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More than 100 J/70s contended for the inaugural title of J/70 Corinthian World Champion for 12 races over five days June 4-8. With such a level of competition, it didn't surprise anyone that the victor was decided in the final battle. In the Gold Fleet (55 boats), Alberto Guarisch's *Three Musketeers* (BRA) with Antonio Moreira, Pedro Amaral and Felipe Rondina emerged triumphant with 11 net points. In the Championship series, three races had been completed heading into the final day. Ian Dobson/Charles Thompson's *Brutus II* (GBR) won the opening battle, then Guarisch's *Three Musketeers* the next, setting



up a match race to settle the title. With the discard coming into effect, the Brazilian team was able to drop a prior BFD. In the final race, *Three Musketeers* finished fourth to *Brutus II*'s 25th, sealing the win for Guarisch's team. Tonu Toniste's *Lenny* (EST) compiled a very consistent series to secure the bronze position.

The Qualification Series occurred for the first two days, followed by three days of Championship racing. In the Silver Fleet (54 boats), Renato Faria's *ToNessa* (BRA) with Alice Faria, Daniel Santiago and Alexandre Tinoco ruled, finishing only in the top five for 8 net points. Martin Hestbaek's *Pipaluk* (DEN) placed second, followed by Ingvar Ferby's *Folkeslivs* (SWE).



Winners were also announced in the following categories:

Mixed Plus: Ragna Agerup, Patrick Shanahan, Marie Lothe, Jorun Rennan and Helene Gjerde on *Ragnarock* (NOR)

All Female: Winnie Walsted, Mette Brydensholt, Camilla Ritzau, Betina Merrild Yde and Sofie Madsen on *Naja* (DEN)

Young Team: Edoardo Marelli, Mees de Graaf, Ivo Polderman and Paul Sebregts on *Muiden Delft Challenge* (NED)

Female Helm: Isabelle Fellows (GBR) on *Calypso* (almost 10% of entrants boasted a helmswoman)



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Conditions on the final day were quite brisk with breeze in the mid-teens and cool temperatures, allowing three races in each group. Race winners in the Gold Fleet were: Dobson/Thompson's *Brutus II* (GBR), Guarischi's *Three Musketeers* (BRA) and Sam Haynes' *Celestial* (AUS). And in the Silver Fleet: Ferby's *Folkeslivs* (SWE), Morten Fjerbaek's *Hvidløget* (DEN) and Faria's *ToNessa*.



DAY ONE RECAP: For Tuesday and Wednesday, teams were separated into four groups who alternated flights. The opening day started with lighter winds but increased throughout the three contests with choppy seas. Teams from Brazil and the USA dominated the day. In the opening flights, the winners were Guarischi's *Three Musketeers* (BRA) and Michael Goldfarb's *War Canoe* (USA). Guarischi's *Three Musketeers*



also won in the second round, as did Keith Whittemore's *Furio* (USA). Closing out the final flights' victories were Marcos Soares' *Capin Canela* (BRA) and Børre Hekk Paulsen's *Baghdad II* (NOR).

DAY TWO RECAP: The two-day qualifying series concluded. Puffy winds ranging 15-25 knots challenged competitors for another three races on the day, bringing the qualifying total to the scheduled six. The discard came into effect as of race five, further verifying the fleet split. In the

end, 55 boats qualified for the Gold Fleet, with scoring starting anew Thursday. The top three boats for the qualifying series were: Guarisch's *Three Musketeers* (BRA), Dobson/Thompson's *Brutus II* (GBR) and Kim Christensen's *Soffe* (DEN). *Three Musketeers* (BRA) added a third bullet to open Wednesday's flights, and *Brutus II* also crossed the line first in this round. *Brutus II* again won in the middle flight, along with Haynes' *Celestial* (AUS). Isabelle Fellows/Jonathan Calascione's *Calypso* (GBR) and Phil Taylor's *EV Experts* (GBR) took victories in the final flights.



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DAY THREE RECAP: The Gold and Silver Fleets braved a wild day to open their Championship series. After both fleets got underway, squalls sent teams back ashore with only the Silver Fleet able to complete their contest. Shortly after returning to the harbor, the weather broke, and both fleets turned around to start again. Conditions challenged and delighted competitors, with gusty winds, breaking waves and occasional rain. Boats were put to the test as they

planed downwind in one race for the Gold Fleet and two for the Silver. On the first of three days in the Championship series, Flavio Andrade's *Oceanpact* (BRA) topped the Gold fleet, followed by another Brazilian boat, Guarisch's *Three Musketeers*. Fellows (GBR) helmed *Calypso* to third. In the Silver fleet, Faria's *ToNessa* (BRA) posted scores of 1,2 to lead the group, ahead of Ferby's *Folkeslivs* (SWE) at 5 points and Huw Edwards' *Joskin* (GBR) with 9 points.



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DAY FOUR RECAP: Each of the Gold and Silver Fleets completed two races. Varied conditions alternating between sunny skies and lighter wind to dark clouds and intermittent squalls kept teams on alert. The challenging times on the water resulted in a shuffle within the Gold Fleet, at three races scored. Two British teams moved into the leading podium positions: Fellows/Calascione's *Calypso* at 20 points and Dobson/Thompson's *Brutus II* at 27 points. Tied on points for the bronze position was Toniste's *Lenny* (EST). Faria's *ToNessa* (BRA) was dominating the Silver Fleet, posting two more bullets Friday, for just 5 points in four

races. Ferby's *Folkeslvs* (SWE) held second, and Eiko Powilleit's *Wikiwiki* (GER) moved into third. Race winners in the Gold Fleet included Fernando Borja's *Sensación* (GER) and Guarisch's *Three Musketeers* (BRA). And in the Silver Fleet, Faria's *ToNessa* won both contests.

Countries represented at the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Denmark (109 boats): AUS, BEL, BRA, DEN, ESP, EST, GBR, GER, FIN, NED, NOR, SUI, SWE, USA. Photos are available at [J/70 Corinthian World Championship by Hannah Lee Noll](#), and complete results may be found at [J70 Corinthian Worlds 2024 manage2sail](#).

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Thrilling Grand Finale at the J/70 European Championship in Cala Galera

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After several hours of waiting onshore due to a lack of wind, the fleet of 84 boats from over 20 countries completed the 11th and final race of the J/70 European Championship hosted by Circolo Nautico della Vela Argentario in Italy. This race was crucial in determining the final standings, which had been marked by dramatic shifts and intense emotions until the last moment.

The racecourse of Argentario favored Joel Ronning and his *Catapult* crew. The American team claimed the top spot in the European Championship in Cala Galera, edging out Brazil's *Ocean Pact* by just 6 points, while their compatriots on *Good To Go* secured the bronze medal.



2024 J/70 European Championship © Christopher Howell



According to J/70 Class regulations, however, the European Champion title must be awarded to a crew representing a nation from the continent. Therefore, the 2024 J/70 European Champion title was bestowed upon *Wanderlust*, helmed by Sofia Giondi with Matteo Morellina, Luca Tubaro and Filippo Baldassari on board. Placing fourth overall, *Wanderlust* achieved a thrilling victory. This young and determined crew has been making a name for themselves among the numerous professionals in the J/70 circuit, winning also the Italian Championship in 2023.



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"It's an indescribable feeling, I'm speechless," said Giondi upon crossing the finish line of the final race. She added, "I want to thank my crew for the extraordinary atmosphere they created on board. Every evening, we returned home incredulous of our position in the standings, but we faced every challenge of this long and complicated Championship

with concentration. Thanks also to everyone who supported us from afar; there were so many of you, thank you!" *Wanderlust* also secured the European Corinthian title, reserved for non-professionals, and climbed on top of the division for female skippers.



In the Corinthian podium, *Wanderlust* was followed by *Jeepster* (GBR) and *Marnatura* (ESP). The ‘Young Crew’ award for the best youth team went to *Bulla - Yacht Club Italiano* (ITA). *Why Not #CAIM* (ITA) won the Mixed Plus division, while *War Canoe* (USA) was awarded in the One Pro category.

DAY ONE RECAP: Two exhilarating races occurred under light breeze conditions. The day saw remarkable performances from several teams: *Jellyfish* clinched victory in the first race, characterized by very light winds. The second race was dominated by *Noticia*, whose crew capitalized on the changing conditions to secure their win

over *Petite Terrible* who was leading the first half of the race and finished in second place. Despite the fierce competition, it was Gondi’s *Wanderlust* who emerged as the overall leader, with consistent finishes of fourth and eighth places, demonstrating their ability to stay ahead in the fluctuating conditions. Close on their heels, *Petite Terrible* by the three-time European Champion Claudia Rossi held the second position, trailing by just one point and tied with *Algarete*. “We are thrilled with the high level of competition and the sportsmanship displayed on the water today,” said Federico Siragna, President of the J/70 Italian Class. “The conditions tested our sailors’ skills, and they responded to the challenge brilliantly.”



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DAY TWO RECAP: It was a second day of light winds in Tuscany. The breeze, reaching up to 10 knots, was enough to complete three more races that added on to the two sailed Tuesday. After two days, it emerged that consistency in placements was the key factor, rather than individual race victories (with five different winners across five races). Wednesday's race results, after factoring in the discard, reshaped the standings. Leading the rankings was *Viva*, owned by Alessandro Molla and Tommaso Pavan, who were relieved after discarding a 62nd place, and secured a victory in the day's second race. They took the lead from Giondi's *Wanderlust*, which sat in second place, just two points



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behind, but still dominating the Corinthian division. In third place was the US team *Good To Go*, helmed by Doug Rastello. *White Hawk*, the winner of the 2023 Corinthian World Cup, climbed to fourth overall and second among the Corinthian teams. The top five was rounded out by Ronning's former World Champion team *Catapult*, with the top five boats separated by just 14 points. The British team *Jeepster* held sixth place overall and third in the Corinthian division. Wednesday's race winners were *G.Spot* helmed by Giangiacomo Serena Di Lapigio, *Viva* by Molla and Pavan, and *Black Swan* by Lorenzo Bortolotti.





DAY THREE RECAP: The Championship saw eight thrilling races so far, with the leaderboard experiencing a roller coaster of changes. Eight different winners emerged from the races, each securing victory without repeating their success. Regaining the leadership position held on Day 1 was Giondi's *Wanderlust*. Despite a 58th place finish in Thursday's second race (which was later discarded as the series' worst result), *Wanderlust* remained consistently in the top-20 in all other races, maintaining their lead and dominating the Corinthian ranking. In second place, both Overall and in the Corinthian category, was *Jeepster*, trailing *Wanderlust* by five points. Following closely

was *Good To Go*, skippered by Rastello and featuring renowned J/70 sailors Willem Van Waay, Morgan Trubovich and Steve Hunt. The top five was tightly contested, with Luis Albert's *Patakin* and Molla's *Viva* in fourth and fifth place, respectively, separated by just 13 points. The standout performer of the day was the Polish boat *GRP Metikam*, winning the prestigious Garmin Cup. This award, presented in collaboration with Garmin Marine Italy and the J/70 Italian Class, was later celebrated with a Garmin Quatix 5 smartwatch. Thursday's race victories were claimed by the Brazilian *Ocean Pact*, the Mexican *Black Mamba* and the German *Sparky*.



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DAY FOUR RECAP: On Friday (with two races completed), for the first time since the start of the Championship, a crew managed to achieve their second victory of the series. The Brazilians of *Ocean Pact* hit their second bullet of the series, winning the first race both Thursday and Friday. Thanks to this result, the crew recovered important points and got up to third place in the standings. The best boat of the day was the American *Catapult* which, with scores of 5-12, climbed the rankings up to the provisional silver medal. Ahead of this crew was Rastello's *Good To Go* who did not let themselves be

slowed down by the disqualification for an early start in the first race of the day and achieved victory in the last. The leadership of the ranking went to them, taken away from *Wanderlust* who slipped to fourth place, but remained first in the Corinthian division and among the European crews. The Spanish *Patakin* closed the top five, while the English *Jeepster* was sixth overall and Corinthian second. Completing the top ten, with a margin of just over 40 points from the leader, were *Viva* in seventh place, then *Mindset*, *G.Spot* and *Sardonyx*.



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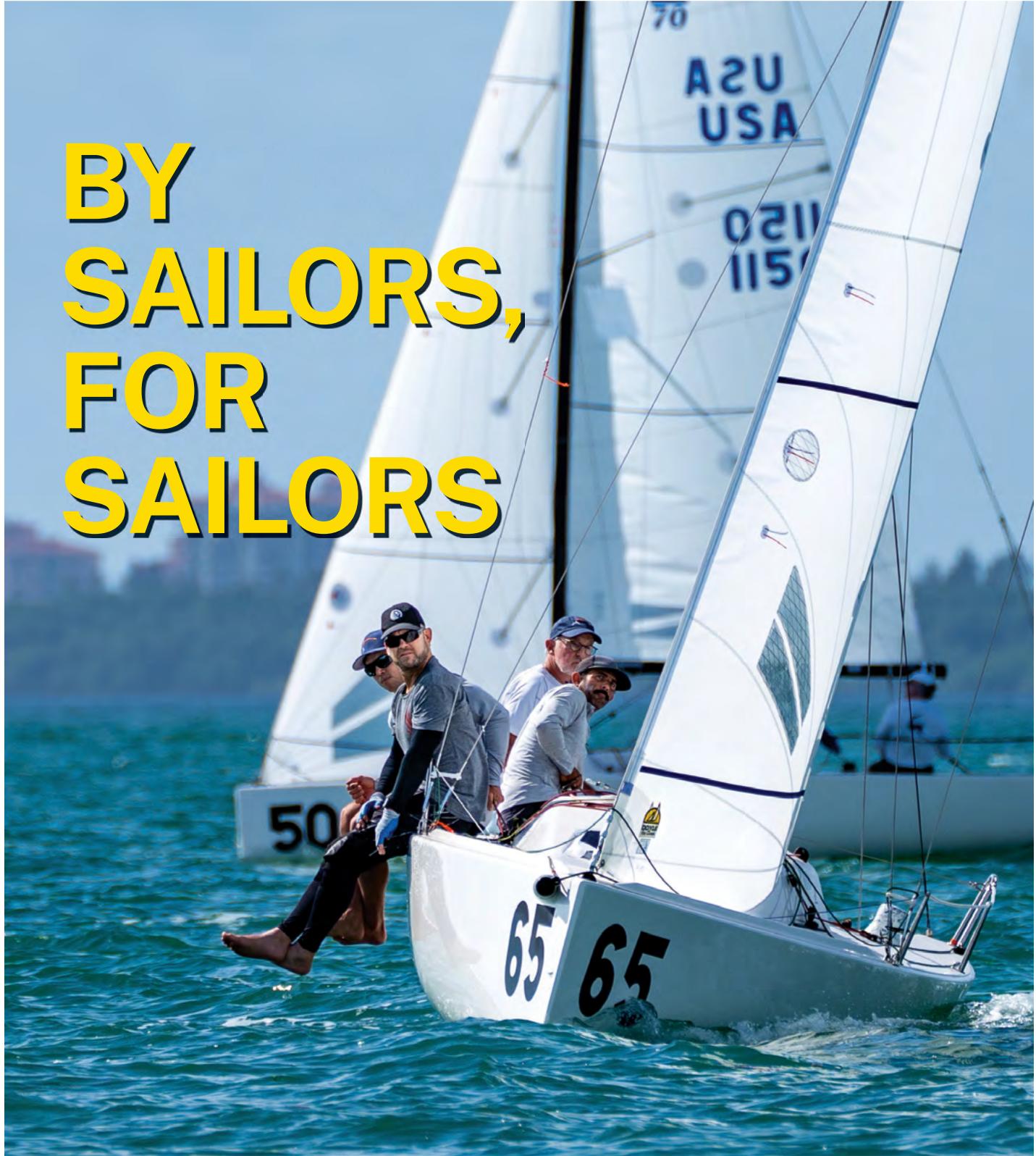


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Fernando Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba*

Triumphs at Epic J/70 North American Championship

Incredible conditions prevailed for four days and a full slate of 11 races at the 2024 J/70 North American Championship hosted by Vallarta Yacht Club in Nuevo Nayarit, Mexico on May 1-4. Fernando Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* won the first contest and held off all competition to earn the title among 26 teams. Including crew River Paquin, Goncalo Ribeiro and Patrick Wilson, the Vallarta Yacht Club-based boat never finished out of the

top six and netted 28 points. David Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)* of the USA remained near throughout, but settled for the runner-up position at 40 net points. Eduardo Saenz's *Nimbus* compiled a solid week for the bronze spot at 53 points. Eduardo Oetling's *Axolotl* ruled the eight-boat Corinthian division. Ricardo Brockmann's *Vincitore* topped the One Pro division. Martina Silva's *Mercenario 6* of Argentina won the Mixed+ division.



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DAY ONE RECAP: Winds at 12-15 knots, a light chop, sunshine and warm temperatures added up to three races to launch the Championship. F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* proved most consistent on the day with scores of 1,5,3 for 9 points. Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)* started strong at 2,3,7 for 12 points and second place. Brockmann's *Vincitore* held third place with 20 points.

Oetling's *Axolotl* led the Corinthian division. F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba*, Jannetti's *Very Odd* and Brockmann's *Vincitore* mirrored Wednesday's scores in race one. Ignacio Perez Morett's *Zaguero* followed with a win, ahead of Saenz's *Nimbus* and Jannetti. Silva's *Mercenario 6* closed the day with a victory, with Michael Goldfarb's *War Canoe* and *Black Mamba* rounding out the top three.



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DAY TWO RECAP: Banderas Bay continued to deliver grand wind conditions starting at 12-14 knots and building up to 20 at times for three more races, bringing the total to six. The discard came into play, however the leading two boats remained unchanged: F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* and Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)*.



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Black Mamba maintained scores in the top six, and when dropping the six, kept 12 net points. *Very Odd (Enigma)* posted a pair of bullets Thursday but added a 10 (their throw-out) to keep second place with 14 net points. I. Perez Morett's *Zaguero* moved up to third overall at 26 net points. Oetling's *Axolotl* maintained the lead in the Corinthian division. Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)* notched their first of back-to-back wins

to open the day, followed first by Saenz's *Nimbus* and I. Perez Morett's *Zaguero*, and then by F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* and Manuel Vazquez's *Chavorucos*. *Black Mamba* ended Thursday on a high note, as did Kevin Downey's *Mr. Pitiful* and *Zaguero* in the top trio. Teams commenced to Vallarta Yacht Club for a regatta dinner, including live music and camaraderie.

DAY THREE RECAP: Friday proved to be another magnificent day on the water, as three more races went in the books, increasing the total to nine. F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* sustained their advantage with scores of 3,4,1 for 20 net points. Staying in the hunt eight points behind was Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)*. Saenz's *Nimbus* and Alejandro Perez Ontiveros's *Algarete* pulled into a tie for third at 51 points. Oetling's *Axolotl* wasn't letting

hold of the Corinthian division. Winds started SSW at 12 knots and ended up WSW at 17 knots, with maximum puffs at 23 knots. Under blue skies, summer temperatures and a lot of ocean swell, John Evans' *Airplane!* got in on the action with a bullet to start Friday, trailed by Jannetti's *Very Odd (Enigma)* and F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba*. After a couple seconds earlier in the event, it was Saenz's *Nimbus* turn in race eight, while Oetling's *Axolotl* cracked the top three and



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A. Perez Ontiveros's *Algarete* made their move toward the podium. F. Perez Ontiveros's *Black Mamba* earned their third victory of the series to close the day, with *Nimbus* and *Very Odd (Enigma)* leading teams back to shore for another beautiful evening.

Saenz's *Nimbus* ruled Saturday's races, while weather mirrored the previous marvelous three race days, with a pair of bullets.





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TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Black Mamba*, Fernando Perez Ontiveros, MEX - 1 -5 -3 -[6] -2 -1 -3 -4 -1 -5 -3 ; 28
2. *Very Odd (Enigma)*, David Jannetti, USA - 2 -3 -7 -1 -1 -10 -2 -9 -3 -2 -[16] ; 40
3. *Nimbus*, Eduardo Saenz, MEX - 14 -2 -[17] -2 -13 -7 -10 -1 -2 -1 -1 ; 53
4. *Zaguero*, Ignacio Perez Morett, MEX - [16] -1 -10 -3 -9 -3 -5 -13 -8 -8 -2 ; 62
5. *Algarete*, Alejandro Perez Ontiveros, MEX - 6 -9 -6 -9 -5 -8 -7 -3 -7 -[10] -5 ; 65

TOP THREE CORINTHIAN:

1. *Axolotl*, Eduardo Oetling
2. *Buenajunta*, Marco Sparvieri
3. *Nawal*, Alan Elihu Baron



The J/70 Class extends its appreciation to PRO Chip Till, Regatta Chair Linda Green and many gracious volunteers. Photos are available on the International J/70 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16125>.

By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

Sailing is one of the few sports that is self-policing. The J/70 Class has been using that by letting competitors complete a pre-event self-compliance form. We are doing this to make the inspection process a little less cumbersome. You will start to see the self-compliance form at Championships, putting responsibility onto the competitors to make sure all those small items are taken care of, and we're not spending time looking at them during inspections. We began the process at the US Midwinters a few years ago. We just used it at the J/70 North Americans in Puerto Vallarta, and it did speed up the inspection process.

This is a standard form but may be modified at different Championships to better fit the needs of that specific event. If you are attending a Championship, please take a moment to review the form and make sure you have all the necessary Class equipment, and this equipment satisfies the Class Rules.

As always, J/70 Class Rules are closed, which means if it doesn't say specifically you can by the Class Rules, then you cannot. This includes how you fair the center seam, and the things you can do within the Rules for the keel, keel wedges and rudder.

We are working on a short video on how to become a Class Measurer and hope to have that out shortly so you can see the process.

LOOKING AHEAD

Members of the Technical Committee have been/will be present at the European Championship in Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario, Corinthian World Championship in Copenhagen, World Championship in Palma, the US National Championship in Fort Worth, Texas and the South American Championship in Uruguay.

I am enjoying the challenges that are being presented as the Technical Chair and am honored to work with the talented members of the IJ/70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. It is in great shape with all the work the Technical Committee has already put in to get us to this point. Anyone with questions or comments should contact me (mfoster1053@gmail.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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"We are proud of the strong growth and momentum that J/70 continues to demonstrate," said IJ70CA President Vittorio Di Mauro of Italy. "After a successful test event last year in Riva del Garda, Italy, we will soon be hosting the first all-amateur World Championship this spring in Copenhagen, Denmark, with another record-breaking 140 boats registered. Only the J/70 can do this."



"One of the keys to the success of the J/70 Class has been the enthusiasm and dedication of J/70 owners to participate in events in record numbers, and to take on volunteer Class leadership positions at local, national and international levels," said Jeff Johnstone, President of J/Boats. "Since the first Midwinter Championship in Key West, Florida in 2013, the Class has been driven by dedicated owners who are committed to making J/70 one-design racing accessible, competitive and fun."

Proof of the Class's achievements is highlighted by the incredible locations hosting its nine World Championships to date. The inaugural Worlds occurred in 2014 in Newport USA, followed by La Rochelle France, San Francisco USA, Porto Cervo Italy, Marblehead USA, Torquay UK, Marina del Rey USA, Monaco and St. Petersburg USA.



In 2024, the North American Championship was at Vallarta Yacht Club in Mexico, April 28-May 4. Italy hosted the European Championship in Argentario from May 18-25. The South American Championship takes place in Punta del Este Uruguay on November 18-24. The first-ever all-Corinthian World Championship is set for the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Copenhagen Denmark June 6-9. The World Championship will be presented by Real Club Nàutico de Palma in Spain on September 14-21.

Future World Championship locations include Buenos Aires Argentina and Cascais

Portugal. The Class also plans to expand on its unique event formats moving forward with a Mixed Plus World Championship as well as a focus on all-women and youth regattas.

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www.j70ica.org Link to past champions
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The J/70 Türkiye Tour races organized by the J/70 Türkiye Association started 2024 with the first leg races held in Bodrum between 15-17 March. Thirteen boats registered on the second leg which was held in Marmaris on 26-28 April.

This year, the races are organized with participants in three different categories: Corinthian, One Pro and Open Series. A total of 15 races were held in two legs.

The teams were lucky with the wind, especially in the second leg. *Cheese Sailing* team left its mark on the trophy this year. *Bogatyr*s and *Denizcik* teams followed them, also starting the year like a bomb.



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According to the results for 15 races held in the two legs, the Open series winner was *Cheese Sailing*, while the Corinthian category winner was *Ayaz Jr. Team Nautique Yatching*, who is a brand new team, entered in the One Pro category as the winner.

The 2024 Türkiye Tour will close the year with the five legs. Our third leg races will be held in Istanbul on 9-10 August. The most exciting leg of the trophy is the fourth leg Türkiye Championship, planned to be held in Ayvalık in October. We will be looking forward to it!



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2024 J/70 World Championships in Palma Reaches its Total Limit for Entries

Even before the registration deadline for the 2024 J/70 World Championship, the competition's entry list has not only reached the maximum number of entries as established by the organizing committee (99 pre-registered teams), but moreover has a waiting list with an additional 30 teams.

From 13th to 22nd September, the Real Club Náutico de Palma follows in the footsteps of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida (United States), host of the World Championship in 2023 with a fleet of 83 teams. Tom Mallindine and Charlie Thompson's British team *Brutus III* confidently claimed the title in 2023 and will return to the Bay of Palma this year to defend it.

J/70 fleets from 27 countries will join in Palma: the most numerous being the North American delegation with a total of 15 teams, followed by the Spanish contingent with 12, and the Italian and Brazilians with 7 boats each.

Spain, stronger than ever

The Spanish fleet brings great potential to the competition, including some very experienced and long-established teams (the very first boats arrived in Spain in 2014). They include teams from Vigo such as Luis and Jorge Pérez Canal's *abril verde* and *abril rojo* (respectively) and Enrique Freire's *Marnatura* skippered by Luis Bugallo, or Jorge Martínez Doreste's *Hang Ten - Hnos Berga* and Luis Martínez Doreste's *Monjo* from the Canary Islands. Pablo Garriga's *Tenaz* and Luis Martín de Cabiedes' *Noticia* represent Barcelona, whilst Jose María Torcida's *Pichu* boat from Santander and Marcelo Baltzer's *Let it be* competes for Denia. Three local teams from Palma will also participate:

Maria Bover's *Balearia*, Miguel Coll's *Nautia.net* and Luis Albert's *Patakín* (with Olympic medalist Joan Cardona on the team) and who was the only Spanish representative to have participated in the World Championship in Florida last year. The Argentinian teams are another habitual fleet to be found on the Bay of Palma, and four boats will represent their country, including a regular in the RCNP regattas, Guillermo Parada with *Nido*.

The main favorites

As well as the defenders of the title, Charles Thompson's *Brutus III*, a further seven teams with a strong possibility of a podium position are also noteworthy of mention. They include North Americans Joel Ronning's *Catapult*, Laura Grondin's *Dark Energy*, Richard Witzel's *Rowdy* and Brian Keane's *Savasana*. From Monaco, Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio's *GSpot* and the Italians Luca Domenici's

Notaro and Claudia Rossi's *Petit Terrible-Adria Ferris* are also on the list of favorites for this year's title.

The logistics challenge

Hosting a fleet of 100 teams at the Real Club Nautica de Palma involves additional challenges for the club on the ground. Every team arrives with a minimum of one maintenance/storage vehicle and tow trailer, as well as the competition boat itself. As such, it is not just a question of preparing the docks for a fleet of 99 boats, but also the support RIBs, the managing jury on the race course, the Race Committee, and facilities for the press: cameramen, photographers, editorial and social network staff, as well as the personnel on the ground for sail measurement, car parking areas for each team's vehicles and a storage area for the boat transport trailers.





HangTen-Hnos. Berga wins the Barcelona Spring Series of J/70, Noticia second and HSN third

The J/70 Spring Series in Barcelona consisted of three events sailed in March, April and May. A true nautical spectacle was enjoyed with very tight races and a very high competitiveness in the fleet. The final title went to *HangTen-Hnos. Berga*, who was undoubtedly a team that started from less to more. After having previously won the Barcelona Winter Series (from September to February), he was one of the favorites, but the team of the young Gran Canarian Jorge Martínez Doreste did not start well in the first event, finishing in fifth position. On the other hand, his older brother, Luis Martínez Doreste, was the one who started with more success and took the victory of the first event making his debut with his *HSN Sailing Team*.

The second series coincided with the Spanish J/70 Championship, and on that occasion, it was *Tenaz* of Pablo Garriga who was

proclaimed champion. Followed in second position by *HangTen-Brothers. Berga* who were beginning their comeback, and tied with *HSN Sailing Team*.

In the third event and with 11 sailed races out of the 12 scheduled, anything could happen. *HSN Sailing Team* went out into the water as the provisional leader with a comfortable 16-point lead over *HangTen-Brothers. Berga*, who were fourth overall. Second was *Tenaz*, followed by *Noticia* third.

But in this sport until the last moment nothing is decided, and the canaries of the *HSN Sailing Team* saw how little by little their lead was shrinking in favor of *HangTen-Brothers. Berga* and *Noticia*, as *Tenaz* couldn't sail in the third series and lost all chances of winning. *HangTen-Brothers. Berga* was very solid throughout, winning all but

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a second and fifth place. On the other hand, *Noticia* of Luis Martín Cabiedes was very consistent and managed to climb from third place to second. At the end of the day, the final classification of the third event coincided with the general classification of the Barcelona Spring Series 2024, with a podium made up of first *HangTen-Brothers. Berga*, second *Noticia* and third *HSN Sailing Team*.

In the Corinthian category, we must highlight the role of the CN de Denia team, *Let it Be* of Marcelo Baltzer Foucher with Juan Calvo Boronat at the helm, who was fighting on this weekend until the last race for a podium position and ended fourth, both in the last event and in the general classification.

Followed in fifth position was *Cobra* of Gonzalo Romagosa and Pedro Sotomayor (RCN Barcelona), and sixth place went to the Galicians of *Correa-Kessler*.

After 27 races in nine days of competition and in three monthly events, meteorologically the Barcelona Spring Series was very varied, with days in which the intensity of 25 knots was clearly exceeded and others in which only soft breezes of 6 knots blew. The participation has been more than remarkable with a total of 24 boats from nine countries, although in the third series the participation was diminished.

In these very interesting regattas held in Barcelona, participants enjoyed not only the excitement of their own competition, but also the spectacle offered by the America's Cup teams that were usually training on the same regatta course.



**Tenaz by Pablo Garriga:
New Spanish Champion 2024**

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The 2024 Spanish J/70 Championship was held in Barcelona, organized by the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona. The weather conditions were demanding and capricious, because on the first day (Friday) three races were held with an intensity of 18-22 knots. Then on Saturday, four races were sailed with gentle winds of 5-7 knots, and on Sunday three of the four scheduled races were held with continued gentle intensity that never exceeded 9 knots including quite a few shifts.

During the first two days, it was the Canarian team of the *HSN Sailing Team* who remained solid in the provisional lead but followed very closely by *Tenaz* and the Swede *Garm*. Jorge Martínez Doreste from Gran Canaria at the helm of the *HangTen-Hnos. Berga* did not start well but finished the Championship impeccably, being the best boat of the last day with a sixth and two resounding victories. This meant a spectacular comeback becoming runners-up in Spain, tied on points with his brother Luis, skipper of the *HSN Sailing Team*. The tie was with 32 points, and both had the same number of firsts (two), but *HangTen-Hnos. Berga* had another two seconds, while *HSN* only one, and thus the jump-off was decided. The Canarians of the

HSN Sailing Team did not have their day on the last day and made their worst races with two sevenths and a fifth, which left them without a title and in third position.

The last day was very exciting with three boats arriving very closely and with clear options for victory: *HSN*, *Tenaz* and the Swedish *Garm*. The latter was not as successful as in the first two days and scored fourth, ninth and eighth, being displaced to fourth place in the general classification. Pablo Garriga's *Tenaz* was the team that best knew how to manage the day with a third and two fourth places—enough to end up winning the Spanish J/70 Championship, finally surpassing their main rivals by 5 points.

In the Corinthian category, *Let it be* from the C.N. de Dénia of Marcelo Baltzer and Juan Calvo Boronat, seventh overall, won with a certain margin. They were followed by the Galician *Correa Kessler* of Pancho Correa and Manu Jiménez (12th), while in third position was *Gunter* from Barcelona Javier Scherck (15th in the general classification).

Without a doubt, it was a spectacular Spanish Championship, very competitive and with all the excitement served until the last race. Teams from six different nationalities participated: Germany, France, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sweden and Spain.

Overall Results

Class : J70				RACE										POINTS	
Pos	Sail #	Bow	Crew / Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	NET
1	ESP 1279		GARRIGA, Pablo / Real	5	1	3	1	(7)	1	5	3	4	4	34	27
2	ESP 1706		MARTINEZ DORESTE,	4	7	5	2	2	(10)	4	6	1	1	42	32
3	ESP 121		MARTINEZ DORESTE,	2	4	1	3	3	6	1	(7)	5	7	39	32
4	SWE 1121		ROMAN ROMAN, Per	1	5	2	8	1	5	2	4	(9)	8	45	36
5	ESP 961		MARTIN CABEDEDES, Luis	3	3	4	4	4	8	15	1	6	UFD (18)	66	48
6	ESP 1419		PEREZ GARCIA,	6	2	8	9	8	9	6	5	(11)	3	67	56
7	ESP 1122		CALVO BORONAT, Juan	10	10	(13)	10	6	3	8	2	8	2	72	59
8	ESP 96		BOVER, Maria / RCN	8	8	7	(11)	5	4	3	8	10	9	73	62
9	GER 929		HOLLWEG, Kai Uwe /	11	6	6	7	13	7	13	9	2	DNC (18)	92	74
10	FRA 144		MICHELIER, Damien /	7	9	10	5	11	11	10	11	(12)	5	91	79
11	ESP 1687		ROMAGOSA, Gonzalo /	9	UFD (18)	9	14	10	2	9	16	7	6	100	82
12	ESP 859		JIMENEZ FRAGA,	(14)	11	14	13	9	13	14	10	3	11	112	98
13	NED 1396		VAN DRIESSCHE, Rogier	13	12	11	12	12	14	11	15	15	UFD (18)	133	115
14	ESP 1694		COLL REVUELTA, Miguel	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	6	15	15	7	13	13	13	UFD (18)	141	123
15	ESP 1695		SCHERK, Xavier / Real	17	13	17	UFD (18)	16	16	16	17	14	12	141	123
16	GER 1215		WALDHEIM, Juergen /	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	15	14	12	12	14	16	10	10	147	129
17	GBR 1363		HAYWARD, Tony /	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	DNC (18)	180	162

Entries : 17
Discards applied : 1

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France Report



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French Cup 2024

Regional races

29 March - 1 April	Spi Ouest France	La Trinité sur mer
29 March - 1 April	SNIM	Marseille
12-14 April	Massilia Cup	Marseille
7-8 Sept.	Trophée SEMAC	Marseille
13-15 September	GP Ecole Navale	Brest
11-13 Octobre	Trophée ISPE J/70	Biscarrosse
19-20 October	Coupe des présidents	Annecy
9-11 Nov.	Trophée Navigathantique	La Rochelle

French Championship

21-23 June	Championnat de France	Arcachon
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In 2024, like the last years, as our fleet is split in five major locations (Brittany, La Rochelle, Arcachon, Marseille & Annecy), we maintained the French Cup with several regional races and one common race, the French Championship.

Thirty-two crews have confirmed their intentions to participate in the 2024 Coupe de France.

This is excellent news for the competitiveness of the events.

During the Easter weekend, no less than 27 J/70 crews were on the water between the Mediterranean (19 at SNIM) and the Atlantic (8 at Spi Ouest France).

J/70 Class was the one and only sportboat present at these two events simultaneously! That's not all...all eyes are now on the next French J/70 Championship from June 21-23 in Arcachon (Atlantic Ocean), where around

30 boats will line up on the same starting line. An event that promises to leave great memories!

Concerning international events, teams qualified for representing France for 2024 Worlds are:

- **SAGE Engineers FRA144** (Damien MICHELIER)
- **LE TIB FRA 1307** (Nicolas ROSTAND)
- **LIFTICKET FRA 1089** (Frederic LAFFITTE)

During the summer, France will welcome the Olympic games. Sailing events will take place in a new marina in Marseille (south of France). This new and beautiful marina dedicated to sail events will be, in the future, a great place for our events.

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Hungary Report

By Zsolt Lovas



In Hungary, we set up the National Association, and we will organize four to six events during the year, which will include a Fleet Championship.

We will have 10 boats in the country in June, so the Class is growing relatively fast, and we are working hard to keep up this process. Every team who joined likes the boat very much. We make demo sailing days, and also plan to participate in exhibitions, as well as to spread the love of the J/70.



J/70 Spring Championship Révfülöp

- 1st Virág Elizabet Toth, MaffJa
- 2nd Miklos Rauschenberger, Bad bone
- 3rd Aron Bagyo
- 4th Peter Török
- 5th Marton Stefer

Charleston Race Week

- MELGES 32
- 2nd Ian Hill, Sitella
- 5th Steve Liebel, Spitfire
- 6th William Morang, One Trick Pony
- 8th Peter McClellan, Wild Horses

BVI Spring Regatta

- CSA DIV 1
- 1st Jon Desmond, Final Final

Moth UK Northern Area Championship

- 1st Henry Wetherell, Aerocet

Spring Fest

- J/105
- 1st Doug Bailey, Akula
- 2nd Ryan Simmons, Blackhawk
- 3rd Scott Sellers, Beast of Burden
- 4th Mike Donahue, Zuni Bear
- 5th Tim Russell, Ne*Ne
- 6th Walter Sanford, Alchemy
- 7th Ian Charles, Maverick
- 8th Phillip Laby, Godot 2.0
- 9th William Woodruff, Roulette
- Other Quantum-powered boats:
11th-17th & 19th-24th

2024

June 27 - June 30

Kiel Week 2024

Kieler Yacht-Club Kiel

June 28 - June 30

J/Cup 2024 Event 2

Fraglia Vela Riva Riva del Garda, Italy

July 26 - July 28

J/Cup 2024 Event 3

Fraglia Vela Malcesine Lake Garda, Italy

September 14 - September 21

2024 J/70 World Championship

Real Club Nautico de Palma Spain

October 3 - October 6

2024 J/70 German Championship

Deutscher Touring Yacht-Club

Lake Starnbergersee, Germany

October 18 - October 20

J/Cup 2024 Event 4 / Italian Championship

Ligurian Sea Italy

November 18 - November 24

2024 J/70 South American Championship

Yacht Club Punta del Este Uruguay

December 14 - December 15

Bacardi Winter Series 1 of 3

Shake-A-Leg Miami, Florida, United States

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January 24 - January 26

Bacardi Winter Series 2 of 3

Shake-A-Leg Miami, Florida, United States

March 6 - March 8

Bacardi Winter Series 3 of 3

Shake-A-Leg Miami, Florida, United States

March 27- March 30

2025 J/70 Midwinter Championship

Shake-A-Leg Miami, Florida, United States

April 24 - April 27

2025 J/70 North American Championship

Pensacola Yacht Club Pensacola, Florida,
United States

May 2 - May 4

J/70 Cup 1st Event (2025)

Naval Academy of Livorno Tuscany, Italy

June 6 - June 8

J/70 Cup 2nd Event (2025)

Fraglia Vela Malcesine Lake Garda, Italy

June 26 - June 29

2025 J/70 Mixed Plus Championship

Circolo Vela Torbole , Italy

July 18 - July 20

J/70 Cup 3rd Event (2025)

Shake-A-Leg Miami, Florida, United States

August 23 - August 30

2025 J/70 European Championship

Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS) Saltsjöbaden

September 22 - September 28
2025 J/70 Corinthian World Championship
Eastern Yacht Club Marblehead,
Massachusetts, United States

September 25 - September 28
J/70 Cup 4th Event /
Italian Championship 2025
Sardinia, Italy

October 24 - November 1
2025 J/70 World Championship
Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires, Argentina

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May 23 - May 30
2026 J/70 Corinthian World Championship
Union Nautique / Club
La Pelle Marseilles, France

August 28 - September 5
2026 J/70 World Championship
Clube Naval de Cascais Cascais



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