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South American Championship 2023Organized by the Argentine Yacht Club, North Darsena

Congratulations to the winners of each series and to all the competitors for participating in this amazing Championship in December!

BOAT OF THE DAY

- 1st General 806 Gonzalo Ramos Vertiz
- 1st Corinthians YES DEAR! Francisco Van Avermaete









CORINTHIANS

- 3rd BBTO
 José Arrondo Guillermo Arrondo Ezequiel Mendonca Ayrton Godoy (ARG)
- 2nd PLAN B
 Pedro Garra Ignacio Regusci Enrique Schickendantz Ivan Guicheff (URU)
- 1st SI QUERIDA!
 Francisco Van Avermaete Carlos Lacchini
 Gerónimo Galván Rafael De Martis
 (ARG)







GENERAL

- 5th JELVIS
 Martin Dent Jack Wetherell Henry
 Wetherell Drew Barnes (GBR)
- 4th HOMER
 Juan Diego Figueroa Gabriel Marino -Ignacio Giamona - Juani Pereyra (ARG)
- 3rd MINDSET
 Ralph Vasconcellos Rosa Guilherme
 Hamelmann Julio Falcão Rayco Tabares
 (BRA)
- 2nd NILDO
 Guillermo Parada Mariano Parada Jorge
 Engelhard Juan Pablo Engelhard (ARG)

J/70 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER: THE ENEMY

Samuel Albrecht - Gustavo Thiesen - Renato Plass - Rodolfo Streibel (BRA)

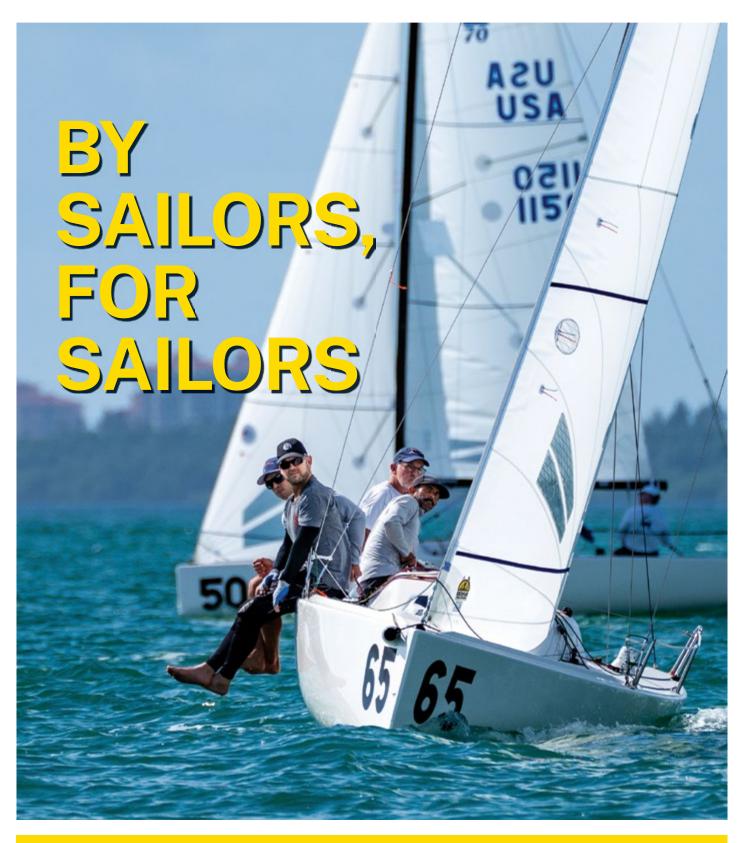








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The first South American
Championship in history was
hosted in Punta del Este in 2016.
History will repeat in 2024, on the
J/70 Class 10th and the Yacht Club
Punta del Este 100th anniversaries.

The Yacht Club Punta del Este pioneered the J/70 Class in the South Atlantic. In 2015, it introduced the first fleet of 10 boats imported from the US and helped promote that the boats were built in the region. Since then, the region has enjoyed an extraordinary growth in number and popularity of the Class in Uruguay and Argentina, that is now being followed by the growth of the Brazilian fleet.

After a brief setback (consequence of the pandemic), the Rolex Cup from January 20-22 was finally a sign of how strong and competitive the Class is in the region, and a preamble of what it is to come for the 2024 South American Championship.

Twenty-one crews from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay sailed nine very competitive races in the wonderful sailing conditions that Punta del Este always guarantees.

Since the very beginning, the fight for the top places was between the Brazilians. *Viking* helmed by Haroldo Solberg, *El Enemigo* helmed by Samuel Albrecht and *Mindset* helmed by Ralph Vasconcellos fought intensely for the trophy in 12-18 kt wind from the southeast.



Although typical wonderful summer conditions, there were head scratching days for the tacticians, as the typical left bias almost never showed up.

Another close battle took place in the Corinthian fleet between Marcos Soares' *Capincanela* from Brazil, Pedro Garra's *Plan B* and Diego Wulf's *Shambhala* from Uruguay. In the end, Haroldo Solberg and his crew probably leveraged on their experience in sailing and winning in the Rolex Cup in 2023 to win over the very recent South American Champion Samuel (Samuca) Albrecht and his crew. Ralph Vasconcellos and crew finished in third.

The battle was even tighter in the Corinthian fleet, with Marcos Soares *Capincanela* winning over Pedro Garra's *Plan B* with only one point advantage, followed by Diego Wulf's *Shambhala*.

It was a blessing for the Yacht Club Punta del Este to start the 100th anniversary with such an interesting and competitive event of the J/70 Class in preparation for the South Americans that will close the celebrations from November 16-23. About 40 crews from Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, UK and the rest of the world are expected to show up in Punta del Este. If you've ever been or learned about Punta, you are probably already planning for it. You should not miss it!





2024 J/70 North American Championship April 28-May 4 Vallarta Yacht Club, Mexico

The Vallarta Yacht Club is eagerly preparing to host the highly anticipated 2024 J/70 North American Championship. Sailors are sure to enjoy the near perfect conditions of Banderas Bay while showcasing their skills, making this Championship a must-see event for sailing enthusiasts.

With its commitment to excellence and impeccable organization, the Vallarta Yacht Club promises to deliver an unforgettable experience for both participants and spectators. Nestled in the picturesque coastal town of Nuevo Nayarit, the Paradise Village Resort is the host hotel for the Championship. Paradise Village Resort offers luxurious accommodations and stunning views of Banderas Bay.

If you have not already made arrangements for lodging, we encourage you to go to the website https://www.J/70namexico24.com/ and click on "Accommodations." With its pristine beaches, world-class dining options and a wide range of amenities, the resort provides the perfect setting for participants and visitors to relax and unwind after a day of exhilarating races.

For information about logistics, boat transportation, and boat rental, please contact: mvrobles@prodigy.net.mx or ernesto.gutierrez@oleomex.com.mx

For additional information, check out the website: www.J/70namexico24.com



2024 J/70 CORINTHIAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 1-8

ROYAL DANISH YACHT CLUB, COPENHAGEN DENMARK

J/70 CORINTHIAN WORLDS 2024 MANAGE2SAIL

By RDYC J/70 Corinthian Worlds 2024 Event Committee

From June 1-8, the Royal Danish Yacht Club will host the J/70 Corinthian World Championship in Skovshoved Harbor, a little north of Copenhagen–where the Europeans took place some years ago.

At the Europeans, 98 boats took part, but now we are looking into a fleet of 140 J/70s. The number of boats will put maximum pressure on the event including harbor facilities, communication network, social activities and Race Committee managing two courses with 70 boats on the starting lines.

We will launch the 140 boats in 22 hours, doing inspections on every boat and towing it to its berth in the harbor.

Communication will be managed with a very strong WiFi, WhatsApp and Manage2Sail.

On the water, the two courses will be equipped with MarkSetBots, and at the moment we are talking to Vakaros to see if all participants can use the Race Sense system.

Socially, we will offer a light meal every day after racing, which means approximately 3,500 meals to be served and the same amount of drinks...but we have plans to manage.

And, of course, the regatta will be run as a sustainability regatta according to Sailors for the Sea guidelines.





J/70 INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

Welcome to the 2024 sailing season. A number of you are already sailing in Cascais, Davis Island or Miami, Florida, and a few are braving the cold in Copenhagen. In Australia, they are in full swing of their summer sailing.

During the past year, the following Class Rules (CR) were presented and approved by the World Council, becoming effective January 1, 2024. The reason for each change is stated below each item. The latest version of the CR can be found here:

https://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Class-Rules-2024.pdf

Old:

C.1.1 RULES

- (a) The ERS Part I Use of Equipment shall apply.
- (b) RRS 42.3(c) is modified to read "When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the main and jib may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, but the gennaker sheet may be played without restriction."

Amend to Read:

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- (a) The ERS Part I Use of Equipment shall apply.
- (b) RRS 42.3(c) is modified to read "When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, to initiate surfing or planing, the main and

jib may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, but the gennaker sheet may be played without restriction."

Explanation: Change is to better clarify the CR C.1.1 (b).

Added CR 1.14 OSCAR FLAG

The change to RRS 42.3(c) described in Class rule C.1.1 (b) is only in effect when the race Committee displays the code flag Oscar.

OLD C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA's Technical Committee under E.2.2:

- (a) The **hull appendages** may be lightly sanded for the purpose of applying anti-foul paint. If an epoxy barrier coat is applied, then anti-foul shall also be applied.
- (d) Modification of the keel wedges and their position is prohibited except as described in E2.2 (c).

Amend to Read: C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

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(a) The **hull appendages** may be lightly sanded for the purpose of applying *epoxy and/or* anti-foul paint. If an epoxy is applied *alone*, it must be white in color.

Explanation: This amendment changes the requirement for bottom paint if an epoxy is applied to keel and rudder. This allows for repairs at a lower cost than trying to repair the gel coat on both keel and rudder.

(d) Modification of the keel wedges and their position is prohibited except as described in E2.2 (c).

Explanation: Clarify keel wedge modifications

F.4.2. PURCHASE SYSTEMS

OLD

System	Min purchase	Max purchase
Backstay Control	2:1	2:1

Amend to Read

F.4.2 PURCHASE SYSTEMS

System	Min purchase	Max purchase
Backstay Control	2:1	4:1

Explanation: A backstay control option of 4:1 to make backstay easier for all to manage.

Explanation: This new Class Rule allows the Race Committee to better control the additional gennaker pumping described in C.1.1 (b)

G.3 MAINSAIL Old:

G.3.2 MATERIALS

- (a) The ply fibres shall consist of woven ply of polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- (b) Sail reinforcement shall consist of polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- (c) Battens of fiberglass.

Amend to Read:

G.3.2 MATERIALS

- (a) The ply fibres shall consist of woven ply of polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- (b) Primary and secondary Sail reinforcement shall consist of polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- (c) Battens of fiberglass

CR I.10 Amend to Read: I.10 MIXED-PLUS DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Mixed-Plus division. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of 4 or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over 18 years of age. The Mixed Plus division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

Explanation: This new Division is to promote more women and youth in the Class. The rule will require each team to sail with two or more women crew or some combination of women and youth sailors.

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CR I.11 Amend to Read: I.11 MIXED-PLUS EVENT

Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of 4 or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over 18 years of age. (This Rule shall not be used to modify C.3 for Continental or World Championships.)

Explanation: This new Event Rule is to promote more women and youth in the Class. The rule will require each team to sail with two or more women crew or some combination of women and youth sailors.

CR I.12 Amend to Read: I.12 YOUNG CREW DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Young Crew division. To be considered as a Young Crew team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/ driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age. The Young Crew division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

Explanation: This new Division is to promote young teams.

CR Amend to Read: I.13 YOUNG CREW EVENT

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Explanation: This new Event is to promote young teams.

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.



The publication of the Notice of Race opens the registration period for this great international event of the J/70. The Real Club Náutico de Palma (RCNP) expects to have a fleet of 100 boats.

The RCNP will host the J/70 World Championship from the 13th to the 22nd of September this year. The competition will consist of five days, preceded by three days of registration of participants and inspection of boats.



This will be the first time that the Bay of Palma hosts a J/70 World Championship, although this Class has been participating for years in the main regattas organized by the RCNP, including the Trofeo Princesa Sofía, PalmaVela and the Copa del Rey MAPFRE.



The organizers are confident that the World Championship will far surpass the previous records of this Class in Mallorca.

"The World Championship will be a milestone for the club. We are expecting a Championship with a large number of participants, which is why we have had to limit registration to 100 boats. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the ceiling we have set ourselves, we will take into account the ranking, which guarantees us an event of the highest level," assures Manu Fraga, director of the RCNP.

The World title is currently held by Britain's *Brutus III*, led by Tom Mallindine and Charles Thompson, and with Olympic sailor Ben Saxton as tactician. The Spanish fleet will include, among others, *Patakín* (RCN Palma) of the Mallorcan Luis Albert, winner of the last Copa del Rey and the only Spanish representative in the last World Championship.





Following two days ashore due to light air, Mother Nature reversed fortunes for the J/70 Midwinter Championship in Tampa, Florida on Sunday, February 4. With a storm passing through Tampa Bay leaving winds starting at 20 knots and slightly decreasing through three races, winners were determined for the Midwinters and the three-event series.





MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP:

- 1. Catapult, Joel Ronning / Victor diaz de Leon / Patrick Wilson / Morgan Trubovich 2 -1 -3; 6
- 2. Hedgehog Alec Cutler / Charles Pucciariello / Brad Rodi / Ryan Cox 2.5 -4 -1; 7.5
- 3. Savasana, Brian Keane / Thomas Barrows / Ron Weed / Conner Harding 3 -5 -10; 18
- 4. Stampede, Bruno Pasquinelli / Brian Porter / Greiner Hobbs / Matt Woodworth 6 -7 -5; 18
- 5. Casting Couch, Cate Muller-Terhune / Jackson Benvenutti / Jeff Hayden / Allan Terhune 4 -14 -2; 20









Topping the all-amateur division was Alec Cutler's *Hedgehog* with Charles Pucciariello, Brad Rodi and Ryan Cox. Following were Lee Sackett and David Kerr on *USA1516* with Mike Booker and Tod Sackett. Aaron Drury's *Trial* placed third with lan Hunter, Brian Johansen and Telmo Basterra.

In the One-Pro Division: *Team Eker* with Nevra Eker, Yasar Doga Aribas, Cem Gozen and Can Kocak.

In the Mixed+ Division: Jean Marc Papin with Anne Dangy, Thomas Davy and Thibault Dufour.

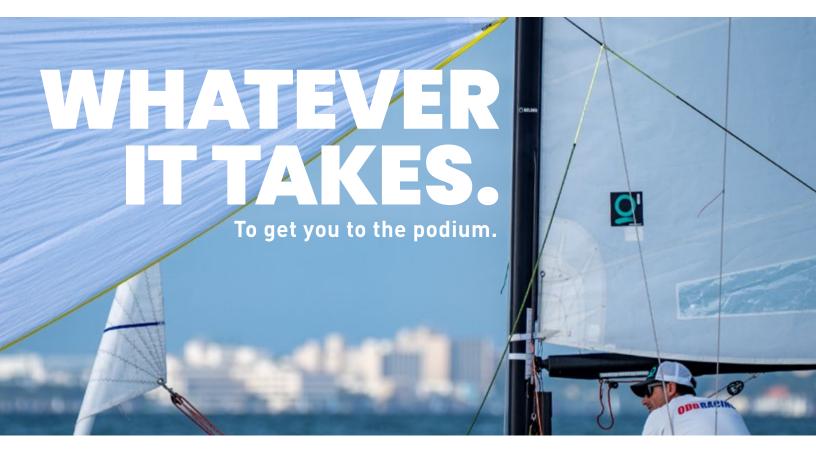
The event concluded the three-weekend series as follows:

Division	Position	Boat	Skipper
Open	1	Catapult	Joel Ronning
	2	Savasana	Brian Keane
	3	Empeiria	John Heaton
Corinthian	1	USA 1516	David Kerr
	2	Hedgehog	Alec Cutler
	3	Hot Ticket	Mike Kirkman
One Pro	1	Sail 22	Ed Furry
Mixed +	1	Casting Couch	Cate Muller-Terhune

For the Midwinter Championship, 56 teams competed, including 24 Corinthians from the United States, plus Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Spain, Sweden and Turkey from February 2-4. Photos and videos are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook and Instagram pages, and complete results for the weekend may be found at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16123.







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J/70 Class Creates New Class Rules Aimed at Increasing Opportunities

By Hannah Lee Noll

The new edition of the J/70 Class Rules includes two new initiatives: Young Crew and Mixed-Plus. Designed to grow the pipeline into the bigfleet keelboat racing the J/70 Class is known for, these two subdivisions galvanize the Class's commitment to growth in populations that have historically had fewer opportunities.

WATCH THE VIDEO: https://bit.ly/newj70rules YOUNG CREW: The Young Crew division incentivizes teams with an entire crew under 25 years old. The initiative is meant to allow for more opportunities for young sailors. "It definitely helps people who have graduated college and want to get into the next level of sailing," said 24-year-old Carl Eaton, tactician

on Loki, one of the Young Crew entries at the J/70 Midwinter Championship. "This helps bridge that gap. It's awesome that they gave us this opportunity." Eaton's home club, Wayzata Sailing, is one of the clubs leading the way in the Young Crew division by providing club-owned boats, financial support, and opportunities for young sailors to learn and test their mettle by racing in the J/70 class, an international fleet with both professional and Corinthian participation. "We can't wait to find out how we shake out against some of the best sailors in the world," said the 24-year-old. "Growing up at Minnetonka, we sailed against Joel Ronning and seeing him win world championships has been a huge inspiration to us. This is my first J/70 event,







so we're a little nervous to be on a big starting line of almost 60 boats." But at the same time, "there are definitely a lot of familiar faces here - people I've sailed against in high school and in college. So it's great to see how we've come from that space in scholastic and collegiate sailing to the keelboat world."

MIXED-PLUS: The Mixed-Plus division incentivizes teams made up of no more than two men over 18 years old. The initiative is meant to allow for more opportunities for women and families. "We like sailing as a mixed team because it diversifies the boat," said Annie

Samis from Chicago Yacht Club. "For me, I only sail with girls. I've never actually sailed with guys before. So, being in the Mixed-Plus category allows me to work with people I normally wouldn't work with and learn from. Our team is Mixed-Plus and also One-Pro because we also have Esteban Forrer, the head coach of Rollins College, on our team." The 17-year-old has never sailed a J/70 before but is excited to race with her close friends Matthew Sexton and Ellie Menezes, as well as their coach Forrer. "We're sailing as a group of friends," said Sexton. "The dynamic onboard is great. We're here to have a great time and see what we can learn!"







GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE

March 22-24: Rio de Janeiro

June 21-23: Cabo Frio July 12-14: Cabo Frio August 16-18: Búzios

October 15-20: Ilhabela (Brazilian Nationals)

December 13-15: Porto Alegre

The interest in the Class is growing among the domestic sailing community, and J/70 Brazil intends to organize promotional events to introduce the boat to them. We briefly expect to reach 20 boats sailing in Brazil. The 2025 World Championship in South America should be a boost for the growth of the Class.

J/70 2024 - 26 CALENDAR

2024

March 6 - March 9 2024 Bacardi Cup Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL

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March 15 - March 17 2024 Sail & Ski Race

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

April 26 - April 28 J/Cup 2024 Event 1

CNVA - Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario Italy

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 27 - June 30 Kiel Week 2024 Kieler Yacht-Club Kiel

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

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