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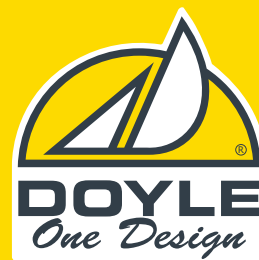


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**T**he world of sailing is all set to witness another exciting and prestigious event this year... the 2023 J/70 World Championship in St. Petersburg, Florida. As an internationally acclaimed sailing destination, St. Petersburg has been chosen to host this highly-anticipated sailing competition from **October 30th through November 5th, 2023**. With competitors hailing from all corners of the globe, the J/70 World Championship promises to be an unforgettable experience for both the sailors and spectators alike.

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St. Petersburg, Florida, a vibrant city situated along the Gulf of Mexico, offers an idyllic setting for this prestigious regatta. The city's picturesque waterfront, expansive marinas, and exceptional sailing conditions make it an ideal location for hosting the **J/70 World Championship**. With an average of 361 days of sunshine per year, St. Petersburg is affectionately known as the "Sunshine City" and provides the perfect backdrop for an exhilarating week of racing.

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The **2023 J/70 World Championship** will see a gathering of some of the most skilled and competitive sailors from around the world. With a diverse lineup of participants, including Olympians, America's Cup veterans, and world champions, the event promises an intense and nail-biting competition. The regatta will consist of a series of races spread over several days, testing the sailors' tactical skills, teamwork, and expertise in varying weather conditions.







## »SPECTATOR EXPERIENCE

For sailing enthusiasts and casual spectators alike, the **J/70 World Championship** offers an unmatched experience.. In addition to the races, there is a variety of shore-side activities to keep spectators entertained throughout the event. From live music and food trucks to sailing clinics and meet-and-greets with the competitors, there's something for everyone.

## »EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL CULTURE

While you're in town for the regatta, take the opportunity to explore the rich culture and history of the city - home to numerous world-class museums, including the Salvador Dalí Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, and The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art. Indulge in the culinary delights offered by the city's thriving food scene, which boasts a diverse range of cuisines, from fresh seafood to farm-to-table fare, or visit the many shopping outlets and boutiques in downtown.

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the myriad of recreational activities available in St. Petersburg, such as visiting the newly reconstructed St. Pete Pier, cycling along the Pinellas Trail, or taking a leisurely stroll through the Sunken Gardens. And don't forget to catch a stunning Florida sunset at one of the many beautiful beaches in the area.



# DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT...

MAKE PLANS TODAY TO ATTEND THE 2023 J/70 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
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The **2023 J/70 World Championship** in St. Petersburg, Florida, promises to be a thrilling and memorable event for sailors and spectators alike. With its combination of competitive racing, stunning location, and engaging shore-side activities, this regatta is not to be missed.

So, mark your calendars, and join us for an unforgettable week of sailing, camaraderie, and excitement. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or new to the sport, the **J/70 World Championship** offers an experience that will leave a lasting impression.

# J NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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# Brian Keane's *Savasana* Victorious at J/70 Midwinter Championship



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The J/70 Midwinter Championship in Miami, Florida USA proved to be a roller coaster ride for the full nine-race series. The top finishers kept changing, and even the more consistent teams all had a couple double-digit scores or penalties. The team who outlasted the others and therefore crowned 2023 Midwinter Champion was *Savasana*, led by Brian Keane, with crew Thomas Barrows, Conner Harding and Ron Weed. Three more idyllic races went in the books Sunday, March 26 on Biscayne Bay. Keane, locked in a three-way tie for third heading into the final day, controlled their own destiny by racking up a 5,2,1 to close

with 47 net points. Bryce Kalow's *Superior 2* compiled a steady series for second place with 55 points. Charlie Thompson and Thomas Mallindine on *Brutus III* won two races and were always in the hunt, ending in third place with 68 points.

Topping the all-amateur division: team *Dime* with Andrew Loe, Mallory Loe, Spencer Kunath and Chris Roberts. In the runner-up position was Zachary Segal's *USA 1154*, followed by Henry Filter's *Wild Child*. The *Eker* group from Turkey prevailed in the One-Pro Division with Ahmet Eker, Burak Zengin,





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Doga Aribas and Ates Cinar. *Convergence* secured the Mixed+ Division with an all-female team of Ava Wilson, Giulia Conti, Sarah Stone, Megan Gimple and Annie Longo.

*Savasana* was on the heels of winning the Bacardi Cup in Miami as well as the Davis Island Winter Series in Tampa. Thomas Barrows summarized, "The fleet was really deep here, so unless you had a good start, you'd find yourself in the back really quickly.

Brian, Ron and I have sailed together for 9-10 years, so when things are going well, we catalogue that. When things aren't, we troubleshoot on the fly. The teamwork is really good."

**DAY ONE RECAP:** Blue skies, warm temperatures and breeze around 10 knots greeted the 50 boats. 2022 Midwinter Champion Fernando Perez Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* stayed hot, leading the fleet with 17 points in three races (5,2,10). Dan Goldberg's *Bazinga!* went 2,17,3 on the day for second place at 22 points. Bryce Kalow's *Superior 2*



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landed in third place with 24 points. Leading the all-amateur division was Henry Filter's *Wild Child*. Kalow's *Superior 2* kicked off Friday with a victory, while Goldberg's *Bazinga!* got the second and David Jannetti's *Very Odd* was next. Doug Rastello's *Good To Go* was just that in the middle contest, ahead of Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* and Dick Kalow's *Superior 1*. Ralph Rosa's *Mindset* closed the day on top, trailed by Victor Demaison's *Three Musketeers* and Goldberg.

**DAY TWO RECAP:** Conditions on Biscayne Bay delivered again with breeze at 10-12 knots with gorgeous skies and seas. The discard race came into effect, but Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* maintained the overall advantage with 21 net points (dropping a 28 in race 4, keeping a 1,3 for Saturday). Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis* leapt in the rankings after posting a 5,6,1 on the day for 34 net points. The battle continued for the next three positions, all tied at 39 points: Bryce Kalow's *Superior 2*, Bruno Bethlem's *Joker* and





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Keane's *Savasana*. Leading the all-amateur division was still Filter's *Wild Child*. The *Brutus III* team with Thompson/Mallandine kicked off Saturday triumphantly, followed by Robert Hughes' *Heartbreaker* and Bethlem's *Joker*. Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* earned line honors in the next match, while Jack Franco's *3 Ball JT* and Jannetti's *Very Odd* cracked the top three. Golison's *Midlife Crisis* won the race to shore, chased by Franco and Ontiveros.





## TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Savasana*, Brian Keane, USA - [21] -4 -6 -4 -21 -4 -5 -2 -1 ; 47
2. *Superior 2*, Bryce Kalow, USA - 1 -5 -18 -8 -[26] -7 -7 -3 -6 ; 55
3. *Brutus III*, Charlie Thompson/Thomas Mallindine, UK - 12 -21 -[29] -1 -14 -9 -1 -7 -3 ; 68
4. *Midlife Crisis*, Bruce Golison, USA - [51] -10 -12 -5 -6 -1 -12 -10 -13 ; 69
5. *Black Mamba*, Fernando Perez Ontiveros, MEX - 5 -2 -10 -28 -1 -3 -23 -[34] -4 ; 76



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Sunday's race winners were Thompson/Mallindine on *Brutus III*, Bethlem's *Joker* and Keane's *Savasana*. Fifty teams, including

10 Corinthians, competed from the United States, plus Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Great Britain, Mexico, Sweden and Turkey from March 24-26. Photos and video are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15468>.



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# ***CAMPEONATO SUDAMERICANO J70***

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## By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

*A quick introduction...most of you know me as the PRO or Class representative on the signal boat at J/70 regattas. You also see me at major Championships wandering around in the inspection area to get a feel for the process and to interact with the teams. Some of the Technical Committee responsibilities include regatta management and race management documents, which is where a lot of my expertise and background resides.*

Recently, the International Executive Committee asked me to step into the Technical Chair role. Being a former J/70 owner and a current J/70 Class member, I agreed and joined the IJ70CA board as the Technical Chair.

To get started, I reviewed the recent Rule changes submitted to World Sailing to see where we stood and when they would be approved. As I write this, we are scheduled for a call to get them finalized.

Chris Howell and I had a call with Jeff Johnstone to get a feel for where the Class wants to go with Rule proposals in the future. I now have a better understanding of the direction of the Class.

To stay involved with the Class and to hear from the sailors and Technical Committee members, I will attend the 2023 Corinthian World Cup in Riva de Garda, 2023 Europeans in Weymouth, 2023 North Americans in Chicago and the 2023 Worlds in St. Petersburg.

Now to plagiarize from Volume 10 Issue 4 because it was well written, and these items were important to repeat as we get new owners in the Class: PROPOSED CLASS RULE CHANGES FOR 2023

### **"FOR 2023, WE ARE PROPOSING TWO CLASS RULE CHANGES.**

The first, and most significant, is to change J/70CR C.3.2(a) to require that Group 3 Categorization (professional) sailors may only drive a J/70 if they own and pay for 100% of the boat and its expenses. This is a change from the current Rule, which specifies a 50% ownership threshold. This change was strongly supported by the Class membership in our Summer 2022 survey. It should make administration and enforcement of the Group 3 restriction simpler and further solidify the J/70 Class as one which welcomes Group 3 sailors, while encouraging long-term commitments to the Class. Note that this proposed Rule's implementation is delayed for one year (until 2024) so that any Group 3 sailors with current 50% but not 100% ownership in boats have time to rearrange their situations.



The second proposed Class Rule change is a fix to a typographical error in the current Rules. In J/70CR F.3.1(b) and (c), the term “backstay” is boldfaced, which signifies that it is a term defined by the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS). In the ERS, a “backstay” is part of the running rigging, allowing it to be adjusted while racing. But in the J/70, the backstay system is adjusted via a dedicated control system on the legs of the backstay. The backstay itself is not to be adjusted and is thus defined by our Class Rules as a component of the standing rigging. This proposed change fixes that inconsistency. It is merely administrative, and it does not change anything substantive about our Rules.”

## **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES INVITED!**

As the J/70 Class grows worldwide, we continue to expand the activities of the International Technical Committee. The Committee reviews Rule changes, discusses measurement and inspection issues and helps interpret the Rules as needed. Each National Class Association (NCA) is invited to appoint a member to the Technical Committee. Ideally, this person is familiar with measurement and inspection processes as well as the views of the local (national) J/70 Class membership. Membership on the Technical Committee is a low time commitment, with almost all the business conducted via email. If your NCA would like to appoint a representative, please have the NCA president or other officer email me or Chris Howell with your nomination.

## **BECOME A J/70 CLASS MEASURER!**

As the Class grows, we need more official J/70 Measurers. We are developing training materials that should make it easier for Class members who are interested in serving the Class in this way to become qualified, even virtually. Contact me or Chris Howell if you’re interested in this!

## **KNOW YOUR CLASS RULES: MEASUREMENT VERSUS INSPECTION**

One thing that is important to keep in mind when thinking about how the J/70 Class Rules are structured is the difference between measurement and inspection. Although we usually use those terms interchangeably in conversation and when referencing Class Rules enforcement, they are not really the same. With only a few exceptions, Class Rule enforcement in the J/70 Class is via inspection, not measurement: we are inspecting the boats for compliance with the Class Rules, not performing fundamental measurements as defined by the Rules. The reason this is important to keep in mind is that the J/70 Class is a Manufacturer’s Class, meaning that the boats are supplied only by the Licensed Manufacturers. The Copyright Holder (J/Boats) and the Licensed Manufacturers alone determine virtually all the boats’ fundamental measurements. The Class Association has, over the years, developed some inspection numbers related to aspects of the boat (especially the foils), but in almost all cases these numbers are not part of the Class Rules.

To give one example...at many events, we measure the distance between the bottom surface of the keel and the bottom surface of the hull. But that number does not exist in the Class Rules. We use that 'measurement' as an inspection tool to identify possible Class Rule violations, which are any modifications to any part of the boat that are not expressly authorized by the Class Rules. This, in turn, means two important things:

First, a boat may meet the inspection number for this keel down distance but nonetheless be in violation of the Class Rules because of impermissible modifications—even if those modifications did not result in a lower keel.

Second, just because a boat is inspected to be within the numbers at one event does not mean that the boat will pass inspection at some future event. The internal numbers used for inspection are undergoing constant review, based on the Technical Committee and J/70 International Measurers' experiences and observations, as well as discussions with J/Boats and the Licensed Manufacturers. These numbers can change over time as we get more information and refine our inspection tools. In addition, we develop entirely new inspection tools and parameters (numbers) every year.

Because we (mostly) enforce the Class Rules by inspections, not measurement, it is important to remember the fundamental rule of the J/70 Class Rules: do not modify the boat in any way that is not expressly authorized by a provision of the Class Rules. Put plainly, trying to optimize a boat through

modifications is almost certainly going to result in the boat failing inspection at some point in the future.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Members of the Technical Committee will be present at the 2023 Corinthian World Cup in Riva de Garda, 2023 Europeans in Weymouth, 2023 North Americans in Chicago and the 2023 Worlds in St. Petersburg.

In 2023, the Technical Committee will be developing a headsail in-hauling system that we hope to be able to present as a change to the Class Rules for 2024. You may see a couple boats at non-major events that have been given approval to try some options in this regard. Any feedback you have as we refine this system would be welcome.

I am looking forward to serving as your Technical Chair and am honored to work with the talented members of the IJ70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. It is in great shape with all the work the Technical Committee has already put in to get us to this point. Anyone with questions or comments should contact me ([mfooster1053@gmail.com](mailto:mfooster1053@gmail.com)) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell ([howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)). I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta.

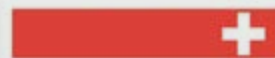




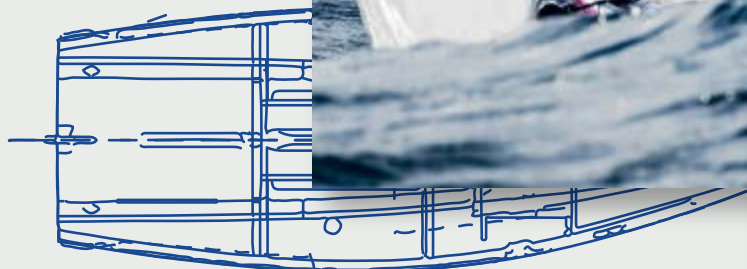
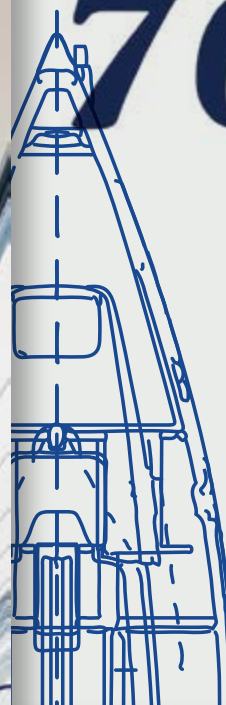


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# J/70 “RAKE RUN” 101

By Quantum Sails’ Mario Trindade

*Mario Trindade from Quantum Sails Mallorca checks in with what you need to know about the latest trends in mask rake on the J/70. While technical, dialing in these finer details can take your tune and trim to the next level. As always, please reach out to Mario or our other J/70 Class experts with any questions. Access the Quantum J/70 tuning and trim guides on our website.*

As a follower and competitor in the J/70 Class for many years, a clear trend I’ve observed is dropping the rig with longer and longer rakes. The “rake run” (54.5” in 2017 to 59/60ish” in 2023) aims to move the center of effort of the sail plan aft, delivering more rudder angle and some “feel” to a usually weightless drive when going upwind.

The trend is good but needs to be executed carefully—it’s not as simple

as dropping the rig and still setting for the same tensions as before, as some people think. Increasing the rake a lot, like we are doing, generates a change in geometry that brings different bend behaviors to the rig. Remember, the chainplates are still in the same position. That means when testing new rake numbers, make sure that the dock tune prebend of your base is matched. Otherwise, you might end up needing to play with the vertical and diagonal shrouds to get the designed luff curve of the sails. Each time, make note of tuning changes so you can [replicate the setup](#) in the future.

Other consequences of the longer rake are not only the obvious change in the jib lead, but also a change in how you’ll sail downwind. Once again, we have the same kite luff lengths as the original set-up, but now we have the rake six inches longer. This will change the kite’s behavior dramatically in all modes. The tighter luff of the sail will flatten





the entry on the displacement and lazy plane modes, affecting projection. On the other hand, it will close the kite's "leech" when sailing wing-on-wing.

As with everything in life, "There ain't no such thing as free lunch!" Everything is a compromise. The optimum rake number is the one that delivers a good performance balance for both upwind and downwind. So, the biggest question heading into this season is...what is your number?



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Real Club Nautical de Barcelona Barcelona

June 1 - June 4

**2023 J/70 Corinthian World Cup**

Fraglia Vela Riva, Fraglia Vela Riva, Italy

June 22 - June 25

**2023 J/70 German Championship at Kiel Week**

Kiel, Kiel, Germany

August 26 - August 28

**2023 J/70 UK National Championship**

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Weymouth

September 2 - September 9

**2023 J/70 European Championship**

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Weymouth

September 18 - September 24

**2023 J/70 North American Championship**

Chicago Yacht Club Chicago, IL

October 30 - November 5

**2023 J/70 World Championship**

St. Petersburg Yacht Club St. Petersburg, FL

December 2 - December 3

**Davis Island Winter Series #1**

Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, FL

December 4 - December 10

**2023 J/70 South American Championship**

Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires

December 16 - December 17

**Bacardi Winter Series #1**

Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL

# 2024

January 6 - January 7

**Davis Island Winter Series #2**

Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, FL

January 26 - January 28

**Bacardi Winter Series #2**

Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL

February 2 - February 4

**2024 J/70 Midwinter Championship /**

**Davis Island Winter Series #3**

Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, FL

March 6 - March 9

**2024 Bacardi Cup**

Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL

April 28 - May 4

**2024 J/70 North American Championship**

Vallarta Yacht Club Nuevo Vallarta

May 18 - May 25

**2024 J/70 European Championship**

Yacht Club Punta Ala Punta Ala, Tuscany

## J/70 2023 - 25 CALENDAR

September 14 - September 21  
**2024 J/70 World Championship**  
Real Club Nautico de Palma Spain

November 18 - November 24  
**2024 J/70 South American Championship**  
Yacht Club Punta del Este Uruguay

# 2025

August 23 - August 30  
**2025 J/70 European Championship**  
Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS) Saltsjöbaden

October 24, 2025 - November 1, 2025  
**2025 J/70 World Championship**  
Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires

# 2026

August 28 - September 5  
**2026 J/70 World Championship**  
Clube Naval de Cascais Cascais

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# UK NATIONALS

26th - 28th August 2023  
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Thurs 24th

0900 - 1815 Launching of boats

Fri 25th

0900 - 1815 Check-in & launching  
of boats

Sat 26th

0800 - 0930 Launching of boats  
1000 Briefing  
1155 First Warning Signal

Sun 27th

1125 First Warning Signal

Mon 28th

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# J/70 CUP 2023

1<sup>st</sup> event  
**14 - 16 April**

2<sup>nd</sup> event  
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**14 - 16 July**

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