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North American Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland USA, May 12-15 World Championship at California Yacht Club, Marina del Ray, California USA, August 7-15

European Championship at Royal Danish Yacht Club, Coapenhagen Denmark, June 4-12 South American Championship at late Clube Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 2-5

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# Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland USA

# **J70CA** 2020 SURVEY

The International J/70 Class Association conducted a survey of its owner members between July 31 and August 12, 2020. There were 301 owners who completed the survey: 60 percent of the respondents were from North America, 23 percent from Europe, **15 percent from South America** and another two percent from Australia and Asia. This was the first step in an overall review of some of the topics that have been brought to the attention of the **International Executive Committee** (EC) by various member National **Class Associations (NCAs).** 

Please note that the total number of respondents are not geographically representative of the entire membership proportionately. There were some limitations as to how the survey was delivered that affected the overall response numbers over all continents. As you will see, the results of the survey indicated about half the respondents favored Rule changes, and about half did not. Although not an overwhelming result, in a typical year such support for Class Rule changes might well prompt an NCA to propose draft language for review and decision by the World Council at the Annual General Meeting. However, for multiple reasons, including the global pandemic, the EC will <u>not</u> ask the International Technical Committee to draft any Class Rule change proposals this year.

The Executive Committee believes that the results of this survey suggest that more input is needed on the topics addressed. The EC would like these matters to be discussed by each NCA to better determine the preferences of the membership. One goal is to further educate the membership on the existing Event Rules (Class Rules Part III, Section I) to see if they can be used more frequently. It would also be useful to give the membership additional opportunities to experiment with the newest Class Rule, CR I.5 (One-Pro Division), that has not really been implemented given the postponed regatta schedule in 2020.

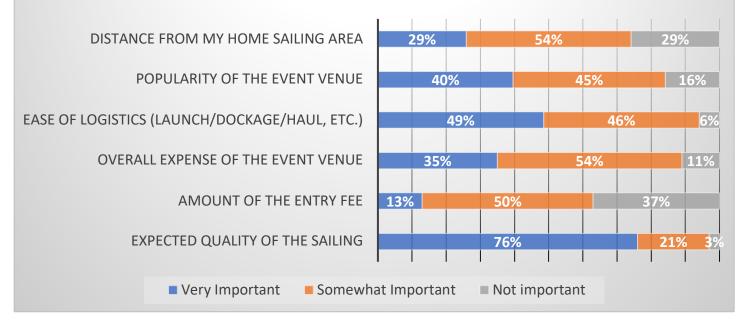
As part of the owners' survey, we asked respondents to write in comments on topics they would like to see the Technical Committee address. Some people offered their opinion on whether the questions in the survey were moving the Class in the right direction. The comments spanned from "I like the changes suggested in these questions" to "If it is not broke, don't fix it." As with the general questions, these comments were divided among those who gave comments.

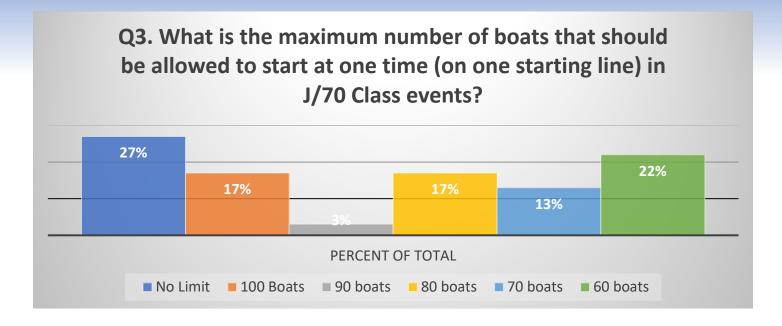
Once you filter out the "nontechnical" comments (ones directed to matters other than technical Rules or directed to matters asked on the survey itself), you end up with statements roughly categorized

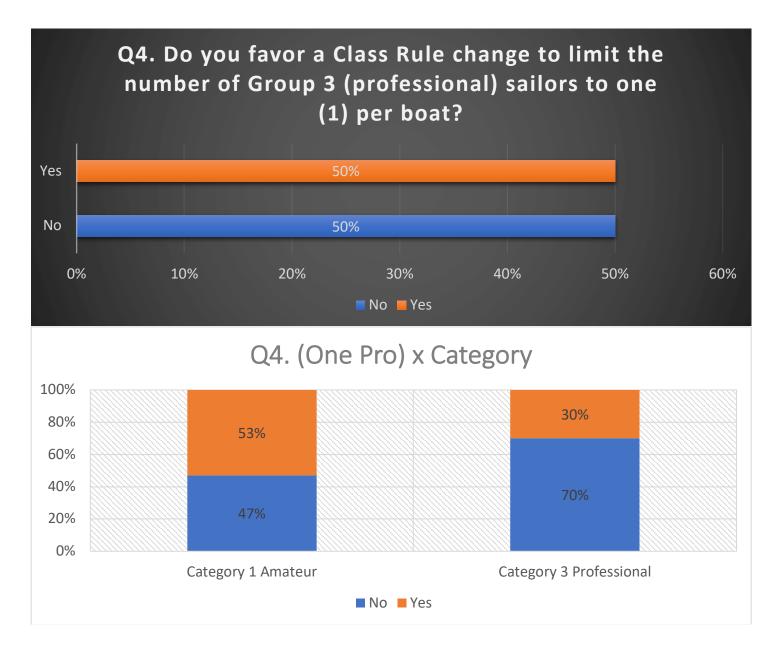
> into these areas: Keel/Foils, Winches, Equipment, Crew, Sails, Enforcement, Fairing and Spars. The International Technical Committee will review these themes to see if there are actionable items to be addressed.

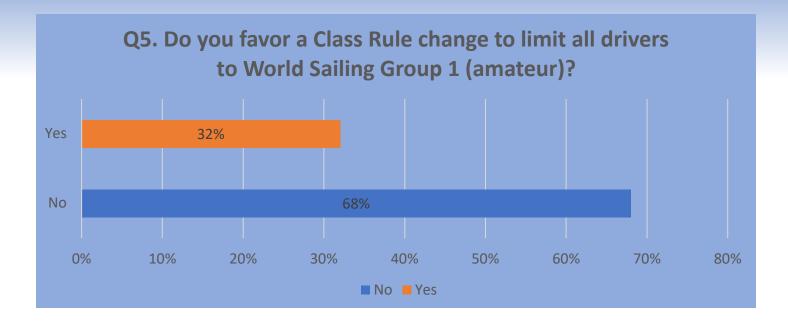
The following charts show the results of the primary questions asked in the survey. As always, members with questions and comments can contact Chris Howell, the IJ70CA Executive Director.

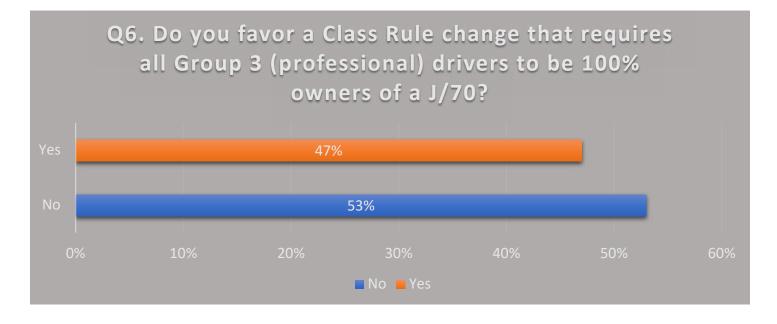
Q2. When deciding whether to participate in a J/70 Class event, which of the following is important to you?



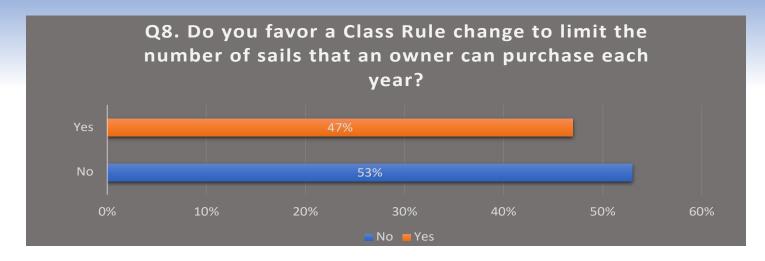








Q7. Do you favor a Class Rule change to prohibit all coaching or support vessels during J/70 Class events?









# J/70 World Championship – Same Time, Next Year

By: Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Regatta Chair Bill Stump, California Yacht Club Senior Race Officer

100 J/70s, their skippers, crew, coaches and well-wishers, descended on California Yacht Club for their annual World Championship regatta. Preparing to race for the top trophy in one of the world's most competitive one-design Classes, teams from 20 nations were greeted with ideal sailing conditions in Santa Monica Bay – 10 to 12 knots of wind, gentle ground swell, tepid water temperature and, of course, CYC's renowned hospitality. But then COVID-19 intervened! The long-anticipated, first-ever J/70 World Championship in Southern California was not to be in 2020, and the gleeful announcement above never went to press. Flying the "AP" (Postponement) flag early, the Class leaders wisely rescheduled this championship to the same time next year: August 7-15, 2021, hosted by California Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey.

This has been a year of cancellations, but preparation for the next World Championship hasn't stopped. The Southern California J/70 fleet took advantage of a suddenly blank racing calendar in early August to organize a "Group Sail" for 11 J/70



teams who have qualified to compete in next year's Championship. While this was an owner-sponsored and organized event, California Yacht Club provided trailer storage, dock space, socially-distanced meeting areas, and hospitality for the visiting sailors.

And a high-powered group sail it was! Three coaches with several World Champion titles between them were on hand: Jud Smith, 2018 J/70 World Champ of Doyle Sails; Eric Doyle, Star World Champ of North Sails and a familiar face in SoCal regattas, and Willem Van Waay, 2017 J/70 World Champ and last year's J/24 World Champ. Saturday and Sunday sessions included chalk talks before heading out and full debriefs after returning to the club. On the water, there were plenty of practice starts and several short-course races, with coaches pulling alongside the boats to offer observations, tuning tips and racing techniques. The weekend proved to be a terrific model for organizing a group sail that conformed to COVID-19 guidelines. With organized racing still on hiatus, plans are afoot to repeat this format again in September.

While California Yacht Club has been happy to support our local J/70 sailors during the pandemic, you can be sure that we are looking forward to welcoming a more internationally diverse roster of competitors for the 2021 World Championship. Look for a revised Notice of Race in early Fall with registration to open in mid-December. We hope that all the teams who had planned to compete this year will make the trip to Los Angeles next summer. Our members, management and staff will be at the ready to ensure a memorable event for all.



## J70 European Championship 2021 NEWSLETTER - 01



## The 2021 European Championships will take place in Copenhagen 4-12 June.

The Royal Danish Yacht Club is looking very much forward to host the Europeans next year and preparations are already well under way based on the experience we learned from the 2020 cancelled event. J70 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 that the class is relative 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 <u>www.J70europeans2021.com</u> 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>.

Be aware that more than 80 teams decided to transfer their entry fee to the 2021, so there will be room for 60+ more teams. The Entry module - which is run by Manage2Sail.com - will be active from August 1<sup>st</sup>. So if you want to be sure to be one of the 150 on the starting line 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 in the merchandise module to order event polos, space for Ribs and tickets for spouses and shore crew to take part in the social program.

The event will 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 June - just to mention Tivoli, Canal Touring, Nyhavn and Bakken. And for those not sailing Copenhagen shopping is world famous.

Event mail will be J70europeans@kdy.dk

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# **Italy** Report

@martimfernandes208203 winner of the Garmin J/70 e-Regatta, with his prize, the new Quatix 6 branded J/70 Italian Class, by @garminmarine\_italy!



This year we'll be back racing in two iconic destinations of the circuits organized by J/70 Italian Class: Malcesine and Sanremo.

This choice will facilitate everybody in storing the boats between the events and in finding comfortable accommodation. Do you know what's more?

The two events in Sanremo will be part of the J/70 Med Cup and the fleet is welcome to join other two Med Cup events organized in Hyeres (November) and Monaco (December). We wait forward to seeing you all in Malcesine in September!

## **2020 SEASON**



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Corso Nazario Sauro 32, Molo Nord 18038 Sanremo IM Info tel. +39 0184 503760 fax +39 0184 546038 e-mail info@j70.it segreteria@yachtclubsanremo.it Autumn regatta for the J/70 fleet in Sanremo, hosting the last two events of the circuit. The races will also be part of the J/70 Med Cup circuit (full calendar on the J/70 Med Cup EB page)

wind from the South will be the protagonists of the

first two acts of our 2020 Circuit.

circuit (full calendar on the J/70 Med Cup FB page). Who will be the winner of the 2020 J/70 Cup and who will be the Italian champion?



Contact us or visit our website <u>j70.it</u> to discover the latest news



In between the two events, boats can be stored at the venue, contact the Yacht Clubs for booking



Charter boats available



# **Chile** Report

By Juan Eduardo Reid

We are still sailing just in Virtual Regatta since April. Santander and Doyle Sails are hosting a VR circuit with the J/70 owners and crews every Tuesday called de Master league. There are weekly and monthly regattas two fleets of 20 boats each week with final 40 participants. This, together with a WApp for internal communication, has become a very important factor of keeping the Class together and "active."

Patagonia Yacht Charter and Doyle Sails sponsored the Chilean J/70 Class qualifiers for the South American Virtual Regatta Championship. 89 boats took place in the local qualifiers. The Class took the opportunity to ask for a voluntary donation to participants in order to raise funds for a charity campaign: donate a food box for



# **Chile** Report

some external workers at our home yacht club of Náutica del Pacífico in Algarrobo. We got very good support from the participants and collected US 1400. The Chilean J/70 Class supported the campaign with the same amount so US 2,800. The J/70 Class together with Cofradía Náutica del Pacífico's support (they also complemented each box with extra food) have been delivering 18 boxes of food (18 people) every month since May 2020. We expect to support this for two more months. Independent marine workers are having a hard time since March 2020, and actually they were having very low marine business activities since November 2019 after the violence and social strikes faced Chile since October 18, 2019. The J/70 Class in Chile is happy to help these people. www.patagoniavachtcharter.cl





Zaguero dominated the heavy air races at 2020 J70 Midwinters. Sporting Doyle's M2 Main and J8R Jib carefully crafted and designed by Jud Smith and his One Design team in Salem, Massachusetts, USA.

In preparation for the winter circuit and the 2021 season, ask Jud Smith or Willem van Waay about Doyle One Design's J70 2021 sail line up to give yourself an edge at your next regatta:

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## J/70 2020 - 2023 CALENDAR

# 2020

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

2020 J/70 Cup 1st Event at Fraglia Vela Malcesine (VR) Sep 4 - Sep 6

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

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

2020 Sevasopol International Cup at CSKA Sep 24 - Sep 27

2020 Spi Ouest (Altantic Trophy) Sep 24 - Sep 27

2020 J/70 Cup 2nd Event at Fraglia Vela Malcesine (VR) Sep 25 - Sep 27

2020 J/70 Cup 3rd Event / J/70 Med Cup at Yacht Club Sanremo (IM) Oct 23 - Oct 25

2020 French National Championship Nov 6 - Nov 8 2020 J/70 Mexican National Championship at Puerto Cancun, Zona Hotelera Nov 9 - Nov 15

2020 J/70 Cup 4th Event / J/70 Med Cup / J/70 Italian Championship at Yacht Club Sanremo (IM) Nov 13 - Nov 15

# 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

2021 J/70 South American Championship at late Clube Rio de Janeiro Dec 2 - Dec 5

## J/70 2020 - 2023 CALENDAR

# 2022

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

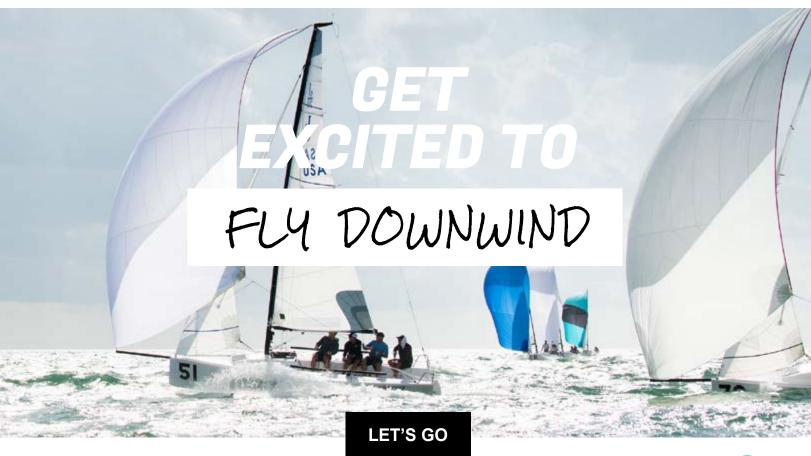
2022 J/70 North American Championship at Port Credit Yacht Club Sep 18 - Sep 24

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



2023 J/70 European Championship at Yacht Club Gdansk EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

2023 J/70 North American Championship at St. Petersburg Yacht Club Oct 30 - Nov 5



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