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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Who knew that when I penned my last President's letter, two of the topics I discussed would be viewed by a much broader audience thanks to our friends at Scuttlebutt? The editors of the daily newsletter chose to republish my thoughts on "pinging" at the start of each race and the concept we as a Class have been discussing regarding a Corinthian National Championship. The piece on "pinging" resulted in a call from a marine electronics manufacturer who is interested in pursuing the idea. The second concept created a lot of dialog for several weeks with many interested sailors including other Class Presidents, industry professionals and amateur sailors offering their opinions regarding the current state of sailing and how professionals of various ranks are affecting our sport. This was never the intent of my piece; however, it did evoke some positive discussion among many sailors. My sense is that this topic will continue to garner much discussion in the near future as our Class and others work to meet the needs of so many constituents.

I am happy to report that there were a number of positive initiatives that have taken place since I last wrote to you. Most of you have probably heard that the Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis will be hosting our first Corinthian National Championship, October 21-23, 2016. The Class has also partnered with the Buzzards Bay Regatta to host the Corinthian National Championship in August 2017. These two events will give Corinthian teams a chance to race against each other and for the Class to include some coaching from industry professionals and maybe some guest coaches. The program for these events may include coaching on and off the water to help all teams equally.

The second initiative that we have acted on is to designate the 2017 Midwinter Championship at St. Petersburg Yacht Club as a 'one Group 3 per boat' event. The dates for this regatta are February 24-26, 2017. We look forward to receiving feedback on both events so that we may continue to create a Class that is diverse and that offers opportunities to compete at many levels. The Worlds and North American Championships will continue to remain open regattas, per our Class Rules. And local event organizers will continue to be able to choose if their event will be open or to invoke our existing Event Rules to limit participation by professionals.

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

All eyes are on the St. Francis Yacht Club and the upcoming World Championship. There are more than 80 teams registered representing nearly 20 countries! This is a reflection of how far our Class has come in four short years.

If you thought the US was home to all J/70 mega regattas, this is no longer the case. The European Associations have become deep and strong. There were over 90 teams that competed in the European Championship at Kiel Week in late June, and the European NCAs recently voted to host a European Championship every year.

Finally, our Class is receiving some very positive exposure with the reinvented International Women's Keelboat Championship using J/70s as the platform for this year's regatta that was hosted by American Yacht Club in Rye, New York. The event included several days of practice and coaching for all teams. This too should enhance our growth around the world.

Fair Sailing,

Henry Brauer,  
USJ70CA President



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# US J/70 CLASS ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES FIRST CORINTHIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The US J/70 Class Association is proud to announce that its inaugural US Corinthian National Championship will take place this fall in Annapolis, Maryland. Eastport Yacht Club will host the amateur-only event in conjunction with the established Fall Brawl regatta from October 20-23, 2016. In addition to three days of racing, J/World will conduct practice races on Thursday, October 20, and both Friday and Saturday

evenings will include a competitors' social and industry professional debrief.

As a Corinthian event, all competitors, including the owner/driver, will provide proof of a valid ISAF Group 1 classification at the time of registration. "The concept of having a Corinthian Championship really took off at this year's Easter Regatta," summarized Christopher Howell,



US J/70 Class Association Executive Director. "While our amateur teams have benefited tremendously from professional sailors, there is a strong desire to also have a Championship with a balanced playing field where the competitors can receive advice from industry experts." The Class Association has already scheduled the second US Corinthian

National Championship for August 2017 as part of the Buzzards Bay Regatta in Massachusetts.

For complete event information on the 2016 US Corinthian National Championship and to register, visit [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2942](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2942).

# Clemmie Everett and Crew Earn International Women's Keelboat Championship



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Communal experience as a team and college sailing experience in shifty winds paid dividends for Clemmie Everett (Rye, NY) and her crew, who took home the Bengt Julin Trophy for winning the 2016 International Women's Keelboat Championship at American Yacht Club on August 19. Starting the day in third place, Everett, with crew members Alix Hahn, Carolyn Russell and Erin Sprague, finished the elimination stage of the championship with 73 points over 20 races and won two of the final stage's three races to capture the championship. "Wednesday's racing was coming right off the shore so it was very shifty," said Everett. "Alix sailed at Tufts. Tufts



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sails at Mystic Lake. I sailed in the Charles River in college. We both do a lot of frostbiting. We were totally comfortable with puffy and shifty conditions." The team made a conscious effort to avoid penalties that would have cost valuable standings points. "The biggest thing was sailing clean," said Carolyn Russell of Greenwich, CT, who trimmed spinnaker for the winning crew. "You don't want to make contact, because that really kills you." They were successful, accruing 13 points over their final five races in stage

two, including a bullet and two second place finishes that placed them second heading into the championship flight, though they tried to keep that out of mind. "We tried our hardest never to realize we were really close," said Erin Sprague, who trimmed the mainsheet and traveler. "After the second round robin, once we looked at the numbers, we had a little taste of the fact that it was possible." But until their J/70 was close to the final finish line, Everett and her crew tried to keep it out of their heads. "We didn't talk about it



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a lot; we were just out for a sail,” said Alix Hahn, who grew up sailing at American Yacht Club and trimmed jib and called tactics for the winners. “After the second race in (the championship flight), we knew this was ours to lose, and we went out and won that last one, and it felt really good. When the boat crossed the line, tears flowed, hugs were given, and the spinnaker came down.” But Everett’s team knew what an amazing week of sailing they had shared. “Every minute in the boat counts,” said Alix Hahn, who grew up sailing at American Yacht Club and trimmed jib and called tactics for the winners. “Without question, this is a peak victory for all of us. I don’t think any of us have had a sailing moment that’s as special as this one.” For the winners, the influence on younger female sailors could not be understated. “I would say to any young girl who is scared of sailing right now, just keep at it, ask a lot of questions, and find some mentors or find some coaches and get determined, and decide this is what you want to do, and go do it.” For complete event information, visit [www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/iwkc/](http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/iwkc/).



# EXCEL UNDER PRESSURE

## 2015 Results:

- 1st - North American Championship
- 1st - New England Championship
- 1st - ONE Regatta
- 1st - Cleveland Race Week
- 3rd - Charleston Race Week
- 1st - AYC Spring Series
- 4th - Key West Race Week



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## International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Frequently Asked Questions

### CLASS ORGANIZATION

#### How are the Class Rules changed?

The rule change process is described in the International Class Constitution in Section 11.

**CHANGES TO CLASS RULES.** You can find the Constitution on the International website [www.j70ica.org](http://www.j70ica.org) under the "Documents" tab at the top of the front page.

#### What is a Manufacturer Controlled Class?

Manufacturer Control means, in part, that all items are made from the same molds or templates following a strict building procedure. This process follows a builder's manual that tells the builder exactly how to build the boat. In a Manufacturer Controlled Class, the molds to build the parts are all taken from official plugs/patterns to ensure the consistency of molded "shapes" between builders. All builders follow the same building procedures.

#### Are there differences on newer boats or boats built by different builders?

There are some differences in the installed equipment from the factory.

Any differences are identified in the J/70 Building Specification ("Builders Specs") [www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/J70-Builder-Specifications-8-18-14.pdf](http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/J70-Builder-Specifications-8-18-14.pdf) as optional equipment for any J/70. The one caveat is that the Builders Specs require all spare parts to be used as supplied and located by the Builder. In other words if you have a Southern mast you must use the mast step, boom and spreaders designed for that mast and likewise for the Selden mast. Note that replacement or removal of any equipment on the boat may void the boat's Weight Form. Please advise the Class office of any changes.

#### How are the World, Continental and National regatta locations decided?

The World Championship locations are decided by the International Class. The Class tries to rotate the World Championship among a variety of different locations to support the current fleets and encourage growth of the Class overall. The Class considers a variety of factors, including geographical diversity, wind and weather conditions, availability of charter boats, adequacy of resources and other factors. Continental Championship nations will be decided by the International Class, but then it will be up to each Nation to determine the location within that country. National Championships can be held by any national fleet. The Class Office will put out a request for proposal (RFP) from time to time to identify potential host locations.

#### Where are the minutes of Class meetings posted?

Minutes from IJ70CA World Council Meetings are posted at [www.j70ica.org](http://www.j70ica.org) under [News / Minutes](#). The minutes from US Board meetings are posted at [www.j70class.com](http://www.j70class.com) under [News / Meeting Minutes](#). Minutes of other national Class meetings may be posted on the websites of those Classes.



## **What is the World Council and the Executive Committee?**

The IJ70CA's World Council is the international authority of the IJ70CA and is responsible for administration of the Class. The IJ70CA's Executive Committee operates under the general oversight of the World Council and is responsible for the ongoing management of the IJ70CA in accordance with the objectives of the World Council. The World Council consists of the members of the Executive Committee plus one representative of each of the national classes. The members of the Executive Committee consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Technical Chair who are elected to office by the World Council, plus the Past President, Copyright Holder and Executive Director (non-voting).

## **What is the process for getting on the board of a National Class?**

The Constitution of each National Class describes this process. In the US, a nomination and a vote of the membership is required for an officer position, and fleet captains elected by each local fleet are also members. There are frequently term limits that cause a rotation, and openings occur on a regular basis. Interested parties should make their desire to serve known. A knowledge of the Class Rules, Builders Specs and the measurement process are quite helpful.

## **RIGGING**

### **Is it permissible to change the mainsheet system to a double-ended arrangement allowing optional 3:1 or 6:1 purchase?**

No. The mainsheet system, including the blocks and camcleat, is specified in the Builders Specs.

### **Can the jib sheet be less than the required 8 mm diameter at the attachment point to the car?**

Yes. Class Rule F.4.1 says the specified minimum line diameters are for the entire length of the line, but the Headsail Sheet has a specific exclusion for the attachment point at the jib car. There is also an exclusion allowing the gennaker sheet to have a connector strop to the gennaker clew which is less than the 6 mm minimum diameter required for the sheet.

### **Is it permissible to use a clam cleat on the backstay leg or coarse adjustment line to hold the backstay tension at the desired amount?**

No. It is permissible under Line 69 of the Builders Specs to replace the standard coarse adjustment with a ferrule and lashing. However, it is not permissible to replace the standard adjustment with a clam cleat because a clam cleat would have a different functionality.

### **Can the factory shackles on the gennaker and main halyards be removed or substituted with soft shackles?**

Yes, provided that any replacement is functionally similar.

### **Can a soft shackle or dogbone be used on the end of the tack line?**

Yes, provided that any replacement is functionally similar.





**2017 J/70 North American  
Championship**

**October 9-15, 2017**

**American Yacht Club**

**Rye, New York**

**More information to come!**



## J/70 FLEET REPORTS



### Fleet 4 Southern California

By Dave Vieregg

Summer racing has been hot here in So Cal. Even if the sea breeze and temps are cool, the racing has been hot each month. Back in June, Cal Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey hosted the annual Cal Race Week regatta. Twelve J/70s from all over southern California lined up in Santa Monica bay for the event. Light and overcast skies for Saturday gave way to windier conditions on Sunday. Five races were held and only five points separated the top four boats. Coming out on top was the team *Lifted* and Jim Cunningham driving. Close behind was *Cool Story Bro* with Chris Snow

and local sailor Jeff Janov with the *Minor Threat* in third. Ullman Sails sponsored a Friday afternoon tuning session, and Mount Gay sponsored the event. The sailors all complimented CYC for their efforts.

*"Thanks for a GREAT regatta! Communications, facilities, organization, RC work on course and accommodations were excellent. Beer and snacks at the hoist afterward were brilliant. An excellent value too. Keep up the good work; we will be back next year."* - **J/70 skipper**

## J/70 FLEET REPORTS

Long Beach Race Week sponsored by Ullman Sails is a must-do regatta in southern California. Reigning J/70 World Champion *Flojito y Cooperando* handsomely won the J/70 division, with Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis* in second and *Catapult*, owned by Joel Ronning, third. The upcoming J/70 World Championship, slated for San Francisco in September, brought LBRW its largest J/70 fleet to date—26! Five different boats won a race over the course of the seven-race, three-day regatta. Winner Julian Fernandez Neckelmann said he had raced LBRW "many times" in the Farr 40 division, but was glad to return with *Flojito y Cooperando* to tune-up for the Worlds, adding, "LBRW is a fantastic regatta. It's a lot of fun, and although we expected more breeze, we need to sail in all conditions, so it's good practice." In addition to winning the J/70 division, *Flojito y*

*Cooperando* was also the One Design Boat of the Week, and was recognized as the entrant having travelled the furthest distance to compete. Great venue, terrific parties, consistent breeze and sunshine—what more could you ask for? Next, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fiesta Cup was also the J/70 West Coast Championship held in beautiful Santa Barbara. Eleven boats showed up, and they had eight hard fought races. Steve Wyman's crew on the *nunuhunu* didn't have to even race the last race after winning three of the eight races on his way to a blowout. Following were the two local boats—3 *Big Dogs* and Pat Toole along with *Smoke and Mirrors* and Kenneth Kieding. Most So Cal J/70 sailors will be making the trip up the "grapevine" to San Francisco for a few regattas this August and September culminating in the World Championship. Hope to see you all there!

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## J/70 FLEET REPORTS

### Fleet 26 Detroit

By Jason M. Geisz

The Detroit Fleet is off to a great first year with 19 boats. We have a Tuesday and Thursday weekly program on Lake St. Clair that consists of training and racing, which has had good turnouts. The official season consists of eight race days, scored as high point, and each race day has two races. The training program is our fleet's claim to fame, as it is helping us improve and also introduce more people to the sport we love. We are working with Wally Cross from Ullman Sails and GPYC and Skip Dieball from North Sails as our coaches for training exercises. We are finalizing the details on the inaugural J/70 Lake St. Clair Championship. If anyone wants to join in, it is open to anyone with a J/70! We should have the updates on our [www.j70detroit.com](http://www.j70detroit.com) website when it is official. And we have sweet j70detroit class shirts! Please think about and mark your calendars for next year's Bayview One Design (BOD). We had 26 J/70s this year...let's get 40 next year.

### Fleet 24 Cape May NJ

By Bob Herzog

On June 18-19, Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May hosted the world famous Dead Crap Regatta. This event was one of the founding regattas of the J/24 Parkway Series, and was sailed that way for over 25 years. New and improved this year—sailing J/70s and PHRF. Saturday morning found 5-10 knots out of the ESE with a lumpy sea. We got off three races with the wind going right all day. Sunday was a bit flatter, and not so bad a sea state. Congratulations to John Wilsey in first and Jack Lord and Chip Rapp. Results can be found here: [www.yachtscoring.com/event\\_results\\_cumulative.cfm?eID=1595](http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=1595). A big thank you to PRO Jim Forrester and his Race Committee for doing such a fine job running the event.

Can J/70s Fly? On Tuesday afternoon, June 21, the weather in Cape May, NJ turned ugly with tornado warnings and a very fast approaching storm front. At the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May, the winds were clocked at 84 knots for a short period of time. Enough time to scatter four



## J/70 FLEET REPORTS



of the five J/70s stored in the boat yard. It was a foreboding site we found, but we did not find a lot of crunched up fiberglass or any obvious damage. By Wednesday afternoon, all the boats were back on their trailers. Damage was remarkably light, with only a few breaks in the outer skin of the hulls. All four are back sailing. So, the answer is, yes, J/70s can fly!



# J/70



# The St. Petersburg Yacht Club is proud to announce and welcomes the 2017 Quantum J/70 Midwinter Championship in St. Petersburg, FL February 23-26, 2017.

## **Preliminary Schedule**

Feb 23: Arrival - Vessel Check-in - Measurement - Free Keg Party - Skippers Meeting - Cookout  
Feb 24: Racing - Free Keg - Open Night (Enjoy Downtown St. Petersburg's Restaurants/Entertainment)  
Feb 25: Racing - Buffet Dinner at SPYC  
Feb 26: Racing - Awards Presentations

*This Regatta will invoke the J/70's New Class Rule I.6 (regarding Group Limitations to Crew)  
Class Rule C.3 is modified so that the entire crew is limited to no more than one member who is classified as ISAF Group 3.*

## **Accommodations:**

Click on "Sailing" on the home page at [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org), then click on "Regattas"  
and scroll down to the bottom of the page to "Hotels."

## **Guest Card:**

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## **Vessel Storage:**

More information to follow.

***The Official Notice of Race and Sponsor Information will be available soon.***



## 2016

### **2016 Rolex Big Boat Series**

September 15, 2016 to September 18, 2016  
Where: St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, CA

### **2016 J/70 World Championship**

September 24, 2016 to October 01, 2016  
Where: St. Francis Yacht Club

### **2016 East Coast Championship**

October 07, 2016 to October 09, 2016  
Where: American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

### **2016 (216) Regatta**

October 15, 2016 to October 16, 2016  
Where: Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, OH

### **2016 J/70 Corinthian National Championship at Fall Brawl**

October 21, 2016 to October 23, 2016  
Where: Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD

### **2016 Great Pumpkin Regatta**

October 29, 2016 to October 30, 2016  
Where: Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, CA

### **J/70 Winter Series - Event 1 of 3**

December 10, 2016 to December 11, 2016  
Where: Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL

## 2017

### **J/70 Winter Series - Event 2 of 3**

January 07, 2017 to January 08, 2017  
Where: Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL

### **2017 Quantum Key West Race Week**

January 15, 2017 to January 20, 2017  
Where: Key West, FL

### **J/70 Winter Series - Event 3 of 3**

February 04, 2017 to February 05, 2017  
Where: Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL

### **2017 St. Petersburg NOOD**

February 17, 2017 to February 19, 2017  
Where: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL

### **2017 J/70 Midwinter Championship**

February 24, 2017 to February 26, 2017  
Where: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL

### **2017 Easter Regatta**

April 13, 2017 to April 16, 2017  
Where: Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia, SC

### **2017 Charleston Race Week**

April 20, 2017 to April 23, 2017  
Where: Charleston Ocean Racing Association, North Charleston, SC

### **2017 Long Beach Race Week**

June 23, 2017 to June 25, 2017  
Where: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club & Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA

### **2017 J/70 Corinthian National Championship at Buzzards Bay Regatta**

August 04, 2017 to August 06, 2017  
Where: New Bedford Yacht Club, South Dartmouth, MA

### **2017 J/70 World Championship**

September 12, 2017, to September 16, 2017  
Where: Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo, Italy

### **2017 J/70 North American Championship**

October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017  
Where: American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

## 2018

### **2018 Long Beach Race Week**

June 22, 2018 to June 24, 2018  
Where: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club & Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA

# J/70 2016 - 2017 CALENDAR

## 2018 J/70 World Championship

September 22, 2018 to September 29, 2018  
Where: Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead,  
Massachusetts USA

# 2019

## 2019 J/70 World Championship

September 23, 2019 to September 28, 2019  
Where: Royal Torquay Yacht Club, United Kingdom





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**J/70 Class Wins**

Bacardi Miami Race Week\*  
San Diego NOOD\*  
Midwinters West  
Sperry Charleston Race Week\*  
North American Championships\*  
Yachting Cup  
Copa Aaron Saenz  
Long Beach Race Week\*  
West Coast Championships\*  
*\*partial inventory*



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