

US Qualifying System for the 2020 J/70 World Championship

The International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) has established the criteria for the World Championship qualification. As part of the process, they have established the following perpetual berths for winners of past events: all past World Champions, second place previous year's World Championship, third place previous year's World Championship, all past Corinthian World Champions, North American Championship winner of previous three years, South American Championship winner of previous three years, European Championship winner of previous three years, Copyright Holder, IJ70CA Chairman and two berths for the host fleet. These perpetual berths cannot be passed on to anyone; if the competitor cannot attend the World Championship, the berth will go unused.

Based on the criteria set forth by the IJ70CA, there will be 42 available berths for US competitors at the 2020 World Championship to be held at California Yacht Club in Marina Del Ray, CA. The qualifying berths are for **boat owners who are J/70 Class members in good standing and whose boats are in full compliance with the Class Rules.** If an owner has someone other than him/herself drive the boat for the qualifying event, it is that combination of owner/driver who must compete in the Worlds. If an owner/driver qualifies as a Corinthian Team, they shall compete in the World Championship as a Corinthian Team.

In the case that an event has qualifying berths for both Open and Corinthian, the Open berths will be awarded to the top finishers overall and the Corinthian berths to the highest Corinthian finishers after the Open berths have been awarded. If a competitor has already qualified, the available berth will be awarded to the next competitor meeting the same criteria. If a qualified competitor cannot attend the World Championship, his/her berth will move to the next competitor meeting the same criteria at the event where the berth was awarded. All competitors (Open or Corinthian) must finish in the top 50% of the event fleet to qualify for a Worlds berth.

Note: "Corinthian Team" is defined as the entire crew, including the owner/driver, holding valid World Sailing Group 1 classifications. If a team does not provide proof of its World Sailing Group 1 classifications, it will be assumed that the team has at least one Group 3 competitor, therefore being considered a "Group 3 Team" i.e., in the "Open" category for the purpose of qualifying.

The Worlds qualifying events are listed below. Please note that each qualification event must have 10 or more boats entered/competing to obtain the berths.

The final resolution of any discrepancy in this document, qualified competitors and/or the qualifying event schedule or criteria shall be resolved by the USJ70CA Executive Committee (USEC).

The following list contains US Class members who have qualified for the 2020 World Championship because of perpetual berths as past winners of World or Continental Championships:

Tim Healy, 2014 World Champion

Heather Gregg, 2014 Corinthian World Champion

Jud Smith, 2018 World Champion

Joel Ronning, 2016 World Champion

Shawn Bennett, 2016 Corinthian World Champion

Peter Duncan, 2017 World Champion

Thom Bowen, 2018 North American Champion

US Qualifying events for the 2020 J/70 World Championship

Majors	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2019 NAC – Cleveland, Ohio	2		2	
2019 Midwinter Championship – Miami, Florida	2	Bruce Golison John Heaton	1	Scott Sellers
2019 Corinthian National Championship – Harbor Springs, MI			3	Jake Christy Henry Filter Peter Vessella
Standing	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2019 Annapolis NOOD	1	Ray Wulff		
2019 Chicago NOOD	1	Buddy Cribb		
2019 San Diego NOOD	1	Pamela Rose	1	Chris Raab
2019 Marblehead NOOD	1	Henry Brauer		
2019 St. Petersburg NOOD	1	Travis Odenbach		
2019 Midwinters West	1	Jeff Janov	1	Pat Toole
2019 Cal Race Week - California Yacht Club	1	Terre Layton	2	Jim Cunningham Jim Murrell
2019 King Harbor Race Week - King Harbor Yacht Club			1	
2018-19 Davis Island Winter Series	1	Brian Keane	1	Bob Willis

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	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2019 East Coast Championship – HPR American Yacht Club	1		1	
2019 Great Lakes Championship – Verve inshore	1		1	
2019 New England Championship - Newport Race week	1	John & Molly Baxter	1	
2019 Northwest Championship – Rolex Big Boat	1		1	
2019 Southeast Championship – Bacardi Cup Miami	1	Ryan McKillen	1	Andy Fisher
2019 Southwest Championship - JFest Houston	1		1	
2019 West Coast Championship - Long Beach Race Week	2	Chris Kostanecki Steve Wyman	3	Doug Weitz Harrison Turner Rich Festa
Other				
US Class President	1			
Total	21		21	42

*** Did not meet qualification threshold for boats participating in this event. Open berths have been passed on to later events on this list.

Example I: A Regional Championship has 2 Open berths and 2 Corinthian berths, and the finish is listed below:

Place	Name	Team status
1	Allan	World Sailing Group 3 Team
2	Julie	Corinthian Team
3	Chris	World Sailing Group 3 Team
4	Maggie	World Sailing Group 3 Team
5	Evan	Corinthian Team
6	Frank	Corinthian Team

The 2 Open berths go to Allan and Julie, and the 2 Corinthian berths go to Evan and Frank.

Example II: A Regional Championship has 2 Open berths and 2 Corinthian berths, and the finish is listed below:

Place	Name	Team status
1	Allan	World Sailing Group 3 Team (prequalified)
2	Bill	Corinthian Team
3	Christine	World Sailing Group 3 Team
4	Dan	Corinthian Team (prequalified)
5	Pam	World Sailing Group 3 Team
6	Frank	Corinthian Team
7	George	Corinthian Team

The 2 Open berths go to Bill and Christine, and the 2 Corinthian berths go to Frank and George.