championship. But nothing is so bad it is not good for something. Now we can spend all winter looking forward to the 2021 event exactly at the same place, hosted by the same people, driven by the same people – and all the planning has been trained in detail.

The Royal Danish Yacht Club is once more looking very much forward to host the Europeans next year. 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 five in Europe. Even though the Class is young, we have a strong tradition.

The event will take place at Skovshoved Harbour, approximately 10 km north of Copenhagen center. It is the intention to have all the boats (there will be a maximum limit of 150 entries) moored in the same basin close to the clubhouse and race office.

After the cancellation of the 2020 event, all registered and paid boats were offered to have the entry fee either reimbursed or remain on the entry list for the 2021 event. Close to 90% decided to remain. Therefore, at the moment we have about 90 boats already registered for the Europeans 2021.

In mid-August, we will open up the entry module (again run by Manage2Sail), and we expect to have the event site up and running in June. That will include the first preliminary NOR and a lot of information on the event, Copenhagen and accommodations.

The Championship will be run as a sustainability regatta, meaning, among other activities, we will work hard to minimize paper and try to make much run electronically.

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

The event e-mail is up and running:  
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# KEEPING BUSY DURING QUARANTINE

By Quantum Sails' Travis Odenbach

When the Bacardi Cup ended on March 7, 2020, J/70 sailors headed home looking forward to Charleston Race Week, the next stop on the J/70 circuit. After Charleston, teams would begin preparing for the J/70 World Championship in Marina Del Rey, CA. I remember returning home to my family excited about a short break before heading to Charleston.

Then the country shut down, and everything was put on hold. In New York, we were told to shelter in place for 30 days. I thought to myself, "Ok, let's not panic. Thirty days isn't so bad." But then the quarantine was extended, and then regattas were being cancelled. My next thought: "What am I going to do?"

As time in quarantine passed, I started to look at the positives. First and foremost, this is a great opportunity to finally spend some time with my family. I have been able to watch my daughter grow up and reach some of her first benchmarks. But with all the positives, there is still the question of sailing. What am I going to do about sailing?

I spent the first two weeks of quarantine tracking what events might still take place, but once I came to terms with the seriousness of the situation, it was time to figure out what I could do in quarantine to keep myself in the game. My work keeps me engaged in the sport we love, but I wanted to do more, so I made a list of things that I can do to improve either my boat or my personal fitness. Working on your boat

can help keep your mind off quarantine, so if you have access to your boat, here are some things you can do when the weather improves (Who knows when that will be; it snowed the first week of May here!).

I began by making a list of things to fix and what parts were needed for my J/70. We sailed all winter in sun and saltwater, and they take a toll on the equipment—especially lines. Lines rot and shrink over time from UV exposure, so check all your lines for signs of damage. Get compound and cleaner wax, and hit all the dull flat spots on the deck of the boat. This will bring the shine back to the boat. It's also rewarding to see the finished product. Next, repair all the scratches and dings on the hull you may have gotten over the winter before giving the hull a thorough wax. After the lines, deck and hull are checked, inspect the rig. Look at all the cleats and sheaves, and make sure everything is working properly.

As the country works on reopening safely, I'm getting the itch to sail, but what will that look like this year? How can I race and also be safe? Many of my travel events have been postponed to fall or later, so I started thinking about what I could do on a local level. This is the perfect time to get back to the family sailing many of us grew up with. The J/70 is a great boat for day sailing with family or starting informal races. Sure, the boat can be technical at the higher levels of racing, but it is simple enough to use in this context as well.



In Rochester, NY, we are looking to start racing as soon as possible, but keeping it laid back and informal. Areas with strong J/70 fleets such as Annapolis, Newport and Youngstown, NY are hoping to do the same. I have also dusted off a few Interclub Dinghies to race with friends. Single-handed sailing is an easy and fun way to socially distance, and you can use rabbit starts for the start of the race!

At Quantum, we have worked tirelessly on our designs this winter to keep our J/70 products moving forward. By the end of January, we had designs dialed in, so we are

prepared when the reboot finally happens. And we are still available to you through all of this. We continue to compare notes and make sure our tuning guides are up to date. We are working with customers to label everything on their boats and help with work lists.

All of these activities can keep our passion for the sport alive and provide new perspectives on how to grow participation. Formal regattas will return, but for now let's focus on keeping it safe and fun. I hope everyone is safe and healthy, and I hope to see you all on the water soon.



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# 2020

**2020 J/70 Spanish Championship  
at Real Club Nautico de Vigo**  
Jun 5 - Jun 7

**2020 J/70 CUP 1<sup>st</sup> Event at Fraglia  
Vela Malcesine (VR)**  
Jun 12 - Jun 14  
*POSTPONED*

**2020 Global Team Race Regatta  
at Yacht Club Cost Smeralda**  
Jun 25 - Jun 27

**2020 Copa del Rey MAPFRE at  
Real Club Náutico de Palma**  
Aug 1 - Aug 8

**2020 Landsail Tyres J-Cup at  
Royal Ocean Racing Club**  
Sep 3 - Sep 5

**2020 Kiel Week**  
Sep 5 - Sep 13

**2020 Trophée Sémac  
(Mediterranean Trophy 3 of 3)  
at Marseille**  
Sep 5 - Sep 6

**2020 J/70 CUP 2<sup>nd</sup> Event - Open  
Italian Championship at Yacht Club  
Punta Ala (GR)**  
Sep 17 - Sep 20

**2020 Sevasopol International Cup  
at CSKA**  
Sep 24 - Sep 27

**2020 J/70 CUP 3<sup>rd</sup> Event at  
Yacht Club Rimini (RN)**  
Oct 2 - Oct 4

**2020 J/70 CUP 4<sup>th</sup> Event at  
Yacht Club Sanremo (IM)**  
Oct 23 - Oct 25

**2020 French National Championship  
at Marseille**  
Nov 6 - Nov 8

**2020 J/70 South American  
Championship at late Clube do**  
Dec 1 - Dec 6

# 2021

**2021 J/70 Midwinter Championship  
at Davis Island Yacht Club**  
Feb 18 - Feb 21

**2021 J/70 North American  
Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club**  
May 12 - May 15

**2021 J/70 European Championship  
at Royal Danish Yacht Club**  
Jun 4 - Jun 12

**2021 J/70 World Championship at  
California Yacht Club**  
Aug 7 - Aug 15

2022

**2022 J/70 European Championship  
at COYCH  
Sep 10 - Sep 17**

**2022 J/70 World Championship  
at Yacht Club de Monaco  
*EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED***

**2022 J/70 North American  
Championship at Port Credit  
Yacht Club  
*EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED***

2023

**2023 J/70 North American  
Championship at St. Petersburg  
Yacht Club  
*EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED***

**2023 J/70 European Championship  
at Yacht Club Gdansk  
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