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By Pedro Garra, Secretary J/70 Class Uruguay, URU 760

Great expectation had been building for the fourth edition of the J/70 South American Championship. Thirty-two crews from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay were to compete against Claudia and Alberto Rossi's World's top crews from Italy in the most numerous Championship since the J/70s were introduced in the South Atlantic region in 2015.

And once again Punta del Este, the renowned beach resort of the South Atlantic, presented a variety of wind and wave conditions in which RO Bernd Knuppel and his team were able to complete 11 picture-perfect races. The event was not only fun on the water, but also on shore, where after-race events were waiting for the crews every day. Camaraderie was its best, despite the intense competition for the top spots.

Apart from the Rossis, Guillermo Parada (ARG, 2019 TP 52 Season Winner), Renato Cunha (BRA, 2018 South American Champion) and Francisco Van Avermaete (ARG, 2016 South American Champion) fought for the top from the very beginning, with Alberto Rossi winning the first day in a moderate southwesterly wind, followed by Alberto Guarischi from Brazil. It was not the perfect day for Parada, with one first place shadowed by a UFD.

The second day was tricky. Winds started blowing from the north and ended from the south. Bernie did an excellent job in getting all three races done, given the conditions. Nailing 1-1-8, Parada and his crew were now at the top, with Alberto Rossi in second, Claudia already in fourth and Cunha in fifth, making for a good picture of the fight to come for the top.



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The onset of Thursday was not promising in terms of weather, but a two-hour delay and a change of the racing area to a more sheltered place made again for a perfect and extremely fun day for racing in 20-22 knot winds and big swells. This was a day to remember, especially for Claudia Rossi and crew, who nailed both races and climbed to second overall to Guillermo Parada. Alberto Rossi, Renato Cunha and Vernon Robert from Chile followed.

Locals were astonished to wake up for another day of SW wind on Friday. Being too heavy in the morning, a precise delay allowed for the conditions to improve. Sun, transparent green water, ocean swells and 12-14 knot warm wind made for excellent sailing conditions again, in which Claudia and Alberto dominated the fleet, in preparation for an intense last day of racing. More SW wind awaited the competitors on the last day. Two points separated all four top places: Claudia Rossi 33, Parada 35, Alberto





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Rossi 37 and Cunha 39. Parada smiled first, nailing the first race of the day...but Claudia is not of the surrender type. In an exhilarating closing, Alberto Rossi won the race and watched Claudia take the Championship from him by just 1 point, crossing the line in fourth...but where was Parada? Was it 13th, or 14th? It was not until the RC published the results online while we were returning to the club that Claudia and her crew realized that they've won in a tie-break the 2019 South American Championship!





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The Yacht Club Punta del Este, pioneer of the South Atlantic J/70 fleet, was a great host once again. The five-year evolution of the regional fleet from the early 10 boats to the present 50+ boats was celebrated at the prize-giving ceremony among the Club's Authorities, the J/70 Uruguayan Class and the sailors who have joined and supported the Class. Now it's time to help Brazil and other countries to catch up in numbers, following

the success in Chile, Uruguay and Argentina, where boats are being built since 2017. It is partly for this reason that the next SA Championship will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in December 2020.

Pictures can be viewed at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/elp85626etn4lid/AADQf4H2KrYn73X3cVuQOixWa?dl=0>.





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South American Championship - 1st
Marblehead NOOD - 1st
San Diego NOOD - 1st
St Petersburg NOOD - 1st
New England Championship - 1st

2019

World Championship - 2nd*

North American Championship - 2nd*
Monaco Winter Series Act I - 1st
Dutch Nationals - 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th
New England Championship - 1st
Marblehead NOOD - 1st, 2nd*
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Cal Race Week - 1st*
Miami Midwinters - 1st, 2nd
Charleston Race Week - 1st*, 2nd
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Bacardi Cup Invitational - 1st*, 2nd
Mexican Nationals - 1st*, 2nd

2020

Monaco Winter Series Act II - 1st
Bacardi #1 - 1st, 2nd+, 3rd
Bacardi #2 - 2nd
Rolex South Atlantic Circuit - 3rd*
Brazilian Nationals - 1st

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A Star-Studded Roster for the 2020 J/70 World Championship

By Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Regatta Chair

The 2020 J/70 World Championship, being held at California Yacht Club from July 25 through August 1, is shaping up to be a true global competition. Just one entry shy of the 100-boat limit, the international roster is almost evenly split between US and non-US entries. Seventeen foreign countries are represented including Mexico, Australia, the Caribbean island of St. Martin, 10 European and four South American nations. The US teams hail from 11 different states.

The talent pool is deep and includes the reigning European, North American and World Champions. All but one of the top 10

finishers from the 2019 Worlds (including two former World Champions) are returning to take another shot at the title.

In addition to some hotly-contested racing, competitors should expect warm hospitality ashore, with nightly festivities reflecting the international composition of the Fleet, and the beach culture of Southern California. All will be well documented by the media team, led by renowned sailing photographer Sharon Green, with videos and still shots posted for each day of racing.

We look forward to welcoming you to Los Angeles in July!



2020 Regatta Schedule

Events in **orange** form the **J/70 Class Grand Slam Series**. The Series will include **seven** events and you must compete at **four** events to qualify. The Series NOR will be published on the J70 Class Website. The 2021 J70 World Championships will be held at Yacht Club de

Monaco, Monaco from 18th – 23rd October 2021. We are awaiting confirmation of the number of places for UK boats. 2021 Worlds qualifying places will be allocated based on the best four event scores from the 2020 Grand Slam Series for UK boats.

March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th Warsash Spring Series

April 18th – 19th Warsash Spring Championships

April 25th - 26th Warsash Spring Championships

May 2nd – 3rd Royal Southern YC May Regatta

May 16th – 17th Vice Admirals Cup RORC, Cowes

June 6th – 7th Southern Championships, Royal Thames Yacht Club, Cowes

June 20th – 21st Solent Championships, RYS, Cowes

July 2nd – 4th J Cup RORC, Cowes

July 4th – 11th European Championships, Royal Danish Yacht Club

July 11th – 12th Royal Southern YC July Regatta

July 27th – 2nd August World Championships, California Yacht Club, USA

August 8th – 11th Cowes Week Mini Series

September 11th – 13th UK National Championships, Royal Southern YC (Non – Discardable)

September 19th – 20th Royal Southern YC September Regatta

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By Polk Wagner,
IJ70CA Technical Chair
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This has been an extremely busy few months “behind the scenes” for your Technical Committee.

New Rules for 2020!

First, we are happy to announce that a revised set of J/70 Class Rules, J/70 Building Specification and J/70 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document have been published and are now effective.

You can find the complete text of the new Class Rules, the Building Specification and the FAQ on the newly redesigned J/70 Class Rules page:

<http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

Although the vast majority of the Rules changes are fairly minimal, there are things boat owners may need to do immediately to be compliant with the current Rules:

1. You may need to re-do your safety line (lifeline) lashings.

The Class Rules (CR) C.7.2(a) now requires that “Lashings used to attach safety lines shall be made of at least 3mm diameter polyester or Polytec covered Dyneema (or equivalent) and shall pass around the principal portion of the pushpit and/or the

forward attachment point at least three times. Lashings shall be taped to secure knots.”

The purpose of requiring a covered lashing line is to greatly reduce the propensity for the lashings to slip or creep. Experience shows that an approximately 4^{ft} length of line works well for each lashing. Many owners find that 3mm diameter line is easier than larger sizes to tighten to the required tension (roughly as tight as you can get it!) and easier to secure. Note that CR C.7.2(a) requires taping the knots as well.

All boats should check that they comply with CR C.7.2(a) prior to their next event.

2. You may need to obtain and carry a fire extinguisher.

Boats with gasoline engines were required to carry fire extinguishers in prior versions of the Rules. ***Now, pursuant to CR C.5.2(a)(9), all boats are required to carry fire extinguishers.*** Therefore, boats with electric engines (Torqeedo) will now need to carry a fire extinguisher. See CR C.5.2(a)(9) for details.

Equipment Regulations and Regatta Regulations

New for 2020, the Class has published a set of Equipment Regulations and Regatta Regulations. These documents will be incorporated into the “Rules” section of J/70 Class events going forward, and are designed to offer a more transparent and systematic approach to how J/70s are inspected and raced. The Equipment Regulations cover issues such as inspection protocols and requirements, processes for dealing with lost or damaged equipment, and so forth. The Regatta Regulations establish guidelines for the Race Committee for how J/70 racing is to be managed. These documents are published and available on the J/70 Class Rules Page:

<http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

Moving into the Future with Online Compliance Forms

Starting in 2020, those competing in Class events will see the use of online (web-based) compliance declaration forms as a part of the check-in process. These forms allow competitors to self-declare that their boat, as well as its equipment and sails, comply with the J/70 Equipment Regulations (the Class Rules, the Building Specification and the Equipment Rules of Sailing). In some cases, the use of these forms will be instead of an in-person inspection by a Class measurer, and in other cases these forms will be used to supplement the inspection process. In either case, the Class plans to conduct

substantially more spot inspections before and during Class events — both to help educate our sailors on the Class Rules, as well as ensure that J/70 Class sailing is fair and fun for all competitors. As always, the Technical Committee welcomes your feedback on these forms or compliance strategies.

Looking Ahead

The Technical Committee will be present at the J/70 Midwinters in Miami, the J/70 European Championship in Copenhagen, the J/70 Corinthian US National Championship in Marblehead, the J/70 Worlds in Los Angeles and the J/70 North American Championship in Ontario. We continue to refine our techniques and processes and look forward to making Rules compliance as easy and seamless as possible on our members, while achieving the Class’ intended high level of enforcement.

As always, I am proud to serve as your Technical Chair and am honored to work with the talented members of the IJ70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to contact me (polk@polkwagner.com) and/or the Class Executive Chris Howell (howell@j70office.com).

I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta!



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J/70 European Championship 2020- Skovshoved Harbor, Copenhagen

By Lars Ive

From July 3-11, the Royal Danish Yacht Club will host the 2020 J/70 European Championship at the Skovshoved Harbor, approximately 10 km north for Copenhagen Center. Skovshoved is a newly renovated and expanded harbor with all necessary facilities to host a huge event as the Europeans.

Planning is well underway, and the Club and its volunteers are ready for the huge number of boats. 160+ boats have entered, but participation will only be secured when entry fee is paid and the Club has decided on a limit of 150 boats.





The opening ceremony will take place at the Townhall of the Community of Gentofte where the Mayor will welcome all sailors and serve tapas and refreshments.



On Wednesday, there will be a tour to Bakken amusement park. This event is optional, but we have put together a great offer and an evening with lots of fun. The crew event dinner will be on Friday with “Full Pork Grill – and other kinds of meat” in the race-event area in the southern part of the harbour (where, on Saturday, the prizegiving will take place).



And if you get tired of the harbor life, Copenhagen center is only a 20-minute drive away with Tivoli – Nyhavn and great shopping.

The event will be run as a sustainability regatta under the guidelines of “Sailors for the Sea,” so a lot more to follow on this for those who will participate.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Copenhagen in July!



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J/70 Class in France is growing up with two Trophies that took place in 2019: Atlantic-Channel Trophy and Mediterranean Trophy. Then, a common race, the French National ended the French Championship. In 2020, we will maintain these Trophies.

French National class is proud to have been selected (with the precious help of J/70 Class Monaco) to organize the European Championship in September 2021 in Hyeres.

I – Creation of the J/70 MED CUP, part of the Mediterranean Trophy:

Three National Classes (MON, IT, FR) joined together in 2019 to create one common Championship, the J/70 MED CUP.

Main purpose of this championship is to gather members of these 3 Classes on the same events.

The championship started in San Remo on October 2019, carries on with the Winter Series in Monaco, and then will go in France with the J/70 Med Cup in Hyères (4-5 April 2020), J Cup in Port Grimaud (8 – 10 May 2020), and the French J/70 National in Marseille (4 – 7 June 2020).

This J/70 MED CUP allows sailor of Southern Europe to meet and race together on a common circuit. We noticed that more than 20 boats are taking part to all Championship, which is a great success for the first edition.

II – 2019 J/70 French National in Cherbourg:

Our J/70 National took place in Cherbourg on the 9th to the 11th of November 2019. This event was an important step for the J/70 development in the Channel.



Despite complicated weather conditions, competitors managed to complete 7 races, protected by the harbour sea walls.

Thanks to constant results, Sage Engineering – FRA 144 (Damien MICHELIER) won this regatta and the French Trophy.

III – 2020 J/70 French Season:

Next season promises to be successful with an Atlantic Trophy going for the first time in Arcachon (South-West of France), touristic and beautiful place to race.

Our main event will be the National in Marseille (the 2024 Olympic Games place), where we are planning to welcome more than 40 boats.

This French National will be also the Final for the J/70 Med Cup and open to foreign competitors.

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John and Molly Baxter's Team Vineyard Vines Takes J/70 Midwinter Championship

John and Molly Baxter's *Team Vineyard Vines*, along with crew Allan Terhune and Ben Lamb, bested 53 fellow J/70s to earn the title of 2020 J/70 Midwinter Champions (February 21-23 in Miami, Florida USA). Biscayne Bay delivered its third consecutive day of epic conditions, as winds averaged 15-17 knots with blue skies. Three more races were completed for a total of eight, as *Team*

Vineyard Vines won two of three on Sunday. Day two leader Ignacio Perez's *Zaguero* suffered a BFD in race seven, and was overtaken by Joel Ronning's *Catapult* and Ryan McKillen's *Surge*, who finished second and third overall, respectively. In the end, the Baxters tallied 27 net points, two better than Ronning. McKillen finished with 37 net points. In the 12-boat Corinthian division,



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team *Eker Kaymak* of Turkey with Ahmet Eker, Burak Zengin, Bilge Kerem Ozkan and Yasar Doga Aribas claimed victory. Zachary Segal's *USA1154* and Andrew Fisher's *Button Fly* followed.

Team Vineyard Vines is based out of Long Island Sound, and they have recently excelled in heavier air, including placing fourth at the breezy 2019 North American Championship in Cleveland, OH (the last J/70 event they had raced). Reflecting on the final day's strategy, which they started in fourth place, John Baxter said, "There were a lot of teams that were in the top group. Our strategy was to sail clean, get off the line and go straight. Although we weren't winning right off the line, we chipped away. We were



really quick downwind, and then at times we were fast upwind. We were able to hold lanes, which we used to not be able to do, and now we've kind of figured it out."

Day One recap: Fresh conditions of 15-20 knots, topping out at 24, greeted teams to open the Championship. Following an onshore postponement as a front passed, the winds shifted, and teams were able



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

to complete two exciting races. Ronning's *Catapult* won both of them, with crew Victor Diaz De Leon, Christopher Stocke and Patrick Wilson. Perez's *Zaguero* from Mexico posted a 3,4 for 7 points and second place. Two teams were tied at 9 points for the following positions: John Heaton's *Empeiria* and the Baxters' *Team Vineyard Vines*. Following *Catapult* in the opening race were local Pamela Rose on *Rosebud* and Perez. In the second contest, Heaton and the Baxters trailed Ronning over the finish line.

Day Two recap: Sporty conditions presented a challenging three races, testing both crews and equipment. Standing out in the crowd was Perez's *Zaguero*, including Santiago

Perez, Juan Perez and Moritz Spitzauer. In winds averaging 18 knots, the team eclipsed the large fleet with scores of 1,2,1 to finish the day with 7 net points in five total races (discarding a fourth from Friday). Ronning's *Catapult* dropped to second overall with 11 net points, following scores of 4,7,5. Rose's *Rosebud* moved up to third with 18 net points. Perez racked up his first bullet of the day in race three, trailed by McKillen's *Surge* and Rose. The same group comprised the top spots in Saturday's middle race but in this order: McKillen, Perez, Rose. In the final battle, Perez returned to first, ahead of Heaton's *Empeiria* and the Baxters' *Team Vineyard Vines*.





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TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Team Vineyard Vines*, John Baxter, USA - 6 -3 -[16] -9 -3 -1 -4 -1 ; 27
2. *Catapult*, Joel Ronning, USA - 1 -1 -4 -7 -5 -3 -8 -[16] ; 29
3. *Surge*, Ryan McKillen, USA - 12 -6 -2 -1 -[24] -5 -5 -6 ; 37
4. *Zaguero*, Ignacio Perez, MEX - 3 -4 -1 -2 -1 -7 -[55] -30 ; 48
5. *Empeiria*, John Heaton, USA - 7 -2 -[41] -13 -2 -8 -17 -2 ; 51

Besides the USA, seven other nations competed, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Great Britain, Mexico and Turkey. Photos are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=9692>.

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Chilean Nationals

By Juan Eduardo Reid

During December 11-13, 2020, the J/70 Chilean Nationals were held in Algarrobo. Twenty-six boats were at the starting line and the sailing clinic of Jud Smith from Doyle Sails with Chilean J/70 Class support (held by the J/70 Class and Cofradía Náutica del Pacífico). The main sponsor was P41 Real Estate.

During the beginning of the week, the Doyle team trained with Jud looking forward to increasing the level of sailors and also to get great results during this Nationals. During the Championship, the clinic was available

in the debrief format for all competitors during Friday and Saturday after racing. Jud Smith shared most of his speed secrets and answered lots of questions from the sailors.

The conditions in Algarrobo were very good. The first day saw more light, tricky winds. The right side paid most of the day, but also the left (later in the day). The strongest was team *New Wave* with the Herman brothers, who made the best in starts, tactics and speed during the day to finish 3,3,2. They were followed by team *Volvo* (Matías Seguel) with 7,1,5, then *Morenita* (Vernon Robert and

skilled crew, sixth overall in the last South Americans in Punta del Este) with scores of 2,2,10.

On Saturday, winds built a little more, and some of the stronger teams took advantage. The Ducasse family onboard *Tsunami* with 6,9,1 were the boat of the day, with *New Wave* and *Volvo* close by.

On Sunday, conditions were again middle to strong with winds up to 16 knots and some planing conditions. The fleet was nervous from the first race of the day, so Black Flag starts were called in the second and third races. *New Wave* had a good seven-point difference against *Volvo* and a similar bad race to throw out facing the last day of racing.

Team Ducasse won the first race of the third day (seventh overall). On the second race of the last day, a Black Flag was called, and three boats were OCS. Team Ducasse was one of them, losing the chance of fighting for second place against *Volvo*. After the first two races on Sunday, *New Wave* was well in front of *Volvo* and the rest of the fleet, but needed to race the last race to confirm leadership in the Nationals.

Vernon Robert, after a 21st place in the fourth race overall, showed his strength and started working every race, getting closer and closer to the top three. Actually between overall races five and nine, *Morenita* had the best performance by far, with 13 points in those five races.



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The Herman brothers won their second J/70 National Championship (first was in Panguipulli 2015 onboard *Carolina*). After five years, Pablo Herman was on the helm again, on their own boat (purchased a few month before the Championship) and not crewing for other teams.



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AT THE END, THE PODIUM WAS COMPLETED BY:

- 1st *New Wave* (Pablo Herman) with 22 points
Felipe Herman, former Chilean/Brazilian Felipe Echeñique calling tactics and Carlos Montes.
- 2nd *Volvo* (Matías Seguel and crew) with 35 points
- 3rd *Tsunami* (Andrés Ducasse Jr. and family) with 38 points
- 4th *Morenita* (Vernon Robert and crew) with 42 points
- 5th *Peligro* from (Alejandro Perez and crew) with 50 points

IN THE CORINTHIAN CATEGORY:

- 1st *La Negra*, from Pablo Arza, with the young Alfredo Urzua on the helm with 70 points
(They had a spectacular Championship, finishing seventh and winning their category by far.)
- 2nd *Il Mostro* (Cristóbal Pérez and crew) 102 points
- 3rd *Dark Side* (José A Jimenez and family) 120 points

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Mexico Report

By Ignacio Perez Morett

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We started this year with the first two J/70 Mexico regattas in 2020.

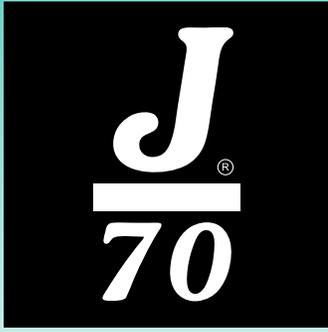
The first one was held in Valle de Bravo at the La Peña Sailing Club, on January 11 and 12 with the participation of six boats. The winners were:

- 1) Héctor Guzmán, *Escipion*, Sail #378
- 2) Diego Reyes, *Ragtime*, Sail #155
- 3) Roberto Escalante, *Lampuga*, Sail #526

The second race was in Vallarta on January 18 and 19. In this regatta, we have the participation of eight boats and the winners were:

- 1) Fernando Pérez Ontiveros, *Black Mamba*, Sail #1152
- 2) José Luis Pérez Morett, *Amigo*, Sail #161
- 3) Eduardo Cano, *Chilcano*, Sail #523





THE ROAD TO THE J/70 WORLDS

By Quantum Sails' Travis Odenbach

This year, our J/70 team will embark on an adventure to Marina Del Rey, California, for the J/70 World Championship. We are excited for the opportunity to compete against some of the world's best in this fleet, but a West Coast championship is also a first for our team. We've been to Europe and chartered boats, and we've sailed all over the East Coast. The West Coast has not crossed our path yet, and we look forward to the challenge.

How do we prepare and make sure we're on the right track for success in a new venue?

Once a fully committed team is in place, the next items to tackle are training, boat preparations and logistics. For training, we have a slightly different approach than the top teams in the J/70 Class. As a sailmaker, it is tough to focus on one Class of one-design boat. Usually we are working, servicing and competing in up to three different Classes, not to mention we have families that apparently need our attention! Those reasons make training in California for multiple weeks before the event expensive and logistically challenging for our team.

As an alternative to training out west (and a way to make training affordable for the team), I looked at the East Coast regatta schedule for closer locations in which we could speed-test in similar conditions to those of the Worlds. We have also selected two events we think will allow us to sail against the largest fleet of boats on the East Coast. Sailing in big fleets

is always good for getting the tactical juices flowing and the best way to get up-to-speed. Finding a team that is better than you and training with them for a couple days each month leading up to the Worlds is a great way to improve steadily.

From what I hear, Marina del Rey is a speed venue, so putting an emphasis on speed-testing for long periods of time should prepare us well for this venue. The first major variable you can refine with speed-testing is rig tune. Speed-testing gives you the time and opportunity to try out different settings and see the real-time differences in the adjustments made. Knowing how your boat likes to sail fast also helps you build your tuning guide. Sail shape is another thing you can refine with speed-testing. To reach your maximum speed capabilities, you need to refine trimming techniques during speed-testing.

The next part of the adventure is boat preparation. Sailing is a tough sport, and to do it right everything must be well-maintained. As sailmakers, we are in the business of customer service. It's our job to advise you on how to care for your boat and sails so that you get the most enjoyment out of your sailing. Make sure your bottom, foils, all fittings and fasteners are legal and in good shape. Check over all lines, hardware and sails before a big event to make sure you are well-prepared. We don't want a breakdown in a Worlds!

Finally, to the fun part: logistics. The big question here is what is your budget? Do you plan to drive your boat to the event or have someone transport it? If you can afford it, having someone transport the boat helps make sure you are well-rested for the event. If not, take this opportunity—as I am—to see the country and enjoy the drive! Plan a few stops along the way to visit landmarks and points of interest.

Housing can be another challenge for the budget. If you have a friend in the area of the regatta, reach out and see if they know of affordable places to stay or ask regatta coordinators for recommendations. Housing will depend on your budget but try to find

a place where you'll be comfortable. Worlds will be a marathon, and everyone must be well-rested.

To recap, when preparing for a major event, remember:

1. Find a training partner and stick with speed practice before this event.
2. Prep the boat before you get to the event—bottom, lines, sails and hardware.
3. Logistics and housing are all budget-dependent, but do what makes you feel comfortable and prepared.
4. Don't forget to enjoy the experience!

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2019-20 Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series Act 5 at Yacht Club de Monaco, Monaco

Mar 5 – Mar 8

2020 J/70 Med Cup 3 at Yacht Club de Monaco

Mar 5 – Mar 8

2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 1 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo

Mar 7 – Mar 8

2020 Sydney Harbour Regatta / J/70 NSW State Title at Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Mar 7 – Mar 8

2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 2 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo

Mar 28 – Mar 29

2020 J/70 Med Cup (Mediterranean Trophy 1 of 3) at Hyères

Apr 4 – Apr 5

2020 J/70 Med Cup 4 at COYCH (Cercle d'Organisation du Yachting de Compétition Hyèrois)

Apr 4 – Apr 5

2020 Spi Ouest France at SNT

Apr 9 – Apr 13

2020 Spi Ouest France (Atlantic Trophy 1 of 3) at La trinité

Apr 10 – Apr 13

2020 J/70 Australian Championship at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

Apr 11 – Apr 13

2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 3 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo

Apr 18 – Apr 19

2020 J/70 CUP 1st Event at Marina di Nettuno - Yacht Club Nettuno

Apr 24 – Apr 26

2020 Arcachon J/70 Cup (Atlantic Trophy 2 of 3) at Arcacho

May 1 – May 3

2020 J Cup (Mediterranean Trophy 2 of 3) at Port Grimaud

May 8 – May 10

2020 J/70 Med Cup 5 at Yacht Club International de Port Grimaud

May 8 – May 10

2020 J/70 CUP 2nd Event at Yacht Club Rimini

May 14 – May 16

2019/2020 Vigo J/70 Spring Series (Event 4 of 4) at Real Club Nautico de Vigo

May 16 – May 17

2020 French National Championship at Marseille

Jun 4 – Jun 7

J/70 2020 - 2022 CALENDAR

2020 J/70 Med Cup 6 at UNM (Union Nautique Marseillaise)

Jun 4 – Jun 7

2020 J/70 Spanish Championship at Real Club Nautico de Vigo

Jun 5 – Jun 7

2020 J/70 CUP 3rd Event at Fraglia Vela Malcesine

Jun 12 – Jun 14

2020 Kiel Week

Jun 20 – Jun 28

2020 Global Team Race Regatta at Yacht Club Cost Smeralda

Jun 25 – Jun 27

2020 Landsail Tyres J-Cup at Royal Ocean Racing Club

Jul 2 – Jul 4

2020 J/70 European Championship at Royal Danish Yacht Club

Jul 4 – Jul 11

2020 J/70 World Championship at California Yacht Club

Jul 27 – Aug 1

2020 Copa del Rey MAPFRE at Real Club Náutico de Palma

Aug 1 – Aug 8

2020 Trophée Sémac (Mediterranean Trophy 3 of 3) at Marseille

Sep 5 – Sep 6

2020 J/70 CUP 4th Event & Open Italian Championship at Location to be defined

Sep 17 – Sep 20

2020 Cherbourg J/Cup (Atlantic Trophy 3 of 3) at Cherbourg

Sep 18 – Sep 20

2020 J/70 North American Championship at Port Credit Yacht Club

Sep 20 – Sep 27

2020 Sevasopol International Cup at CSKA

Sep 24 – Sep 27

2020 J/70 South American Championship at late Clube do

Dec 1 – Dec 6

2021

2021 J/70 North American Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club

May 12 – May 15

J/70 2020 - 2022 CALENDAR

2021 J/70 European Championship at COYCH

Sep 10 – Sep 17

2021 J/70 World Championship at Yacht Club de Monaco

Oct 18 – Oct 23

2022 J/70 North American Championship at St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Oct 31 – Nov 6

2022

2022 J/70 European Championship at Yacht Club Gdansk

Jul 9 – Jul 16



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