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J/70 World Championship Returns to California

August 7-15, 2021

By Marilyn Hoenemeyer, Regatta Chair



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California Yacht Club has been preparing to host the J/70 World Championship for over two years. You can be sure that we are ready to warmly welcome the Class as they compete in this prestigious event on August 7-15, 2021.

The Notice of Race will be posted this month, with registration opening in mid-January. All teams who qualified for the 2020 World Championship will receive registration information from the International Class Office.

Before this year's Championship was postponed, the entry list was just one boat shy of the 100-boat limit. The roster was deeply talented and international in scope, including the reigning European, North American and South American Champions, and all but one of the top 10 finishers



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from the 2019 Worlds. We hope that all the previously registered teams will plan to return in August for a shot at the title.

Key dates to post to your calendar include:

- Pre-World Championship, co-hosted by our neighbor Del Rey Yacht Club, on July 31-August 1;
- Inspection Days, August 7-10;
- Five days of Championship racing, August 11-15, with a total of 10 races scheduled.



While onshore activities may look different due to health considerations, we can guarantee that the racing will be top notch. 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 exceptional on-the-water racing. 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.

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. Many of our attractions can be enjoyed outdoors, from our golden beaches, to the hiking trails of Griffith Park and the Santa Monica Mountains. Shopping opportunities range from the eclectic stores on Abbot Kinney Boulevard, to the world-renowned merchants of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. And after a busy day on-the-water or sightseeing, enjoy al fresco dining at a variety of nearby shoreside restaurants. While the future may be hard to predict, there is one thing that we can guarantee – this is a Championship that you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in August.

2021 J/70 European Championship

Royal Danish Yacht Club, Copenhagen Denmark

June 4-12, 2021



Last year in November, we from the European Championship Organizing Committee wrote you all, "Soon we will be opening up a new year – 2020 – hopefully with a lot of great sailing and much fun on the water. And July and the Europeans in Copenhagen are only six months away." As you all know, the 2020 sailing season turned out very different because of the whole COVID-19 situation. But let's look forward and cross fingers that 2021 again will bring lots of regattas and fun sailing.

In Copenhagen, the Organizing Committee is ramping up to take the 2021 Europeans to the same level as planned for the 2020. We

are looking very much forward to receive all J/70 competitors now in June instead of July, but weather-wise, that doesn't make much difference. We can expect temperatures between 15-21 C and normally a breeze of around 8-16 knots from westerly directions.

At the moment, we see a strong fleet of J/70 sailors on the water outside of Skovshoved Harbor every weekend preparing for the Europeans that will be one of the major regattas for RDYC to host in 2021. In the beginning of July, the J/80 Class will meet in the Rungsted Station of RDYC to compete for the Worlds. So for sure, the '21 season will be a major J/Boat season in Denmark.

The Manage2Sail entry platform has been open for some months, and the NOR is already uploaded at www.J70Europeans2021.com. More than 100 boats have entered! Remember there is a soft limit of 150, so if you have thoughts of participating, make the decision fast.

Racing is the focus, but when you are not on the water, there will be a lot of social activities at or close to the harbor. The Mayor will receive us at the opening ceremony, there will be a Regatta Area with food trucks, bars and bistro to be open more or less 24/7, we will organize a great party at Bakken (have a look at www.bakken.dk), plus a traditional Pork-and-Beer party at the Regatta Area. If you or the crew wants to go central, Copenhagen is only 20 minutes away, and Copenhagen is fantastic in June – just to mention Tivoli, Canal Touring, Nyhavn and the Opera. Moreover, for those not sailing, Copenhagen shopping is world famous.

The event will be run as a sustainability regatta under SailorsfortheSea, meaning among other activities like trash sortation,

reusable plastic wherever possible etc., that we will work hard to minimize paper and try to make as much run electronically. Getting closer, this will also mean that we will encourage you to forward all needed documentation in scanned formats to facilitate registration and minimize paperwork.

BUT: We have to be very flexible in planning due to the COVID-19 situation. Our primary focus is to go sailing, get some great races and the social part comes second. We don't know the world in June, but we work with a number of different scenarios on how to live up to different levels of governmental regulations. And we will do our utmost to secure the event and the racing.

If you have any questions, the event e-mail is J70Europeans@kdy.dk

We will do our utmost to keep you informed on the situation and our actions.

Kind regards,
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South American Championship postponed

Rio de Janeiro resumed its nautical activities in September 2020. However, due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Brazil and other South American countries, it was necessary to postpone the South American Championship to December 2021.

Rio de Janeiro Championship and J/70 Challenge

From early October, the J/70 Brazilian fleet is back racing. The Rio de Janeiro State Championship was the first opportunity to sail after the lockdown. The crew of Selmo Nissenbaum's *Highlanders*, with Mauricio Santa Cruz as tactician, won the regional title of "Carioca Champion."

In order to introduce the Class to other sailors, four owners shared their boats with other crews invited in a fun challenge between eight teams. The team of Torben Grael, Marco Grael, Martine Grael and Henry Boening won the challenge, on a day of flat seas and wind between 10-14 knots. Serious fun!

Brazilian Nationals


The Brazilian Championship 2020 takes place from 26 to 29 November at late Clube do Rio de Janeiro.



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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/>

Looking Ahead to 2021

Your Technical Committee is planning for a re-start of active international J/70 racing in 2021, including the 2021 Midwinter Championships in Florida, USA, the 2021 North American Championships in Annapolis, USA, and of course the 2021 Worlds in Los Angeles in August. We plan to have members of the Technical Committee at each event to oversee the inspection and compliance processes, and we are working with the Organizing Authorities to plan for safe, efficient, and effective compliance programs at each event.

As you consider your 2021 sailing plans, we are happy to note that these events

plan to incorporate the new “one-pro” division (Class Rule I.5) for scoring purposes—thus encouraging more teams to sail in that (increasingly popular) configuration.

Class Rule Changes

The Class has not proposed, and we do not anticipate any formal Class Rule changes for 2021.

As always, we continue to update the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document as we observe rules in need of interpretation or clarification.

Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024

The Technical Committee is reviewing the changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing that will take effect in January 2021 and plans to update our documentation accordingly. Look for some small adjustments to our standard NORs, Sis, as well as Equipment Regulations, and Regatta Regulations in January.

Technical Committee Projects in 2021

The Technical Committee continues making progress 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.

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). We expect these forms to become even more important as sailing restarts with new social distancing protocols.

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) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell (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.



2021 J/70 North American Championship
May 12-15

**Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland USA**

2020 J/70 UK National Championships

11-13 September 2020

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble, UK



Photos courtesy of Louay Habib/J70 UK Class Assoc.

Jeepster & Brutus win at the J/70 UK Nationals

The J/70 UK Class boasts reigning World Champions in both the Open and Corinthian Classes. However, a dramatic end to racing at the 2020 J/70 UK National Championship resulted in two new National Champions. Spectacular conditions on the final day were used to the full by the Royal Southern Yacht Club Race Team, led by PRO Charlie Stowe. The scene was set for a memorable finale to a superb regatta. Graham Clapp's *Jeepster* is the new J/70 UK Open National Champion, and Charles Thompson's *Brutus* is the new J/70 UK Corinthian Champion. In the Open





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J/70 Brutus

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Championship, Paul Ward's World Champion team on *Eat Sleep J Repeat* was second. Newcomers to the class, Nick Phillip's *Chaotic*, was third.

"We have really got the boat going well, and we are also having a lot of fun on board, which is a winning combination," commented Graham Clapp. "I have known Ben (Saxton) since he was a child, but this team has only come together recently, and our performance improved as the regatta went on. The competition has been really exciting with great racing which is what this Class is all about. A big thank you to Charlie (Stowe) and the all the Royal Southern team, who did a fantastic job in organising the regatta."



Charles Thompson was grinning from ear to ear after a bullet in the last race secured the Corinthian title for J/70 *Brutus*. 2019 World Champions Wilson & King's *Soak Racing* was second, and Doug Struth's *DSP*, runner-up at last year's World Championship, third.

"It feels good to have the trophy in my hands, but I have to say quite a surprise after the first couple of days. We didn't think we would make the top three," commented Charles Thompson. "The last two races went well for



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us, and that was helped by getting off the start line in the right place. Thanks to my crew, we got a bullet at the end! Teamwork is unquestionably important; sailing with a positive crew is fundamental." Charles Thompson is the only owner bowman in the fleet. "I am definitely the oldest bowman in the fleet, and there is only one word for it – wet!"

J/70 UK Class Chairman Paul Ward was quick to congratulate both *Jeepster* and *Brutus*. "They both had a fantastic last day and



have sailed well all regatta. To knock two World Champions off their perches is great for the Class."

Results are available at https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=13157.

Summary of Activities J/70 Mexico (September and October)

After almost 7 months without sailing activity in Mexico due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, in the month of September we resumed the activities of our 2020 calendar in Valle de Bravo and Jalisco.

In the months of September and October we made 6 regattas in total: 4 in Valle de Bravo and 2 in Jalisco.

The regattas that took place in Valle de Bravo were the following:

INDEPENDENCE RACE 2020 Winners:

1. Eduardo Porter / *Goldo's* / #522
2. Danel Belausteguigoitia /
Buena Junta / #595
3. Diego Cervantes / *La Bala* / #596





SAN GASPAR CUP Winners:

4. Eduardo Porter / *Goldo's* / #522
5. Danel Belausteguigoitia /
Buena Junta / #595
6. Diego Cervantes / *La Bala* / #596

OKTOBERFEST RACE Winners:

7. Luis Barrios / *Xpress* / #418
8. Héctor Guzmán / *Escipion* / #387
9. Fernando Gutiérrez / *Woodstock* / #815

MARINAZUL RACE Winners:

10. Marco Sparvieri / *Buena Junta* / #595
11. Diego Reyes / *Ragtime* / #155
12. Eduardo Cano / *Chilcano* / #523

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The regattas that took place in Jalisco were the following:

MONTHLY SEPTEMBER RACE IN CHAPALA:

Winners:

1. José Luis Pérez Morett / *Amigo* / #161
2. Fernando Pérez Ontiveros / *Black Mamba* / #1152
3. Diego Pérez Morett / *Duque* / #165

MONTHLY OCTOBER RACE IN CHAPALA:

Winners:

1. Ignacio Pérez Morett / *Duque* / #165
2. José Luis Pérez Morett / *Amigo* / #161
3. Manuel Vázquez / *Chavorucos* / #1151



Turkey Report



Eventhough 2020 has been a difficult year for Sailing sports we have managed to have a productive year for J70 Turkish class. Our season has started on February with 8 races in beautiful nature and landscape of Gocek just before the lockdowns. After 5 months of break our Class have organised three training events on June and July at Bodrum with great windy conditions.

Finally season have started on August again and our class have organised three events within short time. Two local events and Turkish Championship have taken place in Bodrum.

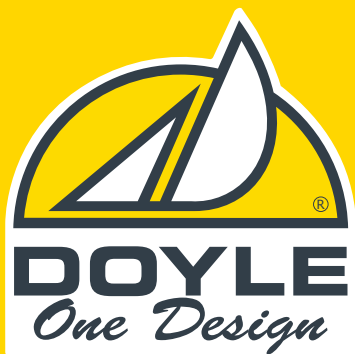
After very competitive races Ameera JET with Emir Icgoren have won Third time Turkish Champion title.



2020 have ended with 4 events and 32 races. 2020 trophee has finalized with:

1. Ameera Jet- Emir Icgoren
2. Eker Kaymak – Ahmet Eker
3. Denizcik – Gulboy Guryel

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Thrilled to back on the race course.

J70 Nationals, Mexico 1st, 4th, 5th
Congrats Pied Piper!

J70 Nationals, UK 1st
Congrats Jeepster!

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Villalia 2020 Spanish Open



Finally, the J70 fleet could hold a “major” in Spain. After Copa del Rey in Mallorca was called off, and the sudden cancellation of the Conde de Godó in Barcelona, the fleet headed to Vigo to share an amazing long week. The best Spanish J70 started the last weekend of September with the Villalia Trophy as a warmup for the Spanish Open 2020.

20 J70s gathered at the Real Club Nautico Vigo to fight along 5 intense days, where the weather offered “4 seasons in one week”. Sun, rain, storm, and even light winds becomes the race in a challenge of consistency and only the best balance teams could manage to be on top in that kind of variable conditions, sometimes ballistics, we could say.



Pichu Torcida’s Noticia with Rayco Tabares calling the shots, got the title being the best overall, scoring, 2-2-1-1-4-2-1-2-3, good to know that there are 9 J80world titles onboard... Fantastic numbers even more considering the great quality of their rivals.

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sailingshots
by maria moreira

There was a close fight for the top 5, Luis Albert's "Patakín" the Canary team "Eurofrits-Aviko" and Luis Bugallo's "Marnatura." The result could have been any other, but in the end and by a narrow margin of points "Patakín" took the silver. Alfredo Gonzalez in a final dash got the bronze, scoring a bullet on the last day, and the local hero Luis Bugallo were fourth. They went from best to worst winning the first two races the first day, but they lost power in the end.

After the magnificent 4, there was also a similar battle for the fifth to tenth places. One step behind, the chasing group was leaded by Luis M. Doreste's "Mercedes Benz" the spanish olympic sailor compete under the flag of Barcelona and Arrecife (Canary Island) Yatch Clubs, they scored a bullet on the last day, enough to went up to fifth. Good performances for Willy



Alonso's "Castrosúa" with Alberto Garcia (Quantum team) at the helm, doing consistent races all over the championship, relegating the Argentine Gabriel Mariani's

Spain Report



"King Marine" to seventh place. The younger of the "saga" Jorge M. Doreste at the helm of "Bodegas Can Marles" was eighth, and Luis P. Canal's Abril Verde ninth achieving the Corinthian Trophy as the best amateur crew. Closing the "top ten" Gonzalo Araujo with "La Guardia & Moreira"

In these weird times, it was great to be in so professional environment, the Royal Yacht Club in Vigo and the O.A. took in very seriously all the safety procedures to keep the teams safe and prevent any risk for the health, whether sailing or on port.

This has made possible to enjoy an amazing championship, With the memories of the fantastic 2018 Europeans, the Club showed a strong willing to hold the World championship sooner rather than later!



THREE TIPS FOR PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL WINTER SERIES

By Quantum Sails' Travis Odenbach

Each fall, many of us start planning our winter sailing season. With multiple winter series around Florida, it can be stressful to plan for each event. I've taken what works for my team and have laid out three tips for planning a successful winter series.

Crew

There are a few factors that go into selecting a team: sailing ability, J/70 experience, time and ability to travel. Beyond those, what else should you consider when choosing crew? Whether you are hiring a pro or choosing an amazing amateur sailor, most teams want the best, but there is also something to be said for sailing with friends and selecting a group of people you have a great time with on and off the water.

When I started sailing, I sailed with my best friends and had a ball. Success came later after we figured out the appropriate ways to work for our goals. To this day, I still try to sail with my best friends. Friends make sitting down to dinner, doing boat work and traveling much easier. Our sport is traditionally about camaraderie first and competing second. If your whole team can have a great time together whether you're winning or losing, then success and great memories will come with hard work and dedication. Once you have selected a team, try to sail all the events together. If one

person cannot make an event, it's not the end of the world; you can fill that person's position with someone who has a similar skill set. Keep it fun, and you will keep coming back.

Travel Logistics

Once the team has been assembled, start thinking about logistics. This includes everything from transportation to delegating maintenance tasks and housing. Most J/70s have four people on their crew, which makes it pretty easy to split up responsibilities. For my program, I like to have one person transport the boat, one person tackle housing, one in charge of rigging, and one person in charge of food for the event. It's great to nail down all these things ahead of time so you can focus on sailing, having fun and being successful when you get to the regatta. Assigning tasks beforehand also gets the team thinking about the regatta. The person who delivers the boat also checks that everything is sail ready. The person in charge of rigging makes sure everything is clean and all lines and standing rigging are in working condition. This is important since these boats will sit in salty air and sun for the entire winter. It can be nice for consistency and routine to book the same housing for each event if it's available. And as far as food goes, the older I get, the more I continue to be reminded of how important it is to eat and stay hydrated during regattas. Performance decreases if you're not eating or drinking properly.

Goals

Once you have a team together and jobs assigned, the next step is communicating goals. This can be one of the toughest conversations to have with a team. Picking the right team and planning logistics ahead of time usually promote open communication right off the bat, so hopefully this makes goal-setting easier. Your goal might be related to winning, learning or even just having fun. This year, my team decided our goal was to learn and improve at every race, so by the time we got to the final race of the series, we were set up for success. We didn't even mention winning regattas. Building on past results is a great way to take

some of the pressure off and also track your progress and keep everyone invested in the continuous improvement it takes to be competitive. Whatever your goals, make sure everyone on your team is on the same page. Choosing the correct team for your boat and communicating to each other will give you the best chance to achieve that goal in the end.

Making sure your program is prepared for the winter season and that the team has the same goals in mind will ensure a successful regatta season. Enjoy the time on and off the water. Hopefully we get some racing in this winter!



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J/70 2020 - 2023 CALENDAR

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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 Pre-World Championship at Del Rey Yacht Club
Jul 31 - Aug 1

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

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

2023 J/70 European Championship at Yacht Club Gdansk
Jul 7- Jul 14

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

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