

USA qualifying events for the 2027 J/70 World Championship (WC) to be hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club October 23-30, 2027

Based on the criteria set forth by the IJ70CA, there will be 30 available berths for US competitors at the 2027 World Championship to be held in Annapolis, MD. 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 WC 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. All competitors (Open or Corinthian) must finish in the top 50% of the event fleet to qualify for a Worlds berth.

The Worlds qualifying events are listed below. Please note that each qualification event must have 10 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).

US Qualifying events for the 2027 J/70 World Championship				
Majors	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2026 NAC – Annapolis, MD	5		2	
2026 Midwinter Championship – Miami, FL	4	James Murray Joel Ronning Doug Rastello David Jannetti	1	Alec Cutler
2026 Corinthian National Championship – held as part of NC Santa Barbara, CA			2	Pat Toole Frederic Laffitte
2026 Mixed Plus National Championship – St Petersburg, FL	1		1	
2026 National Championship – Santa Barbara, CA	2	Ryan Cox Andrew Loe	1	Dalton Bergan
Standing	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2026 Bacardi Race Week	1	John Heaton		
2026 Annapolis HH Sailing World Regatta	1	Kevin Morgan		
2026 Chicago HH Sailing World Regatta	1	Martin Johnsson		
2026 Marblehead HH Sailing World Regatta	1	Paul Green		
2026 St. Petersburg HH Sailing World Regatta	1	Al Minella		
2026 Davis Island Winter Series	2	Brian Keane Laura Sigmond	1	James Gary
2026 Northwest Championship	2			
2026 West Coast Championship	1	Scott Deardorff		
Total	22		8	