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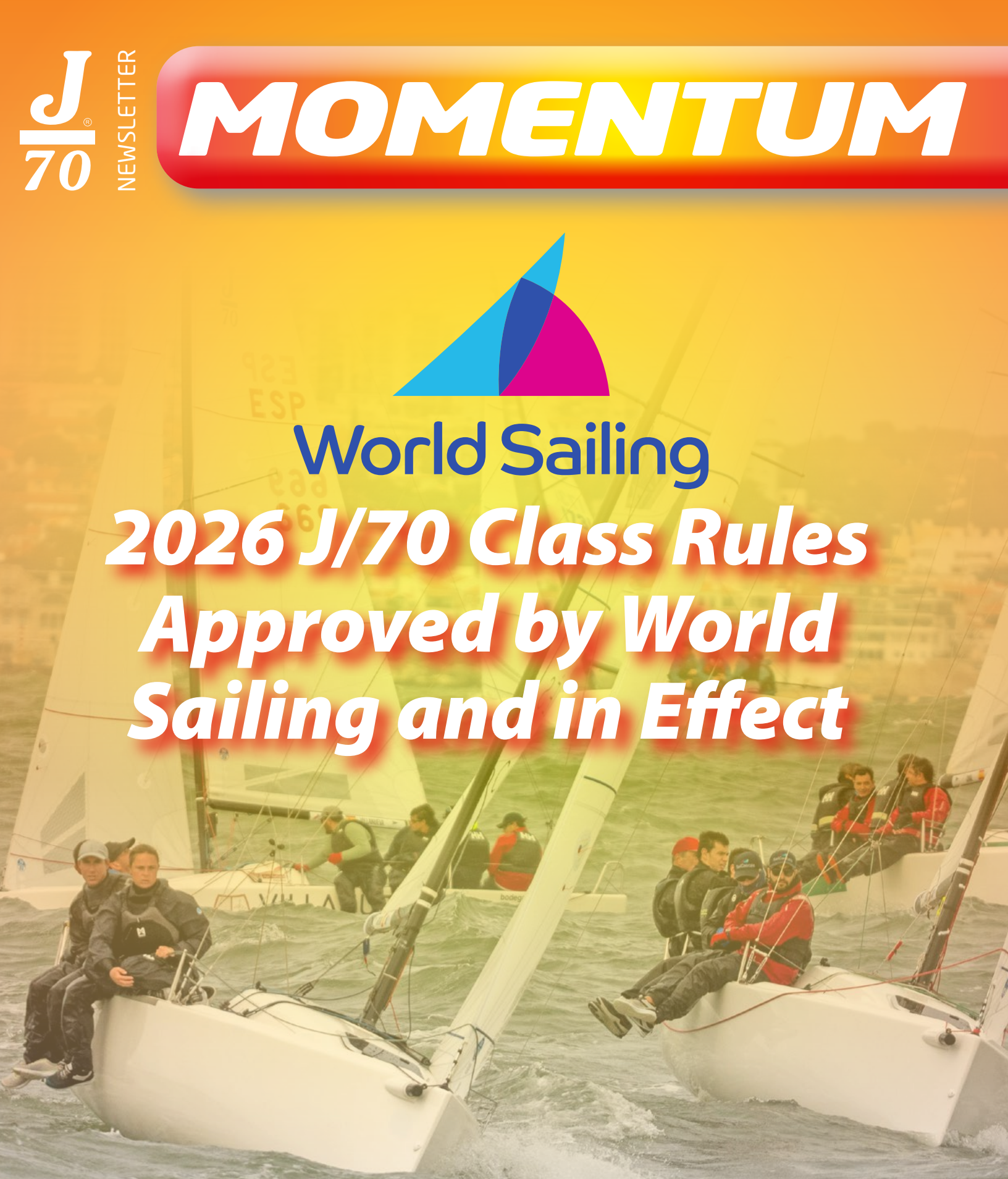

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France Report

After eight events during the year, **the French J/70 Cup 2025,** which ended in November 2025, saw the victory of the ***Jour J*** team, helmed by **Beatrice JOYAUD**. Béatrice is the first woman to win this trophy. **The events :** Massilia Cup - Marseille, Spi Ouest France - La Trinité, J/70 Cup - Biscarrosse, French Championship - La Rochelle, Trophée SEMAC - Marseille, Atlantique Télégramme - Lorient, J/70 Cup - Hyères, Navigatlantique - La Rochelle.

38 boats participated to the **French J/70 Cup 2025.** The French fleet continues to grow.

Second place for **the French J/70 Cup 2025** was ***Sailing Impact*** helmed by **Philippe GUIGNE**, and third place for ***Leclerc Hennebont*** helmed by **Richard Fromentin**.

So, these three teams have been qualified for the **2026 World Championship in Cascais**.

France Report

2026 will be an exceptional year for France as we'll organize **the J/70 Corinthian World Championship** in Marseille. For the first semester, all events will take place on the mediterranean shore, and all events during the second semester will be on the Atlantic shore.

The **2026 French season** will start in **Marseille** with two regattas in Marseille. The famous one will be "**La SNIM,**" of which this will be **the 60th edition**. More than 200 boats will be there, and J/70s will have their own course area.

A great opportunity to prepare for the Worlds in May!

Website: https://www.classej70france.com/

J/70 Corinthian World Championship

Countries	Boats registred
FRA	30
SUI	14
GER	8
GBR	8
DEN	5
USA	5
MON	5
SWE	4
HUN	4
AUS	3
ITA	2
TUR	1
BER	2
ESP	2
NED	1
BEL	1
BRA	1
EST	1
IRL	1
MEX	1

With 100 boats registered and 10 on the waiting list nine months before the event, the organization authority was really impressed by the J/70 Class dynamism. Twenty countries are registered.

This event will be the first big event organized in the marina since the 2024 Olympic Games.

Corinne AUBERT has been nominated as PRO. She was Race Officer during the Olympic Games and for other international regattas. She was also the PRO for J/70 2015 Worlds in La Rochelle, and several French Championships.

Thomas LOESCH has been nominated as Technical Committee leader and Bence BOROCZ as Jury Chair.

A newsletter will be sent soon to all competitors to prepare for the venue.

All information on:
https://www.j70mcwc.com/

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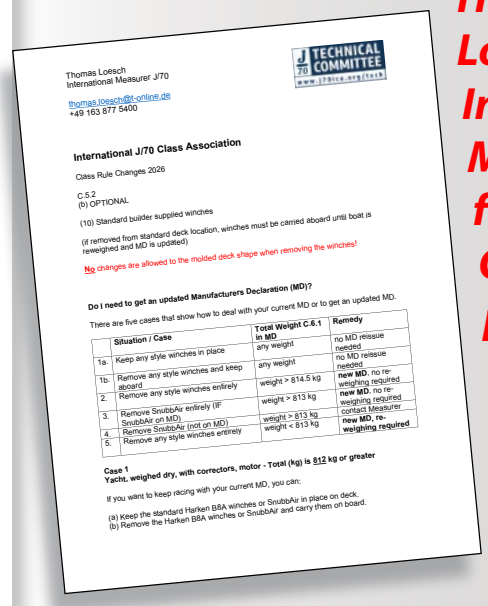
By **Mark Foster**
International Technical Chair

The Class Rules changes that the World Council proposed were approved (with a few wordsmithing updates) by World Sailing effective 01 February 2026. One Rule change that makes a notable difference in the way we sail the boat is the ability to remove the winches, as they are now optional equipment.



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Class Rule Changes 2026

C.5.2
(b) OPTIONAL

(10) Standard builder supplied winches

(if removed from standard deck location, winches must be carried aboard until boat is reweighed and MD is updated)

No changes are allowed to the molded deck shape when removing the winches!

Do I need to get an updated Manufacturers Declaration (MD)?

There are five cases that show how to deal with your current MD or to get an updated MD.

	Situation / Case	Total Weight C.6.1 in MD	Remedy
1a.	Keep any style winches in place	any weight	no MD reissue needed
1b.	Remove any style winches and keep aboard	any weight	no MD reissue needed
2.	Remove any style winches entirely	weight > 814.5 kg	**new MD**, no re-weighing required
3.	Remove SnubbAir entirely (IF SnubbAir on MD)	weight > 813 kg	**new MD**, no re-weighing required
4.	Remove SnubbAir (not on MD)	weight < 813 kg	contact Measurer
5.	Remove any style winches entirely		**new MD, re-weighing required**

Case 1
Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is 812 kg or greater

If you want to keep racing with your current MD, you can:

(a) Keep the standard Harken BBA winches or SnubbAir in place on deck.
(b) Remove the Harken BBA winches or SnubbAir and carry them on board.

Thomas Loesch, an International Measurer for the J/70 Class, has put together a document to guide you through the process. You can find the information at this link:

https://J/70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CRC-2026-C.5.2-V.1.61.pdf

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

As the membership knows, the Class has adopted Vakaros RaceSense for all major Championships with great success. The IJ70CA has a complete set of equipment and is ready to support regattas. Contact Chris Howell for more information on how to take advantage of RaceSense at your next major event. To get the best performance from your Atlas 2 and RaceSense:

1. It is recommended by the J/70 Class Technical Chair and Vakaros that the Atlas 2 should be the top unit in the stack of instruments.

2. You should calibrate your unit before the start of the regatta.

These two recommendations should help you get the best performance.

For more information on Vakaros and RaceSense, you can visit https://vakaros.com/pages/racesense. Just a few things that RaceSense does for you: eliminate pinging, immediate OCS calls, two-boat starting line, eliminate starting penalty flags, zone notification, and it calls the finishes (getting the close downwind finishes correct).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Technical Committee is looking forward to seeing members at the Corinthian Worlds in Marseille, Europeans in Barcelona, Mixed-Plus Worlds in Copenhagen, Worlds in Cascais, North Americans in Annapolis and South Americans in Chile. The Class continues to mature as 99% of the boats attending Championships already have MDs, most sails are coming certified from a loft, and we increasingly use the event self-compliance form. This has made the measurement process go a bit faster and be less cumbersome to the members and measurement team. To continue with inspection, we are able to conduct random spots checks, which has been working well.

I am honored as I travel to work with the talented Measurers and 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@J/70office.com). I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta.

PRELIMINARY REGATTAS Winter Series: September 2025 – March 2026 | Spring Series: March – May 2026

J/70 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
Barcelona | 18–26 July 2026

This summer, Barcelona will become the epicenter of international one-design sailing as the Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona hosts the J/70 European Championship 2026. From 18 to 26 July, more than 500 sailors from across the globe will gather to compete in one of the most anticipated regattas on the international calendar.

A Championship of Global Dimension

Organized by the Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona (RCNB) in collaboration with the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA), the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation (RFEV), the Catalan Sailing Federation and the Spanish J/70 Owners Association, the 2026 edition is set to be one of the strongest European Championships ever staged. Fleet registration reached its maximum of 100 boats in less than two hours after pre-

registration opened. Representing 22 nationalities, the entry list includes teams from Australia, Austria, Brazil, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Great Britain, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey and the United States.

An additional 32 teams remain on the waiting list — clear proof of the Class's strength and the international appeal of Barcelona as host city.

Barcelona: Where Sailing Meets Culture

Set along the Mediterranean coast, Barcelona offers a rare combination of reliable sea conditions, steady summer winds and world-class infrastructure. The race area provides open-water sailing with fair and competitive conditions, ideal for high-performance one-design racing.

Beyond the racecourse, the city delivers an unmatched cultural experience. From its historic maritime legacy to its dynamic contemporary lifestyle, Barcelona blends sport, gastronomy, architecture and leisure in a way few sailing venues can.

Host Venue: Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona

Located in a privileged position within the Port of Barcelona, the RCNB has been at the forefront of international sailing for over 140 years. The club recently served as Official Host Club of the 37th America's Cup in 2024, reinforcing its reputation for delivering events at the highest global standards.

Participants will benefit from comprehensive regatta facilities, technical services, marina support and an experienced organizational team dedicated to ensuring a seamless championship experience.

Elite Competition on Catalan Waters
The J/70 European Championship is widely regarded as one of the most competitive events in world sailing. Whether seasoned professionals or ambitious Corinthian teams, competitors will test their skills against some of the finest crews in the Class.

With more than 500 sailors expected on the starting line, the 2026 edition promises intense racing, tactical depth and a truly international atmosphere.

A Regatta Beyond Racing
More than a championship, the J/70 European Championship Barcelona 2026 is a celebration of sport and Mediterranean lifestyle. From arrival and registration to the final prize-giving ceremony, the RCNB's organization is designed to offer competitors and teams an unforgettable experience both on and off the water.

Barcelona stands ready to welcome the international sailing community for a week where competition, camaraderie and culture converge.

Official Logistics Partner – Renting Ribs
Renting Ribs has been appointed Official Logistics Partner, providing complete operational support for competitors and teams. Services include RIB rentals for coaches and media, towing vehicles and customized road transport of J/70 boats across Europe. The company also manages door-to-door container logistics, customs documentation and port coordination. Secure storage, handling facilities and container unloading services are available before and after the event. All logistics operations are fully coordinated with RCNB to ensure a smooth and professional Championship experience.

Mark your calendar. Assemble your crew. Barcelona awaits.
For further information:
Official Website: J70Eurobarcelona2026.com
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Please refer to NoR 27 for full regulations and contact details.

Spain Report

© Óscar Torveo. Barcelona is cementing its status as a European benchmark in one-design sailing, with a strong fleet of around thirty J/70 teams.

BARCELONA

International Barcelona Winter Series confirms itself as one of the Mediterranean's most attractive events.

Photo: Since last September, the International Barcelona Winter Series for J/70s have been held monthly, impeccably organized by the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona. The circuit features seven events and will wrap up in March, coinciding with the first series of the International Barcelona Spring Regattas, which will include three additional series (March, April and May).

This winter circuit, staged in Barcelona, the host city for the next European Championship, has proven highly successful among competitors thanks to a combination of factors: weather, fleet quality, organization and technology.

Strong turnout: 30 teams from more than 10 countries

Participation has been strong. In recent series the fleet has reached around thirty teams of a high standard, coming from European countries such as the United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria and Spain.

Excellent conditions

Barcelona has been delivering outstanding weather, allowing racing to take place across a wide range of conditions, from heats in light 5–6-knot breezes and flat water to others in more than 20 knots with thrilling waves. Conditions are generally favorable and, even when the opposite occurs, such as last January, it rarely rains, and sunshine is often present, bringing pleasant temperatures.

Spain Report

Plenty of racing

Each series features three days of competition, from Friday to Sunday, with several teams taking advantage of Thursday for training. The schedule calls for 10–12 races per series, with a maximum of four races per day and one discard per event. Proof of that, from the first event through the fifth, held last month, 42 races have already been completed.

Sailor-focused organization

All series feature umpires conducting on-the-water judging, which greatly reduces the likelihood of protests ashore. The race committee is highly experienced, and its decisions on the water typically earn broad acceptance among sailors. Courses are set using automated, radio-controlled marks, and the event uses Vakaros' RaceSense system, the latest technology that helps both competitors and the race committee streamline starting procedures while providing many other features for running the competition. On Saturdays after racing, the club's terrace offers all participants free beer and snacks to foster a great fleet atmosphere. On Sundays, upon returning ashore, there is always a prizegiving with separate standings for each event, although there is also an overall ranking that considers all races sailed across the seven events.

A very tight fleet

Picking favorites is difficult. In fact, no team has managed to repeat a series win so far. For now, the most consistent have been Spain's HSN Sailing Team, provisional overall leaders, Bodega Can Marlés, second overall and runner-up in the most recent event, and Noticia, third overall and winner of the fifth event. Other high-level teams that have won earlier series include Germany's Diva (winner of the fourth series), Denmark's Sassy (winners of the third event), Galicia's Mar-natura (winners of the second event and the Spanish Cup), and the UK's Seriousfun (winners of the first event in September). Other front-running teams in the competition include Hang Ten, Let it Be and Portugal's Active Sailing.

© Óscar Torveo. Technology comes into play, with racing featuring a system of radio-controlled automated marks and Vakaros® RaceSense software.

Spain Report

© Óscar Torveo. Whether in light breezes or heavy air, Barcelona typically delivers the planned schedule of around 10 races per event.

A packed Spanish calendar through the Barcelona Europeans and the Cascais Worlds

J/70 activity in Spain is divided into two hubs: Barcelona, host of the **2026 European Championship**, and Vigo, host of the **2027 Corinthian World Championship**. For this 2026 season, the Spanish calendar is one of the most complete, as shown in our 1st semester dates:

BARCELONA:

- January 23-25: #5 Barcelona Winter Series
- February 20-22: #6 Barcelona Winter Series
- March 20-22: #7 Barcelona Winter Series
  #1 Barcelona Spring Regatta
- April 24–26: #2 Barcelona Spring Regatta
- May 15-17: #3 Barcelona Spring Regatta & Trofeo Conde de Godó One-Design
- **July 18-25: J70 European Championship**

VIGO:

- January 17-18: #4 Atlantic Series
- February 14-15: #5 Atlantic Series
- March 14-15: #6 Atlantic Series
- April 18–19: #7 Atlantic Series
- May 23-24: #8 Atlantic Series

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J/70 Mixed Plus World Championship – Skovshoved Harbor Welcomes the World

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The International J/70 community is gearing up for one of the most anticipated championships of the season: the **2026 J/70 MixedPlus World Championship**, hosted by the Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY) in **Skovshoved Harbor, Denmark**, from **10–15 August 2026**.

This global championship celebrates the J/70 Class's commitment to competitive, inclusive sailing through the **MixedPlus format**. In this division, teams must sail with **four or more crew**, and may include **no more than two adult males**, creating a dynamic, diverse team environment that has quickly become one of the most exciting developments in the Class.

With a **70 boat entry limit**, teams are encouraged to act quickly — **registration is already open**, and spots are confirmed in the order that both entry form and payment are received.

The event will feature cutting-edge race technology, including **Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense** onboard each boat and **MarkSetBots** on the racecourse for precise, efficient and environmentally friendly marksetting.

Competitors can look forward to:

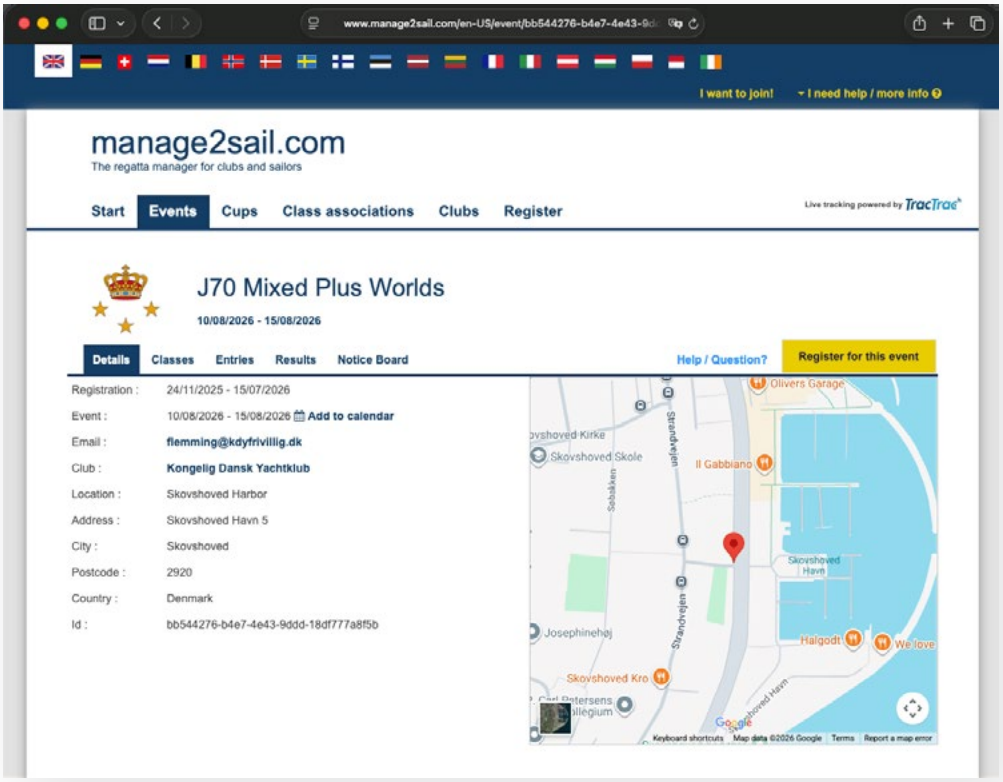
- A full program including **one practice day** and **four Championship race days**
- Daily briefings, postrace socials and signature KDY hospitality
- An Opening Ceremony, Crew Party and a celebratory Awards Ceremony

Teams can secure their place now registering on **manage2sail.com**. Standard entry fees apply until **May 15th**, with late entries accepted until **July 15th** if space remains.

KDY's leadership in environmental stewardship will also be front and center. As a proud supporter of **Sailors for the Sea**, the club aims once again for **Platinum Level Clean Regatta certification**, inviting every sailor to help protect the waters they race on.

With its blend of elite competition, Scandinavian summer conditions, innovative race technology and a vibrant shoreside program, the 2026 MixedPlus Worlds promises to be a standout moment in the international J/70 calendar.

Event details: **HERE**



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DEL PACÍFICO

2026 J/70 South American Championship

October 27-31, 2026

Cofradía Náutica del Pacífico
Algarrobo, Chile

Australia's J/70 Scene
— Tight Racing, Consistent Performers

The J/70 Class continues to grow Down Under, both in competitive strength and community engagement. High-quality and close one-design racing, with multiple boats capable of winning on any given day is the ongoing attraction to the fleet.

Three major Clubs support the J/70 Class: **Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and Sandringham Yacht Club** in Victoria and **Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron** in Sydney, New South Wales. Each club offers regular racing and development pathways, with club programs actively engaging and developing the next generation of keelboat racers.

More of our members are also looking to compete at various events around the world despite the logistical challenges of travelling so far away from home.

In 2025, we introduced the J-Cup Australia series that provides a ranking for places to be offered at the following year's Open World Championship. The events included:

- J-Cup #1 • Australian Titles – 13-18 Jan 2025, Sandringham Yacht Club
- J-Cup #2 • East Coast Championship – 5-7th April 2025, Lake Macquarie YC
- J-Cup #3 • NSW State Championship – 1-3 Nov 2025, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
- J-Cup #4 • VIC State Championship – 21-23 November 2025, Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

2025 Australian J/70 National Championship — Inaugural J-Cup Event

The 2025 **J/70 Australian Championship**, hosted by **Sandringham Yacht Club** on **Port Phillip Bay**, marked both the pinnacle of the summer sailing season and the first event of the new J-Cup Australia series. A strong

Australia Report

fleet of 91 sailors on 21 boats contested the Nationals, with excellent representation across age groups and divisions, featuring **five interstate teams, seven youth teams and 14 Corinthian entries**. In a tightly fought regatta with a mix of seabreezes and wild Port Phillip conditions, **Chris Dare's AMBITION** — crewed by Dare, David Chapman, Jeremy O'Connell and Lockie Dare — sailed exceptionally consistently and never placed outside the top three, ultimately clinching the National title. Second overall was **David Doherty's MATADOR**, and **Steve Proud's SWISH** rounded out the podium.

Across other divisions, **FUBAR** topped both the **Corinthian** and **Youth** categories, while **JABIRU** took the **Mixed Plus** honours — reflecting the competitive diversity that has become a hallmark of Australian J/70 racing.

This event set the tone for the inaugural **J-Cup Australia Series**, with its results forming an integral part of national ranking and World Championship nomination criteria.

J-Cup Australia #2 — Lake Macquarie
Continuing the J-Cup Australia series, the second stop took place at **Lake Macquarie Yacht Club** (5–7 April 2025) on the peaceful waters of Lake Macquarie. After eight races over three days, **Chris Dare's AMBITION** again showed remarkable consistency — securing the overall victory with top-tier results and a dropped race. **David Doherty's MATADOR** finished second, while **Tim Ryan's VAMOS** was the leading **Corinthian** entry.

Youth crews added further excitement, with standout performances from **TRAMONTANA** and **ORA**, supporting the narrative of rising talent across Australian J/70 fleets.

State Championship — NSW & Victorian Titles

Sydney Harbour played host to the 2025 **NSW State Championship** (1–3 November), where **Tim Ryan's VAMOS** navigated shifting winds and classic nor'easters to secure the title in a competitive 14-boat fleet. Ryan's team — including Rob Greenhalgh, Jess Grimes and Charlie Gundy — returned to high-performance form, while **JOUST70** and **AMBITION** also delivered podium results.

Division racing was equally compelling, with **ORA**, **JABIRU** and **TRAMONTANA** excelling across Corinthian, Young Crew and Mixed-Plus classifications — highlighting the breadth of competitive talent. Later in November, 23 boats contested the **Victorian State Championship** at **Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron** which served as another J-Cup Australia points event. A strong local and interstate turnout ensured tight one-design racing, with crews pushing hard for state honours and series points.

2026 Australian Championship — National Conclusion

Sydney Harbour delivered classic summer conditions for the J/70 Australian Championship, hosted by Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron from 11–16 January 2026. A moderate to fresh north-easterly breeze set

the scene for the opening three days, before a south-easter rounded out the regatta on the final day. The fleet of 18 boats sailed 12 races across four days, providing consistent and competitive racing throughout the series.

The Open Division belonged emphatically to **Tim Ryan's VAMOS**. With Rob Greenhalgh, Charlie Gundy and Drew Barnes on board, the team delivered a masterclass in consistency, never once finishing outside the top three. "Strategy wise, we just try and sail fast, get off the line clean, pick whatever shifts we can," said Charlie Gundy. "A lot of the time it is neck and neck with the other boats the whole way around."

Behind them, **SEQUEL of NUTCRACKER** (**Rob Davis**) and **THE BULL** (**David Doherty**) posted impressive series results, with Corinthian and youth entries reinforcing the Class's depth and competitive vitality.

Youth Engagement — Sandringham Yacht Club J/70 Program

At **Sandringham Yacht Club**, a structured **J/70 Sailing Program** has significantly boosted youth and intermediate sailor engagement, offering progressive streams from **Social Sailing** through **Development** and **Youth/Advanced Squads**.

SYC's Eliza Ewart commented, "We have six club boats available to young members between the ages of 13-35 years old. They are designed to help transition our OTB sailors into our member keelboats. We offer the boats on Thursday afternoons for twilight racing to anyone between the age of 18-35 years old and regularly see 4-6 boats out and almost all sharing dinner together after racing. This initiative has brought a large number of sailors back into the sport, particularly within the age group that often prioritises career development. We have witnessed a significant number transition into member boats from there. In regard to our more advanced training, on Saturdays, we have four teams that train, preparing for regattas around Australia. We have found that there are sailors joining the programs from all different Classes bringing a wealth of knowledge and skill. Both the more advanced and social sailing programs provide clear progression opportunities and bridge the gap between youth sailing and long-term club involvement. It would be amazing to have more youth teams competing, I have only positive comments about what the J/70s at SYC have done to sailing in Melbourne.

The initiative has notably increased participation among sailors aged 14 to 35, fostering both competitive skills and community engagement. Participants report gains not only in sailing performance but also in teamwork, confidence and camaraderie — feeding back into the broader competitive scene with young crews seen challenging for honours across many events."

J/70 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 • ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 1

ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB

Annapolis, Maryland

Boats may arrive at Annapolis YC Sailing Center • October 24
Onsite registration and boat inspection • October 27-28
Practice Race • October 28
Opening Ceremony and Competitors Party • October 28
Racing • October 29-November 1
Awards party and trophy presentation • November 1

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Armenia Report

By Artashes Dadayan

On behalf of the Armenian J/70 Class Association, we are pleased to share a detailed report on the official J/70 events hosted in Armenia during the 2025 sailing season.

Armenian Cup 2025

Stage I

- Dates: July 25–27, 2025
- Total Races: 9 races over 3 racing days
- Chief Umpire: Luca Babini
- Umpire: Giuseppe Lallai
- Race Officials:
  - Cristofol Morales
  - Jacopo Moralli

Stage II

- Dates: August 14–17, 2025
- Total Races: 13 races over 3 racing days
- Chief Umpire: Luca Babini
- Race Officials:
  - Alessandro de Felice
  - Alessandra Simioni

Total races conducted for the Armenian Cup 2025: 22 races

Armenian Open J/70 Sailing Championship 2025

- Dates: September 2025
- Duration: 4 racing days
- Total Races: 24 races
- Weather Conditions: The first racing day was marked by a heavy storm, followed by stable conditions during the remaining days
- Chief Umpire: Luca Babini
- Umpire: Torben PrechtJensen
- Race Officials:
  - Gianluca Brambati
  - Roberta Rocca

All events were conducted in accordance with international racing standards. Despite challenging weather conditions during the Championship, the races were completed successfully thanks to the professionalism of the international umpire and Race Committee teams.

Clube Naval de Cascais to Host the 2026 J/70 World Championship

September 4 to 12 – Cascais, Portugal

By Sebastião Osório de Castro

As Clube Naval de Cascais (CNC) prepares the final touches for one of the most anticipated events on its 2026 calendar, we extend a warm welcome to the international sailing community for the 2026 J/70 World Championship, hosted in our iconic waters from September 4-12.

This prestigious event marks a high point of the season and a true celebration of competitive one-design sailing. Recognised officially by the International J/70 Class Association, the Worlds brings together the best J/70 teams from around the globe to compete for the ultimate title in this dynamic and fast-growing Class.

A Gathering of the World's Best

Cascais is honoured to host this elite fleet. Expectations are high for strong international representation—with over 100 teams from more than 30 countries anticipated to make the journey to Portugal's Atlantic coast to contest the world crown.

The J/70 Class is one of the most vibrant in modern keelboat racing, with thousands of boats racing globally. Its growth reflects the appeal of tight tactical racing, high-performance handling and accessible crew formats that bring together sailors of all backgrounds and skills.

Cascais: An Exceptional Venue

Cascais has long been recognised internationally as a premier sailing destination for world-class competition. Our waters are known for varied conditions—from steady breezes and open-ocean swell to more technical inshore race areas—offering a dynamic test of skill for crews. Whether

offshore or within the protected channels, race officials have excellent choices for delivering competitive courses that showcase the depth and tactical acumen of each team.

CNC itself has a proud tradition of hosting major sailing events, building on decades of experience. From 52 Super Series and RC44 events to ISAF Worlds and one-design championships, our club embodies a culture of excellence in race management, safety and hospitality.

Building Momentum: From Local Qualifiers to the World Stage

Over the past season, CNC has hosted several key J/70 events that have helped build momentum toward the Worlds. Local and national qualifiers such as Cascais J/70 Corinthian European Championship, the Cascais J/70 Summer Cup and the Winter Series – Atlantic Cup have drawn competitive fleets from across Europe and beyond. These events not only sharpened skills on the water but also underscored the growing J/70 community here in Portugal.

These regattas have proven invaluable in preparing local and visiting teams for the challenges of world-class competition, with a rich diversity of weather conditions and tactical scenarios that mirror what teams can expect in September.

What to Expect in September

As race week approaches, sailors can look forward to:

Exciting fleet racing over multiple days, culminating in national and world championship titles.

World-class race management and optimal coast conditions off Cascais for fair and competitive courses.

Vibrant social and community engagement, celebrating the sport, the crews and the shared spirit of international competition.

Support from local partners, including Visit Cascais, Marina de Cascais and SailCascais, all committed to showcasing the best of Portugal's sailing culture.

While the formal entry list is being finalised and published via the official regatta website, enthusiasm from sailors worldwide is unmistakable, with registrations reflecting the global appeal of this event.

CNC looks forward to welcoming the J/70 community to Cascais this September—where tradition, sport and passion for sailing meet on the Atlantic.

A Landmark Return: Porto Cervo to Host the 2028 J/70 Open World Championship

On behalf of the J/70 International Class, I am delighted to confirm that the 2028 J/70 Open World Championship will be hosted by Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in Porto Cervo.

The decision to award the 2028 Open World Championship was taken by the J/70 Class World Council, which is comprised entirely of member representatives from each of the 30 National Class Associations around the world, spanning Argentina to Australia.

Our members already know Yacht Club Costa Smeralda well. The Club successfully hosted the 2017 J/70 World Championship, an event that remains a landmark moment for the Class. That championship attracted 161 boats, setting what was at the time a world record for a one-design keelboat World Championship, and it is still widely regarded as one of the finest J/70 events ever held.

Looking ahead to 2028, we are planning for up to 198 entries, bringing together the very best J/70 sailors from around the world. The scale and quality of the fleet will make this one of the most competitive World Championships ever staged.

Beyond the racing itself, simply being part of such a gathering of elite sailors will be an extraordinary experience. With nearly 200 boats on the water and competitors from every corner of the globe, the 2028 J/70 Open World Championship will be not only a pinnacle sporting contest, but also a remarkable social occasion and a celebration of the international J/70 community.

We are confident that Porto Cervo will once again provide the perfect stage for this flagship event, and we look forward to working closely with Yacht Club Costa Smeralda as we build towards a truly exceptional World Championship in 2028.

The Open World Championship is only one of three World Championships held annually by the J/70 Class. In addition to the 2028 Open Worlds announcement, venues have also been confirmed for two equally prized Championships in 2027 - the Corinthian World Championship and the Mixed Plus World Championship.

This year we have over 100 entries already registered for the 2026 Corinthian World Championship in Marseille. The 2027 edition will be hosted by Real Club Náutico de Vigo, another spectacular venue also familiar to J/70 members who recall the epic European Championship held there in 2018.

The Mixed Plus World Championship, which promotes female participation was launched at Torbole, Lake Garda in 2025, attracting not only the top sailors from the Class, including 25 Olympians but also a record breaking female participation with over 125 women. The 2027 edition will be sharing the Americas Cup venue of Naples, Italy.

The J/70 Class is unique in its ability to deliver three World Championships, serving a diverse, international, and continually growing membership.

Only the J/70 can do this.

Martin Dent
President, J/70 International Class

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Vigo to Host the 2027 J/70 Corinthian World Championship (12–19 June 2027)

The International J/70 Class Association has awarded the 2027 J/70 Corinthian World Championship to Vigo, Spain. The event will take place from 12 to 19 June 2027, hosted by the Real Club Náutico de Vigo in collaboration with the Spanish J/70 Class Association.

The Championship will bring together the world's top Corinthian teams in one of Europe's most renowned sailing venues. Vigo, located in Galicia on Spain's Atlantic coast, is internationally recognized for its technical race areas, reliable Atlantic wind systems, and long-standing sailing tradition.

Over the past months, the Real Club Náutico de Vigo and the Spanish Class Association have been working intensively on the planning and coordination of the event to ensure it meets the highest sporting and organizational standards of the J/70 Class. The 2027 Corinthian World Championship will combine world-class racing conditions with a solid logistical structure and a welcoming atmosphere for international teams.

Accessibility and Logistics

Vigo offers convenient international access through three nearby airports: **Porto (Portugal), Vigo, and Santiago de Compostela**, all located within approximately one hour by car from the venue. This connectivity provides multiple international flight options for teams travelling from Europe, the Americas, and beyond.

To facilitate smooth arrivals and departures, the Real Club Náutico de Vigo will coordinate **official transfer services from the airports to the venue**, ensuring efficient transport for teams, equipment, and accompanying staff. Detailed logistical guidance, including shipping information and on-site technical services, will be provided well in advance of the event.

The club's marina infrastructure, technical areas, and support services are being structured to accommodate the international fleet comfortably and efficiently throughout the Championship week.

A Strategic Commitment to the J/70 Class

The Real Club Náutico de Vigo considers the J/70 class a key pillar in its sporting development strategy. With a growing local fleet and increasing engagement from Spanish and international teams, the club has made a long-term commitment to support and promote the class at both national and international levels.

Tone Pérez, President of the Real Club Náutico de Vigo, stated:

"Hosting the 2027 J/70 Corinthian World Championship is both an honour and a major responsibility for our club. We firmly believe the J/70 is a strategic class for our sporting future, and we have been working for months with dedication and enthusiasm to prepare an event that reflects the standards and spirit of this international fleet.

Our ambition is not only to deliver a high-level sporting competition, but also to create a true experience of connection and camaraderie among sailors from around the world. Vigo offers outstanding racing conditions — but above all, it offers passion, commitment and a deep sailing culture."

The Championship will be organized in close coordination with the International J/70 Class Association and the Spanish J/70 Class, ensuring full alignment with class regulations and international expectations.

Words from Martin Dent, the J/70 International Class President

"On behalf of the J/70 International Class, I am very pleased to confirm that Real Club Náutico de Vigo will host the 2027 Corinthian World Championship. This decision was taken by our World Council, comprised of entirely member representatives from each of the 30 J/70 National Class Associations across the globe.

The International J/70 Class last visited Vigo with the European Championship in 2018, which was a huge success. We recall the epic sailing conditions – an Atlantic race area open enough to generate fast, surfable waves, yet sheltered by islands that also add some tactical shifts. This will provide the perfect test to deliver a World Champion from what we expect will be over 100 talented Corinthian J/70 teams from around the world.

We also remember the wonderful Galician hospitality; we look forward to an amazing social occasion and celebration of the international J/70 community.

For more than a decade, the J/70 Class has enjoyed consistently over-subscribed World Championships, with fleets in excess of 100 boats. This has been fuelled by the continuous and steady growth of the Class, which now numbers nearly 2,000 boats across 30 countries. With demand continuing to outstrip supply, it was a natural step, in 2024, to expand the World Championship programme. The J/70 Class now delivers three World Championships each year - the Open, the Corinthian and the Mixed Plus (which promotes female participation).Each is equally prized and together they serve our diverse, international and growing membership.

Only the J/70 can do this."

J/70 2026 – 27 CALENDAR

2026

March 14 - March 15
Atlantic Series #6
RCN Vigo Spain,
Spain

March 19 - March 22
TIC Winter Series Event 5
Tenzor Sailing Club Türkiye
Bodrum, Turkey

March 20 - March 22
International Barcelona Winter Series 7
RCN Barcelona Spain , Spain

March 27 - March 29
2026 J/70 Midwinter Championship
Shake-A-Leg
Miami, FL, United States

April 3 - April 6
SNIM 2026
Marseille, France

April 9 - April 12
TIC Winter Series Event 6
Tenzor Sailing Club Türkiye
Bodrum, Turkey

April 18 - April 19
Atlantic Series #7
RCN Vigo Spain,
Spain

April 24 - April 26
J/70 Barcelona Spring Regatta 2
RCN Barcelona Spain,
Spain

April 24 - April 26
J-Cup Australia 2026: Event #3
Sail Port Stephens
Australia

May 15 - May 17
J/70 Barcelona Spring Regatta 3 - Conde Godo
RCN Barcelona Spain,
Spain

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

May 23 - May 24
Atlantic Series #8
RCN Vigo Spain,
Spain

June 3 - June 7
2026 Armenian Cup Stage I
Lake Sevan, Armenia

July 1 - July 5
2026 Armenian Cup Stage II
Lake Sevan, Armenia

July 21 - July 26
2026 J/70 European Championship
Real Club Náutico de Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain

August 4 - August 9
2026 Armenian Open J/70 Sailing Championship
Lake Sevan, Armenia

J/70 2026 – 27 CALENDAR

August 10 - August 15
2026 J/70 Mixed Plus World Championship
Royal Danish Yacht Club
Copenhagen, Denmark

September 4 - September 12
2026 J/70 World Championship
Clube Naval de Cascais
Cascais, Portugal

September 18 - September 20
Altantique Le Télégramme 2026
Lorient, France

October 9 - October 11
French Championship 2026
Biscarrosse, France

October 10 - October 12
J-Cup Australia 2026: Event #4 NSW State Championship
Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
Belmont NSW, Australia

October 27 - November 1
2026 J/70 North American Championship
Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, MD, United States

October 27 - October 31
2026 J/70 South American Championship
Cofradía Algarrobo, Chile

November 20 - November 22
J-Cup Australia 2026: Event #5 VIC State Championship
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
Blairgowrie VIC, Australia

2027

June 12 - June 19
2027 J/70 Corinthian World Championship
Real Club Náutico de Vigo, Spain

August 20 - August 28
2027 J/70 European Championship
Kieler Yacht Club
Kiel, Germany

October 23 - October 30
2027 J/70 World Championship
Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, MD, United States