

J/70 Class Rule Changes

International J/70 Class Association

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1. Class Rule Amendment

C.3.1 LIMITATIONS ON THE CREW

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- (b) All members of the crew shall be current class members in good standing, except that a crew member other than the driver is not required to be a class member if he or she holds a valid Group 1 Categorization (formerly 'Classification') in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22.
- (c) No crew member shall be substituted during a world championship and any event of 6 or less consecutive days, without the approval of the event Technical Committee or in its absence the Race Committee.
- (d) For events of two or more consecutive days, all crew shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet and results listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

C.3.2 LIMITATIONS ON THE DRIVER

The driver shall be a current class member in good standing and meet the following criteria except in the event of an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew where the boat may be steered by any crew member. Any such incident shall be reported to the event Technical Committee or in its absence the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. The penalty may be less than disqualification.

- (a) Permitted drivers: The driver shall hold a valid Group 1 Categorization in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22 except that a Group 3 crew who owns and pays for 100% of a J/70 may drive; however, a Group 3 crew who owns and pays for at least 50% of a J/70 may drive in events started prior to January 1, 2024.
- (b) For events of six or less consecutive days, not more than two drivers can be designated. If two drivers are designated, at least one must be an owner. From five minutes before the start until the finish, the boat shall be helmed by the designated driver(s) except for momentary absences for personal or shipboard needs not to exceed five (5) minutes when a Group 1 crew member may drive.
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CR Amend to Add:

I.15 CHAMPIONSHIP HELMSPERSON

Class Rule C.3.2 (a) is modified to add that a helmsperson holding a Group 1 categorization who does not own and pay for 100% of a J/70 must have either held or been eligible to hold a World Sailing Group 1 categorization for the eight (8) years prior to the start of the event. Any effect of World Sailing Regulation 22.2.3 is not considered when calculating this delay period.