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Tom Mallindine and Charlie Thompson's *Brutus III* (GBR), with team Chris Grube, Ben Saxton and Elisabeth Whitener, brought the J/70 World Championship title to the United Kingdom from St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida. Ten races were sailed in spectacular conditions from October 31 through November 4. *Brutus III* started the regatta with a 53 (later discarded), but then never finished lower than 13 to demonstrate their determination to win and ending with 54 net points. Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis* (USA) withstood a UFD penalty in Race Two to fulfill the runner-up position with 81 net points. Laura Grondin helmed *Dark Energy* (USA) to

third place overall and top female skipper. She was awarded the perpetual Heli Trophy, in memory of Helen Chisolm Johnstone.



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Thompson, owner of *Brutus III*, beamed that St. Petersburg is “one of the most beautiful places to sail in the world. We feel incredibly privileged to be able to race in a fleet against the very best sailors. I’m one of the oldest bowmen in the fleet and now a World Champion!”



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Two-time US Corinthian National Champions Lee Sackett and Dave Kerr on 1516 won the battle for the Corinthian World Championship, edging out the family team on *Ducasse Sailing Team* (CHI), led by Andres Ducasse. Michael Booker, crew on 1516 and a local St. Pete sailor, shared that boat owner

Kerr is their 71-year-old bowman, and fellow team member Erica Trejo is pregnant. "We embody the Corinthian spirit, we all have day jobs. It's an amazing accomplishment! We've been working hard all year doing as many events as possible and getting into the groove."



In the 13-boat One-Pro Division, Tim Ryan, *Vamos* (AUS) dominated with crew Krishan Bhogal, Robert Greenhalgh and Jess Grimes.

Saturday's race winners were Ryan McKillen's *Surge* and John Heaton's *Empeiria* in gorgeous planing conditions of 12-14 knots.

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TOP FIVE OVERALL (83 boats):

1. *Brutus III*, GBR1123, Tom Mallindine/Charlie Thompson - [53] -3 -6 -8 -2 -1 -6 -8 -13 -7 ; 54
2. *Midlife Crisis*, USA26, Bruce Golison - 5 -[84] -2 -39 -1 -4 -2 -6 -17 -5 ; 81
3. *Dark Energy*, USA819, Laura Grondin - 4 -2 -9 -15 -12 -12 -[48] -21 -5 -28 ; 108
4. *Savasana*, USA49, Brian Keane - 21 -5 -[26] -7 -17 -23 -13 -5 -21 -3 ; 115
5. *Mindset*, BRA1226, Ralph Rosa - 1 -[36] -18 -1 -26 -24 -11 -2 -20 -22 ; 125

TOP THREE CORINTHIAN (28 boats):

1. Lee Sackett and Dave Kerr, *1516* (USA)
2. Andres Ducasse, *Ducasse Sailing Team* (CHI)
3. Ragna Agerup, *Ragnarok* (NOR)

TOP THREE ONE-PRO (13 boats):

1. Tim Ryan, *Vamos* (AUS)
2. Ahmet Eker, *Eker* (TUR)
3. James Golden, *Derecho* (USA)



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An army of volunteers, International Measurers and SPYC staff conducted four days of registration and inspections, culminating in a spirited opening ceremony on Monday evening.

Festivities included champagne from the SPYC Officers, flag bearers of the junior sailing program, and presentations from America's Cup Ed Baird and local mayor Ken Welch, among others.

DAY ONE RECAP: Following a short onshore postponement, the excitement took to the waters of sunny Tampa Bay for two races in winds that began at 6 knots and increased to 12 by day's end. Grondin's *Dark Energy* (USA) with Taylor Canfield, Scott Ewing and Ian Liberty compiled a consistent day of a fourth and second for 6 points. Luis Albert's *Patakin* (ESP) held second place at 15 points, four ahead of Peter Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA). Ryan Cox's *DL* (USA) stood atop the Corinthian Division, and Ryan's *Vamos* (AUS) led the One-Pro Division. Teams were anxious for the start of Race One, as 11 boats were identified UFD. The top three finishers were: Ralph Rosa's *Mindset* (BRA), Jack Franco's *3 Ball JT* (USA) and Cate Muller-Terhune's *Casting Couch* (USA). The Race Committee adjusted the line due to a wind shift prior to Race Two. In this contest, there were six more UFD penalties. Withstanding were Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA), Grondin's *Dark Energy* (USA) and Mallindine/Thompson's *Brutus III* (GBR).



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Day Two Recap:

Two-time J/70 World Champion Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA) ascended to the top of the leaderboard, with four races completed in the series. Including crew Victor Diaz-

de-Leon, Scott Norris and Willem Van Waay, the team went 4,2 on the day to tally 25 points and the advantage. Grondin's *Dark Energy* (USA) kept strong at 31 points, staying two ahead of Albert's *Patakin* (ESP) in third overall. Lee Sackett/Kerr's *1516* (USA) moved atop the Corinthian Division, and Ryan's *Vamos* (AUS) kept the advantage in the One-Pro Division. A cold front passed through Tampa Bay overnight, bringing a fresh breeze of 12-14 knots but continued blue skies and temperatures in the 70s. Ryan's *Vamos* (AUS) started their strong day with a bullet in Race Three, also including Golison's *Midlife Crisis* (USA) and Albert's *Patakin* (ESP) in the top group. Rosa's *Mindset* (BRA) reveled in his second victory of the Championship in Wednesday's second race, while Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA) continued his move up the podium. Haroldo Solberg's *OceanPact* (BRA) placed third. Teams were enjoying daily beverages upon arrival at the docks sponsored by Three Daughters Brewery, and Wednesday convened to an evening social event during sunset at St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

DAY THREE RECAP: What happens when you combine 22 knots of breeze, planing waves, sunshine and 83 teams? Smiles all around the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, and



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exhausted sailors looking forward to two more days of racing! Mallindine/Thompson's *Brutus III* (GBR) excelled in the brilliant conditions with scores of 2,1 Thursday to launch into second place overall at 20 net points. Following two races on the day, the fleet was up to six total, meaning the discard came into effect to scramble up the standings. Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA) stayed hot in posting finishes of 6,5 (discarding an 18 from race one), and maintained the overall advantage at 18 net points. Grondin's *Dark Energy* (USA) kept close with a pair of twelves for third place with 39 net points. Ducasse's *Ducasse Sailing Team* (CHI) moved atop the Corinthian Division, and Ryan's *Vamos* (AUS) kept the lead in the One-Pro Division. The top three finishers in Race Five were Golison's *Midlife Crisis* (USA), Mallindine and Thompson's *Brutus III* (GBR) and Martin Dent's *Jelvis* (GBR). In Race Six, the *Brutus III* group took line honors, followed by Dick Kalow's *Superior 1* (USA) and Jack Franco's *3 Ball JT* (USA).

DAY FOUR RECAP: Tampa Bay produced another action-packed day, when two more races were completed bringing the total to eight. Friday saw beautiful breeze again of 10-12 knots, blue skies and moderate temperatures. Tallying scores of 6,8 on the day, Mallindine/Thompson's *Brutus III* (GBR) soared to first place overall with 34 net points. Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* (USA) suffered a 52 in Friday's final contest, which left them with 41 net points for second place. Golison's *Midlife Crisis* (USA) continued their climb after finishes of 2,6 brought them to third place at 59 net points. Ducasse's *Ducasse Sailing Team* (CHI) led the Corinthian Division, and Ryan's *Vamos* (AUS) stayed in charge of the One-Pro Division. The all-amateur crew aboard *FM*, led by American Tod Sackett, checked off a bucket list item in winning the day's opening contest. Golison and Gulboy Guryel's *Denizcik* (TUR) rounded out the top three. Ignacio Perez's *Zaguero* (MEX) added another country to the roster of race winners in the next duel, ahead of Rosa's *Mindset* (BRA) and Bruno Pasquinelli's *Stampede* (USA).



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Savasana Seals Win in 2023 J/70 North American Championship

By Amy Baxter Felder



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Brian Keane and team Savasana are the 2023 J/70 North American Champions after nine races over four days of sailing in Chicago, Illinois USA September 18-24.

The team catapulted to an early lead during the week, securing three bullets out of four races on day three, that provided a healthy cushion heading into the last day. Bruce Golison, who was in the running for the champion title after the first two days, pulled out of the event with his team *Midlife Crisis* on day three. Keane, who hails from Beverly Yacht Club, credited strong teamwork with Thomas Barrows, Conner Harding and Ronald Weed.



RESULTS TOP 5 OVERALL

(9 races minus worst score):

1. *Savasana*: 3-2-1-1-1-6-3-[46BFD]-29; 46
2. *3 Ball JT*: 19-11-2-3-2-2-2-6-[40]; 47
3. *Rowdy*: [22]-8-9-15-13-4-1-11-6; 67
4. *Casting Couch*: [24]-1-3-2-12-21-5-14-15; 73
5. *Level 5*: 7-10-7-8-7-16-[35]-16-5; 76

Savasana sailed a near perfect regatta for much of the week, marred by one Black flag start on the penultimate race. Despite the second-place team *3 Ball JT*—helmed by Jack Franco, with a team of two-time J/70 NA Champions Jud Smith, Patrick Wilson and Bill Hardesty—closing in on *Savasana* in the final few races, Keane and company pulled off the win.



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3 Ball JT engaged *Savasana* in the final race of the regatta with both boats rounding the first windward mark at the back of the pack. *Savasana* started race nine with an 11-point lead (17 points overall) over *3 Ball JT* (28 points), and 41 points over the next place boat, Cate Muller-Terhune's *Casting Couch* (58). Teams were scored minus their worst place finish, and with a Black

flag as *Savasana*'s drop already counted, *3 Ball JT* had much more leverage to play ball against *Savasana* only and come out on top overall if successful. In the end, *Savasana* managed to hold onto the win by one point.

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"In the last race, Jack just went and attacked us hard," Keane said. "He sat on us up the entire windward leg, and we kept trying to tack out of there and he just kept covering us. We were way back, probably the last boat. Downwind, we gybe set, and he followed. Then we went to wing and were able to pass them, which gave us freedom to go in the second windward leg. We were fighting like crazy. It was a lot of boats we had to pass."

Savasana's successes this year (Bacardi Cup, Midwinter Championship in Miami, Davis Island Winter Series and Verve Inshore) are all the more sweet for skipper Keane, who was treated for cancer this past spring and has inspired many on the racecourse with his perseverance.



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"This year is special," he said. "Earlier in the year, I was diagnosed with cancer, and I've sought excellent treatment. I'm very optimistic about that, but it adds a sort of urgency. And I think that's made all the difference. Everybody's been supportive. I had chosen to go public with the cancer a while back, and I'm glad I did because more people should talk about it because millions of people have it. Everyone has been so supportive, it's a great sailing community. And I'm very thankful for that."



Another regatta winner was *USA 1516*, helmed by Lee Sackett and co-owned by Dave Kerr. The team was crowned the top Corinthian boat in the fleet after a successful nine races landed them 15th overall. Rounding out the team was local Chicago sailor Erica Trejo and Michael Booker of St. Petersburg, Florida.

With only one entry in the Mixed+ division, Laura Sigmond's *Norboy* took the honor, ending the regatta in 12th place overall.

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Hestia, helmed by Chicago Yacht Club member James Murray, was the top team in the One-Pro division, finishing 26th overall.

Chicago Yacht Club hosted the 2023 J/70 North American Championship at Belmont Harbor. Conditions were light and lumpy in the first two days of racing and increased to moderate winds on days three and four with a choppy sea state on Lake Michigan.

"We're so appreciative of everyone coming out for the event," said Eileen O'Neill Gioielli, co-chair of the regatta. "I'm so glad we got some great racing in the end and Chicago delivered for the J/70 sailors."

"It's great to see several women competing at this high level," said Claire O'Neill, co-chair of the regatta. "We'd love to see more in the



future. All the competitors from around the world have been very friendly, and it's a great community."

Chicago Yacht Club would like to thank sponsors AA Dive Services, Acqua Panna, Boater's Closet, Casa Azul, Crowley's, Noble Oak, North Sails, Sail 22, Samuel Adams, San Pelligrino and Twisted Tea.

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Doug Rastello and *Good To Go* Win the 2023 J/70 European Championship

By Andy Rice

Doug Rastello and his USA team on *Good To Go* won the J/70 European Championship hosted by the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (UK) September 1-9. While the American crew were the outright winners of the 48-boat fleet, it was the runners-up from Portugal, Vasco Serpa and *Solyd Sailing Team/SailCascais*, who became the European Champions.

For the second day in a row, there was barely a breath of wind across Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay, and the Race Committee made a call for abandoning racing at midday. It was a frustrating but unavoidable conclusion to the regatta, which saw five



races take place in light and shifty conditions out in the Bay. There were no complaints about the temperature, but the light easterly gradient made it impossible for afternoon sea breezes to develop on the south coast of England.

Winning races was not the winning ingredient

While five races were well short of the target for the Championship, there could be no doubting that Rastello's crew proved worthy winners of the regatta. Their scores of 11,3,2,7,6 were significantly more consistent than the rest of the fleet; the Americans racking up just 18 points with discard compared with 29 points for the Portuguese in second overall. It's a sign of just how tricky the conditions were, that the top-placed boat to win an individual race was the Mexican entry in fifth overall, *Zaguero*, skippered by Ignacio Perez.



Rastello had brought together a group of friends who had never sailed together before, but he knew he had the right ingredients for success. "I needed to get the dream team together, and I think we did. We had the right chemistry, and it was a really good team, solid," said Rastello.



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With such a talented team of John Wallace, Morgan Trubovich and Steve Hunt, there might have been a risk of too many cooks spoiling the broth, but Rastello said the communications loop and decision making process worked well on board. "Everybody respects each other's role, and we talked about that before the regatta. We agreed that the best way you put a team together is to have everyone do their own job and not tell others how to do theirs. I have done tactics in the past, but this week I just listened to where Steve told me to go, and it seemed to work."

Portuguese on the rise

Vasco Serpa was delighted to have finished in second place, especially with so few points separating second to 12th place overall. More races on the final day would have made it hard for the Portuguese to defend their position, and Serpa admitted the final hours of waiting had been nervous times before their European title was assured. He paid tribute to his crew of Diogo Pinto, Paolo Manso and Hugo Rocha. "Last season we did OK, but we felt we had some deficiencies as we were still learning how to make the J/70 go fast. So we shortened the learning curve and brought in some top sailors. Paolo finished fourth in last year's Worlds with

a Spanish crew, and Hugo [470 Olympic bronze medalist] is perhaps the best sailor in Portugal and works for North Sails. He has the technical knowledge, and he brings a winning mentality to the racecourse. It was very tough racing against a really hot fleet, so we're very happy with the result. I raced Lasers back in the 1990s, went to the Olympics [seventh in Atlanta 1996], took a few years away from the sport and when I came back, I wanted to compete with the best. The J/70 is the Class that gives me that possibility."

Finishing 3 points behind the Portuguese and taking the final podium place was *Denizcik*, a Turkish entry skippered by Gulboy Guryel.

Corinthian shoot-out

Of the 48 entries, 32 were Corinthian, a typically high proportion of the J/70 fleet in Europe. It was a fierce battle for top honors in the Corinthian division with just 3 points separating the top crews from Sweden, Switzerland and Great Britain who took eighth, ninth and 10th places overall. Pär Svärdsson's crew on *Happy Yachting* came out ahead for Sweden, with Stefan Seger's *Aiola* in second and Jonathan Calascione's *Calypso* in third.

Svårdsson was delighted with his Corinthian victory and said one of the enjoyable aspects of racing the J/70 was also being able to race against some of the world's best professionals, America's Cup veterans and Olympians and so on. "It's good fun racing against sailors of that standard, especially if you beat them," he smiled. "I mean, it doesn't happen that often but it's a good incentive to improve. Racing against great sailors always makes you a better sailor in yourself."

Although disappointed to have missed a chance to attack for the win, Calascione was still satisfied with his team's performance across the five races. "We led off the pin end of one race and looked across, thought about tacking, thought we'd consolidate for another 50 metres and then tacked. By the time we had done that, the wind filled in from the other side of the course and we went from first to last in the blink of an eye. It's very hard to deal with those kinds of challenges, but it's the nature of such tight, competitive racing that brought me to the J/70 Class and keeps me here. The Corinthian scene is getting stronger and stronger, and on our day we feel we have the potential to beat anybody, the professionals included."



Gliddon is top woman

First youth team were *Delft Challenge* from the Netherlands, skippered by Mees de Graaf, and finishing 17th overall. The top female helm was Josie Gliddon who steered Charlie Thompson's *Brutus II* to fourth overall, missing the podium on tiebreak. Gliddon doesn't like being defined as a female sailor, only as a sailor, but does believe the nature of J/70 racing makes it possible for competitors of both genders to race on very equal terms. "There's not a huge amount of load in these boats," said Gliddon, who also races the Cape 31 and International Moth. "I'm doing the steering, and I've done the mainsheet on the J/70 too. There's a bit of load in the gennaker sheet, but it's all quite doable. Whether you're a man or a woman isn't really the issue. It's a level playing field in the J/70."

Phil Taylor, secretary for the UK J/70 Class, paid tribute to his fellow competitors and thanked all the many people who made the event happen at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, not least the volunteers. "Despite the challenges with the lack of wind, we've enjoyed a great week here, and there's lots to look forward to in 2024, with the next Europeans in Tuscany, the Corinthian Worlds in Copenhagen and the Worlds in Palma. The Class is in great shape."



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More information about the J/70 European Championship can be found at the website <https://j70euros2023.com/>.

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The Corinthian Worlds 2024 in Copenhagen is shaping up to be a truly international event, with 160 boats registered thus far. The National Class Association, alongside the Royal Danish Yacht Club, expresses its joy at the diverse global turnout, particularly acknowledging competitors from Brazil, Australia, the USA, and Canada for their commitment to undertake the lengthy journey.

This robust participation underscores the event's global appeal and the unifying power of sailing as a sport. With the regatta drawing near, the city of Copenhagen is eager to welcome sailors and spectators alike for what is anticipated to be a memorable showcase of skill and camaraderie on the waters.



IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS!

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	BEL	1	0,6%
	BRA	6	3,8%
	CAN	1	0,6%
	DEN	40	25,2%
	ESP	1	0,6%
	EST	2	1,3%
	FIN	7	4,4%
	FRA	1	0,6%
	GBR	11	6,9%

	GER	25	15,7%
	ITA	2	1,3%
	MON	1	0,6%
	NED	8	5,0%
	NOR	17	10,7%
	POL	1	0,6%
	SUI	2	1,3%
	SWE	23	14,5%
	TUR	1	0,6%
	USA	4	2,5%

	FEMALE	18	11,3%
	MALE	141	88,7%

160 boats signed up

140 boats paid entry fee

20 boats on the waiting list

Royal Danish Yacht Club Event Chair Lars Ive tells to Momentum: - At the Royal Danish Yacht Club, we are thrilled to be hosting the J70 Corinthian Worlds in 2024. The enthusiasm was beyond our expectations, with a staggering 70 boats registered within the first 24 hours and 140 within a month—a potential record-breaking pace for entries and possibly the largest turnout for a J70 event to date.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming all the boats and sailors next June and are committed to making the event a monumental success, building upon our

valuable experience from the Europeans in 2021. We're also excited to highlight our dedication to sustainability, enhancing our already significant efforts with new initiatives to ensure an eco-friendly event.

Reflecting on the remarkable response, we ponder the appeal of a Corinthian event, which seems to resonate with the desire to compete amongst peers, rather than against the seemingly 'unbeatable' competition. We are wholeheartedly looking forward to greeting everyone in Copenhagen in six months.

By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

A Rule change that was approved in 2023 and postponed until January 1, 2024 to give time to comply, J70CR C.3.2(a) requires 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 will be a change from the previous Rule, which specified 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 commitment to the Class.

At the North Americans and Worlds, we noticed deteriorating wedges due to age. I will point you to guidance on keel wedge maintenance from the IJ70CA Technical Committee posted here: <https://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/J70-Technical-Bulletin-2023-10-15.pdf>. This document gives you the max depth for the keel and allows owners to check their keels and wedges before major Championships where inspection will take place.

We had several questions asked at the Worlds, and I wanted to share them with the membership.

Can I move the mast base location on the deck?

No. The mast base must be in the builder location in the original four holes. If you are changing from one mast builder to another, there is a mast base that will fit in the builders' original holes. See #26 in the Class FAQ.

Can I move the mast compression post that is under the deck and attached to the mast stepping plate?

No. The compression post attachment plate must be attached in the factory drilled holes. See #26 in the Class FAQ.

Can I have two different masts for different conditions?

No. Except for the unusual exception of a damaged mast, there should only be one mast for the boat. The builder has stated that a mast replacement (or any other changes to the boat) should be listed on the Manufacturers Declaration.

Here is a link to the technical bulletin on mast replacement: <https://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/J70-Technical-Bulletin-2019-04-18.pdf>



Can I have my professional crew drive the boat for starts or mark roundings?

No. Please review CR C.3.2.

Can the keel wedge slots be fixed to prevent the keel from dropping too low?

Maybe. In the unusual situation where new wedges alone will not prevent the keel from being too low, you may need to fix the keel



wedge slots. Please contact the technical committee to discuss solutions.

Now to plagiarize from Volume 10 Issue 4 because it was well written, and these items are important to repeat as we get new owners in the Class.

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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 that 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 Rule 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, and 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.

Just because a boat is inspected to be within our numbers at one event does not mean that the boat will pass inspection at some future event.

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 2024 North Americans in Nuevo Vallarta, 2024 Europeans in Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario, 2024 Corinthian World Championship in Copenhagen and the 2024 World Championship in Palma.

I am enjoying the challenges that are being presented as the 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 (mfoster1053@gmail.com) and/or the Class Executive Chris Howell (howell@j70office.com). I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta.



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Spain Report

By Marcelo Baltzer Foucher



Good start for the J/70 fleet during the Spanish autumn-winter season

During the Spanish summer, there is only one J/70 event—La Copa del Rey de Vela in Palma de Mallorca. It has been the third year the J/70 Class is part of this very important event in the Spanish calendar.

With nine boats on the starting line and four nationalities, nine races were performed from July 27-August 4, and the winner was Luis Albert Solana with *Patakin*.

During the Copa del Rey, a special event was done to announce the J/70 Spanish Ranking

and a prize giving ceremony was performed with prizes from our sponsors.

This Ranking defines the Spanish participants in the 2024 World Championship in Palma de Mallorca.

With the start of the Autumn-Winter season, both Spanish fleets (Vigo and Barcelona) started their Winter series that will last until February 2024 with a weekend sailing each month.

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VIGO-CASCAIS WINTER SERIES

- 13,14,15 October National Portuguese Championship Cascais
- 11,12 November Cascais
- 16,17 December Vigo
- 13,14 January Vigo
- 10,11 February Vigo

For the first time, the first two dates of the Vigo winter series were sailed in Cascais together with the new J/70 Portuguese fleet (15 boats, 3 nationalities).

LINKS TO THE RESULTS BELOW:

October

<https://regatas.cncascais.com/en/default/races/race-resultsall/text/sailcascais-J/70-grand-slam-en>

November

<https://regatas.cncascais.com/en/default/races/race-resultsall/text/cascais-J/70-winter-series-atlantic-cup-en>

BARCELONA WINTER SERIES

- EVENT 1: 20,21 Y 22 October 2023.
- EVENT 2: 17,18 Y 19 November 2023.
- EVENT 3: 15,16 Y 17 December 2023.
- EVENT 4: 26,27 Y 28 January 2024.
- EVENT 5: 23,24 Y 25 February 2024.



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After two events, 15 races, 15 boats and five nationalities, the current temporary winner is *Hang Ten* with Jorge Martinez Doreste at the helm.

GENERAL RESULTS IN THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://barcelonawinterseries.com/data/results/2023/overall_J/70.pdf

As you can see during the Autumn and Winter months, while in the rest of Europe the cold tightens, in Spain it is a real pleasure to sail. Mostly the sun is present as well as the wind, resulting in excellent conditions for sailing.



Sweden Report

By Anja Kullberg

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The Royal Swedish Yacht Club, KSSS and the Swedish J/70 Class Association welcome all J/70 sailors to the Swedish Championship for J/70 2024. The competition will be sailed on the waters outside Sandhamn, which makes this regatta the perfect rehearsal for the upcoming J/70 European Championship 2025, also to be held at Sandhamn. The regatta will start on Wednesday the 7th of August with a tune-up race, followed by racing Thursday 8th to Saturday the 10th.

Launching will be offered on Monday and Tuesday before the regatta, and towing will be provided from the launch place to Sandhamn.

The Swedish Championship for J/70 will be part of Sandhamnsregattan, organized by KSSS. The regatta has been a cherished tradition in the beautiful archipelago of Sandhamn since 1897, making it the oldest regatta of KSSS. This annual event has deep historical roots, and it continues to thrive, gathering sailing enthusiasts from near and far.

There will be different options for accommodation. More information and links for booking will be available soon at https://www.ksss.se/kappsegling/ksss-kappseglingar-2024/Sandhamnsregattan_2024/.



NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Photo: Daniel Stenholm

At the close of 2022, the Nordic class organizations united to fortify the concept of the Nordic Championship. It was unanimously agreed that the championship would rotate among the four Nordic nations, and it would be held concurrently with the national championship to ensure robustly organized regattas and substantial participation.

The inaugural event under this revitalized framework was the Nordic Championship, held in co-lap with the Swedish Championship, from August 25 to 27 in Malmö. A fleet of 40 boats contended over three challenging days, battling shifting winds and the capricious currents of the Øresund. The event was expertly managed by the capable hands of Malmö Segel Sällskap.

Emerging victorious after nine tightly contested races was “Team Elvis,” comprising Philip Engelbert, Marcus Höglander, Jimmy Hellberg, and Jakob Gustafsson from KSSS. Hot on their heels were Olov Langenius and crew from GKSS - Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club, followed by Magnus Tyreman and crew from KSSS, clinching the bronze.

The forthcoming year will see the championship migrate to Denmark, where the Danish and Nordic championships will unfold from October 4 to 6. This event is anticipated to attract numerous entries from the Nordic regions and Germany, given its convenient location—a mere three-hour drive from Kiel and Hamburg.

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Join us once more at the Kjøbenhavns Amatør Sejlklub – KAS and the Danish J/70-Class for our annual Easter Camp. This edition promises even more excitement as we merge the camp with a high-level regatta. Launching into the fourth consecutive year, the Easter Camp sets the stage for the summer sailing season, offering an ideal warm-up for the J/70 Corinthian Worlds 2024 in Skovshoved this June. Sharpen your skills over three days of morning training sessions and afternoon races.

WORLD-CLASS TRAINING We're thrilled to welcome three world-renowned sailors to guide you:

- Phillip Guhle, esteemed Pro Matchracer and sailing coach, returns to focus on your startline strategies and back-to-back racing skills.
- Claudia Rossi, a three-time J/70 European Champion and adept helmsman, will share her expertise in sail trim and advanced techniques.
- Jack Wetherell, British Olympic ILCA7-Sailor and J/70 expert, joins us for the first time to impart his knowledge on trim and fleet racing tactics. Currently sailing on GBR Team Jelvis.

Each day begins with a comprehensive briefing post-breakfast, followed by hands-on exercises tailored to fleet racing. Post-lunch, engage in 2-3 races that provide the perfect backdrop for applying the morning's lessons, all under the guidance of our seasoned coaches.

ENROLLMENT DETAILS With close to 30 teams from 4 nations already on board, we have openings for 10 more. KAS prides itself on hosting value-packed regattas, where your investment translates into unparalleled sailing experiences.

Take advantage of our limited-time offer to store your boat at Svanemølle harbor between the ECC24 and the Championship in June for a nominal fee.

Your registration covers three days of intensive training and regatta participation, crane usage, port dues, mooring, daily breakfasts, selfcatered lunches, a hosted dinner (excluding beverages), post-race refreshments, and endless networking opportunities. Situated a mere 4.5 km from the heart of Copenhagen, KAS is not just a venue but the starting line for your best sailing season yet.

2023

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 15 - January 19

2024 Southernmost Regatta

Key West Key West, 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

March 15 - March 17

2024 Sail & Ski Race

Fraglia Vela Riva (Riva del Garda) and
Madonna di Campiglio (Trentino)

April 26 - May 4

2024 J/70 North American Championship

Vallarta Yacht Club Nuevo Vallarta

May 18 - May 25

2024 J/70 European Championship

CNVA - Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario
Italy

June 2 - June 8

2024 J/70 Corinthian World Championship

Royal Danish Yacht Club Copenhagen

June 28 - June 30

J/Cup 2024 Event 2

Fraglia Vela Riva Riva del Garda

July 26 - July 28

J/Cup 2024 Event 3

Fraglia Vela Malcesine Italy

September 14 - September 21

2024 J/70 World Championship

Real Club Nautico de Palma Spain

October 3 - October 6

2024 J/70 German Championship

Deutscher Touring Yacht-Club

Lake Starnbergersee

October 18 - October 20

J/Cup 2024 Event 4 / Italian Championship

Ligurian Sea Italy

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 - November 1

2025 J/70 World Championship

Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires

2026

August 28 - September 5

2026 J/70 World Championship

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