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The Sandberg Estates J/70 World Championship has a winner! After five intense days of competition on the Bay of Palma in September, the American team of Jeremy Wilmot and Douglas Newhouse's *Yonder* with Ted Hackney and George Peet were proclaimed World Champions of the Class at the event organized by the Real Club Náutico de Palma (RCNP) and the International J/70 Class Association.



A northeasterly wind averaging 10 knots allowed the Race Committee to give a punctual start at 11:30h for the last race of the competition. This race was won by British team Charles Thompson and Tom Mallindine's *Brutus II* and followed in second place by Spaniard Luis Albert's *Patakin*, with third going to the Brazilian team of Renato Faria's *To Nessa*.



Leading since day one of the World Championship, Wilmot and Newhouse's *Yonder* from the New York YC, finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place, sufficient to give the team their event win and to be proclaimed the new J/70 Champions. Moreover, the team finished with an 11-point lead over the second placed team. Consistency and the ability to avoid any major errors proved crucial for success.

"After a great deal of hard work, planning, training, regattas and teamwork, we have achieved our goal of winning the World Championship, which is quite frankly incredible. We had the regatta of our lives, and the team fought extremely hard," commented Newhouse upon arrival at the RCNP docks.



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The second podium position was claimed by the Brazilian team, Ralph Rosa's *Mindset* from the IC Río de Janeiro. Third went to the title defenders, British team *Brutus II* from the Royal Southern YC, who were able to pull back from their fifth place Friday, thanks to their win in the last race of the Worlds.

As well as the intercontinental title, the event also recognized the first placed boats in the Corinthian (non-professional crews), One Pro (only one professional sailor on board), Youth, Women's and Mixed-Plus divisions, and the first finishing team with a woman at the helm.



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pleasantly surprised—to receive this title. While we trained tirelessly, sailing in Uruguay and Argentina all year, the high level of competition in the Corinthian fleet, including the current Open European Champion and a former J/22 World Champion, made it hard to predict the outcome. We went into the race with no expectations, simply giving our best and anxiously awaiting the results as we sailed back into port one last time. We are immensely grateful for the support of our families, friends and competitors who have been with us every step of the way, sharing invaluable tips and advice that helped us continually improve.”

In the Corinthian division, a win for Pedro Garra’s *Plan B* from YC Punta del Este, Uruguay. They were followed by Alec Cutler’s *Hedgehog* from Royal Bermuda YC (Bermuda) and the Italian team Sofia Giondi’s *Wanderlust* from YC Rimini, second and third place respectively. Garra said, “We are deeply honored—and, in a way,



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In the One Pro division, the first placed team was Tim Ryan's *Vamos* from the Cruising YC Australia, who also obtained a brilliant fifth place in the general classification. Second place was for Mexican team, Ignacio Pérez's *Zaguero* from the Vallarta YC, and third for Nuno Espirito Santo's *Baba II* from the CN Cascais (Portugal).

In the Mixed-Plus division, victory went to the local team of Maria Boyer's *Balearia*, and the winners of the youth division were the Dutch team Sven Van Der Plasse's *Moore DRV* from WV Wolphaartsdijk.

First place for the Women's team division went to American Ava Wilson's *Team Convergence* from the Chicago YC, and the first team to finish with a woman at the

helm was fellow American Laura Grondin's *Dark Energy* from the New York YC/GKPYC. Grondin's team were also 15<sup>th</sup> place overall.

**DAY ONE RECAP:** On Tuesday, September 17, the bay of Palma witnessed a spectacular start of the Championship. With the first two races completed, Wilmot and Newhouse's *Yonder* (USA) was leading the overall standings, ahead of two Brazilian teams: Bruno Bethlem's *Arete* and Rosa's *Mindset*. *Yonder* tallied a first and a seventh. With about nine knots of wind from the northeast, the Race Committee blew the first starting horn at 11:45 am. After nearly an hour and a half of intense competition, it was Newhouse/Wilmot's *Yonder* from New York Yacht Club, who took the win ahead of Douglas Rastello's *Good to Go*, also racing under the U.S. flag





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representing Newport Harbor YC. Third place went to a Spanish team: Albert's *Patakin* from the Real Club Náutico de Palma. The second and last race of the day started around 14h30 with a wind that, although more unstable, was increasing in intensity up to 12 knots. Thomson/Mallindine's British *Brutus II*, sailing under the Royal Southern YC flag, and coming from a 23<sup>rd</sup> place in the opening race, scored victory. The reigning J/70 World Champion was followed by Bethlem's *Arete* from the IC Rio de Janeiro and American Grondin's *Dark Energy* of New York Yacht Club/GLPYC. With these results, *Yonder* became the first provisional leader. The early podium included *Arete* in second place after scoring 14 and 2. Third was Rosa's *Mindset*, with a 15<sup>th</sup> and a fourth place.

**DAY TWO RECAP:** Consistency continued to rule the Championship, which on Wednesday completed only one race that kept American *Yonder* in the lead. Race Committee decided to bring forward the start of the day's races by 30 minutes. They set the first starting signal for 11h00 with the expectation that the breeze would diminish as the hours went by. The decision was correct, and with conditions between eight and 12 knots from the northeast, the third race of the program began on time. The wind held out long enough to complete a single and complicated race in which the fleet had to do its best to take advantage of every gust and try to make as few mistakes as possible. Rastello's *Good to Go* was the best, achieving a first place that allowed him to move up to fourth place with a 2-29-1 record in his scoring board. Behind, a great performance of Albert's *Patakin*, who crossed the finish line in second position, climbing to sixth overall. The third place of Wednesday's race went to another of the North American teams: Dick Kalow's *Superior 1* of Wayzata Yacht Club. With these results, the overall ranking continued to be led by Newhouse and Wilmot's *Yonder* at 15 points. With one first and two seventh-place results, the New York YC crew had a 13-point lead over the second placed crew, which was Thomson/Mallindine's *Brutus II* after a fourth-place finish. They were ahead of Rosa's *Mindset* in third place.



**DAY THREE RECAP:** Thursday was a long day on the bay of Palma. Although the wind didn't make it easy, the fleet was able to add two new races to their scoreboards that allowed one discard. With the intention of making the most of the early morning breeze, the fleet docked out of the RCNP after 09h00 with the first start scheduled for 10h30. After abandoning the first race just after the start due to an abrupt change in the wind direction, teams were able to tackle race four of the Championship shortly after 11h00 with eight knots of northeasterly breeze. The fleet was once again shuffled, and the first three places were shared by three teams who were outside the top ten: Grondin's USA *Dark Energy*, Swedish Filip Engelbert's *Elvis* and Brazilian Haroldo Solberg's *Oceanpact*, first, second and third respectively. Then, the Race Committee was forced to raise the postponement flag and wait for the arrival of the longed-for thermal wind from the bay. After repositioning the racecourse and with conditions between 11-14 knots from the south, the fleet was back in action with the starting gun at 15h15 for the day's next race. On this occasion, victory went to John Heaton's USA *Empeiria*. Richard Witzel's USA *Rowdy* was second, followed by Rosa's Brazilian *Mindset*. With a total of five races on the scoreboard, the discard came into play, which led to new changes of positions in the top ten and a compression of the fleet aspiring to the podium. Wilmot and Newhouse's *Yonder*, who finished the day 23<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, was holding on to the top of the leaderboard thanks to their good results on the first two days. They led by one point over second-placed *Mindset* and five points over third, Chicago Yacht Club's *Rowdy*. Behind them, four other teams were in the hunt for the win, with only nine points separating the top six teams.

**DAY FOUR RECAP:** A prediction of southerly winds with an intensity building from 10 knots meant that the Race Committee once again gathered the fleet at the scheduled time of 11:30h. The teams left the dock punctually, and after a postponement on the racecourse waiting for the wind to stabilize, competition kicked off. Witzel's *Rowdy* was able to take command and claim the race six victory, giving them a momentary advantage in the standings. This relegated *Yonder* to second after adding a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish. Second and third places in the race went to fellow American Bryce Kalow's *Kid's Table* and Faria's *To Nessa* respectively. In the day's second contest, the challengers for the podium increased their efforts to place themselves as high as possible. Triumph in this case went to the title defenders Thompson and Mallindine's *Brutus II*, ahead of *Yonder* in second and *Kid's Table*. With these results, the penultimate day of the Worlds finished again with the overall classification being led by the crew of *Yonder*, having increased their advantage to 15 points over second place Rosa's *Mindset*. And they were 19 points ahead of fellow Americans *Kid's Table* from Wayzata Yacht Club, who were occupying the bronze, and were the best Friday with a second and third place under their belt.

The Sandberg Estates J/70 Worlds 2024 was organized by the Real Club Náutico de Palma and the International J/70 Class Association, and was sponsored by Sandberg Estates, with the institutional collaboration of Palma Town Hall, the Spanish Navy, the Balears Port Authority, the Spanish Royal Sailing Federation and the Balears Sailing Federation.





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## TOP 5:

1. [USA] *Yonder*, Jeremy Wilmot/Douglas Newhouse, 55 points
2. [BRA] *Mindset*, Ralph Vasconcellos, 66 points
3. [GBR] *Brutus II*, Charles Thompson/Tom Mallindine, 68 points
4. [USA] *Rowdy*, Richard Witzel, 83 points
5. [AUS] *Vamos*, Tim Ryan, 96 points

## CORINTHIAN:

1. [URU] *Plan B*, Pedro Garra, 195 points
2. [BER] *Hedgehog*, Alec Cutler, 195 points
3. [ITA] *Wanderlust*, Sofia Giondi, 198 points

## ONE PRO:

1. [AUS] *Vamos*, Tim Ryan, 96 points
2. [MEX] *Zaguero*, Ignacio Pérez, 183 points
3. [POR] *Baba II*, Nuno Espirito Santo, 192 points

## MIXED-PLUS:

1. [ESP] *Balearia*, María Bover, 379 points
2. [NED] *UCAJB4U*, John den Engelsman, 498 points
3. [USA] *Team Convergence*, Ava Wilson, 614 points

## ALL FEMALE:

1. [USA] *Team Convergence*, Ava Wilson, 614 points

## FEMALE HELM:

1. [USA] *Dark Energy*, Laura Grondin, 162 points

## YOUTH:

1. [NED] *Moore DRV*, de Sven Van Der Plasse, 574 points

## Ninety-five competed from 25 countries:

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# Mindset Victorious at 2024 South American Championship

by Ramiro Martínez, J/70 Uruguay Secretary



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*The 2024 J/70 South American Championship in Punta del Este, Uruguay took place from November 15-22. The Yacht Club Punta del Este brought together 30 crews from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay to compete on an unusually windy racecourse.*

Over 11 intense races, sailors were challenged by consistently breezy conditions, with winds exceeding 10 knots in every race and reaching 20-25 knots in several. These conditions delighted fans of speed but posed challenges for spinnaker trimmers.





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Brazilian teams demonstrated remarkable skill and consistency, dominating the leaderboard with four boats in the top positions. *Mindset*, helmed by Ralph Rosa, claimed the title of South American Champion in the Open category with Guilherme Hamelmann, Julio Carvalho and Goncalo Ribeiro. The team, runners-up at the recent Worlds in Palma, achieved four bullets in the 11 races. Narrowly missing the win were Haroldo Soldberg's *Viking* and Samuel Albrecht's *El Enemigo*, second and third respectively. In the Corinthian category, the Argentine boat *Bbto*, sailed by the Arrondo brothers, took the top spot.



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We are thrilled with the growing popularity of the J/70 Class in South America and look forward to future events, especially the 2025 J/70 World Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



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# Edward Gary Wins J/70 Corinthian US National Championship

Photos courtesy of Hannah Lee Noll

26-year-old Edward Gary and his *Ayacucho* team sailed consistently across the eight-race series to earn their first J/70 title at the Corinthian US National Championship. In true Corinthian spirit, Gary assembled a roster with a major friends and family component: Travis Carlisle, college sailing teammate Brendan Read and Brendan's father Brad Read.

"Feels great!" said Gary. "I've sailed J/70s for a long time, but this is actually only my third regatta driving one." The team was supported by a large group of loved ones. "It's a whole family affair. I travel with my dad. My mom and sister usually come too. Brendan's mom and Travis's girlfriend were here as well. We had about 11 people cheering us on. I've sailed with Travis and Brendan for years.



Many of the top teams here usually sail with professionals, so you knew the game was on. We had no race wins. Consistency was the key for us." The Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May (New Jersey) went above and beyond to host one of the J/70 Class's cornerstone events from September 6-8, supported by a dedicated army of volunteers and daily social events. The Atlantic Ocean racecourse served up a mix of wind conditions and beautiful rolling waves. North Sails's expert Allan Terhune was on the water for the first two days to observe racing and conduct daily debriefs ashore.





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The J/70 Class continues to promote Corinthian all-amateur sailing, both globally and locally, with another successful J/70 Corinthian US National Championship. Next year, the J/70 Corinthian World Championship will come to America; mark your calendars for Marblehead, Massachusetts from September 22-28, 2025.



**DAY ONE RECAP:** 24 teams enjoyed winds from 8-12 knots, allowing three races. Cate Muller-Terhune's *Casting Couch* book-ended two bullets plus a fourth for 6 points to take the early advantage. Gary's *Ayacucho* notched scores in the top three for second place at 8 points. Jim Golden's *Derecho* was another two points back in third. Following Muller-Terhune in the opening contest were Golden and Gary. Brian Keane's *Savasana* won the middle race, ahead of Scott Foxman's *Relentless* and Gary. Muller-Terhune closed the day with a victory, while Gary and Golden again rounded out the top trio.

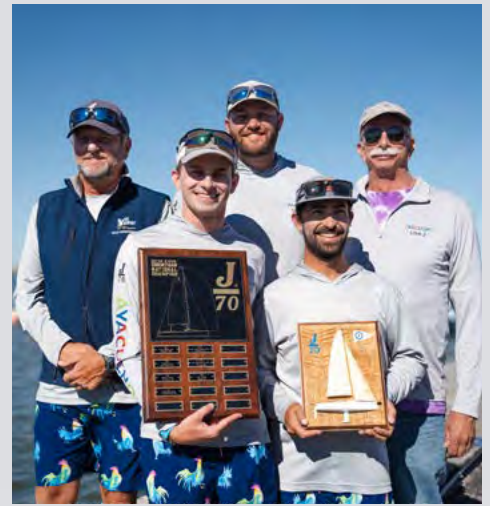


**DAY TWO RECAP:** Conditions once more permitted three races, bringing the total to six, and including the discard. This led to a shuffle of the leaderboard, moving Gary's *Ayacucho* to the top with 12 net points. Keane's *Savasana* leapt up to second overall with 14 net points. Muller-Terhune's *Casting Couch* dropped to third, but within striking distance, at 16 net points. In the day's initial battle, Keane's *Savasana* earned their second bullet of the series, trailed by Gary's *Ayacucho* and John Gochberg's *USA551*. Golden's *Derecho* recovered from an eighth to take the race five victory, with Gary again runner-up and Dave Franzel's *Spring* in the bronze position. Keane succeeded in the day's final race, beating a squall to shore with Franzel and Muller-Terhune.





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## TOP FIVE:

1. *Ayacucho*, USA2, Edward Gary  
- 3 -3 -2 -2 -2 -5 -2 -[7] ; 19
2. *Casting Couch*, USA34, Cate Muller-Terhune  
- 1 -4 -1 -[7] -7 -3 -4 -1 ; 21
3. *Derecho*, USA27, Jim Golden  
- 2 -5 -3 -[8] -1 -7 -1 -2 ; 21
4. *Savasana*, USA49, Brian Keane  
- [6] -1 -6 -1 -5 -1 -3 -6 ; 23
5. *Relentless*, USA380, Scott Foxman  
- 7 -2 -4 -6 -[11] -9 -5 -5 ; 38





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# James Murray's *Hestia* Wins Inaugural J/70 US National Championship



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Eighteen teams ventured to Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas for the first-ever J/70 US National Championship from November 7-10. Gorgeous conditions on the opening day allowed three races, but Mother Nature had different plans for the weekend, as light air forced crews to stay ashore. Fortunately,

southern hospitality kept racers smiling at the recently remodeled club, culminating with Sunday afternoon's prize-giving. James Murray's *Hestia* with Zeke Horowitz, Will Howard and Steven Leuck tallied scores of 2,1,2 for only 5 points to earn the first plaque on the J/70 US National Championship trophy. *Hestia* was one of five boats in the One-Pro Division, securing this achievement as well.

"When it was time to put together our J/70 program, I wanted to stick as close as possible to the Corinthian nature of the sport," summarized Murray. "But it's an incredibly competitive Class, and to help



us get up the curve faster, we decided to go with the one-pro model." He continued, "I think we're incredibly lucky just to be out here sailing. You're walking around the docks, and you're surrounded by multiple World Champions, folks who have sailed in

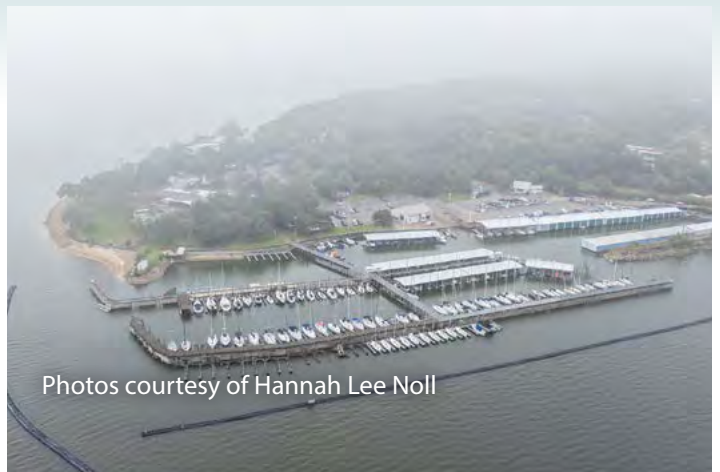
the Olympics. It's an incredible Class. Our vibe from the beginning has been we're just happy to be here. We're lucky to be on the line with these folks. We're out here to become better sailors."



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Rounding out the podium were Bruce Golison's *Midlife Crisis* and Al Minella's *Level5*, each with 12 points. Ryan Cox's *DJ* topped the eight-boat Corinthian division. Marina Lamphier helmed *Beatmachine* to the Mixed Plus title.



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## TOP FIVE:

1. *Hestia*, James Murray / Zeke Horowitz / Will Howard / Steven Leuck - 2 -1 -2 ; 5
2. *Midlife Crisis*, Bruce Golison / Erik Shampain / Steve Hunt / Jeff Reynolds - 1 -7 -4 ; 12
3. *Level5*, Al Minella / Marc Gauthier / John Wallace / Carlos Robles - 3 -6 -3 ; 12
4. *Stampede*, Bruno Pasquinelli / Patrick Wilson / Greiner Hobbs / River Paquin - 5 -3 -5 ; 13
5. *Relative Obscurity*, John Sommi / Victor Diaz de Leon / Willem Van Waay / Jud Smith - 4 -2 -9 ; 15



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# Circolo Vela Torbole (Lake Garda) to Host the First-Ever J/70 Mixed Plus World Championship in 2025

*Circolo Vela Torbole, in conjunction with the J/70 Italian Class, has been selected by the International J/70 Class Association to host the inaugural edition of the J/70 Mixed Plus World Championship. The event will be held in Torbole on Lake Garda from June 26-29, 2025 for the fastest growing one-design Class worldwide, with close to 2,000 boats built in the past decade.*

To understand what defines a Mixed Plus team, it is sufficient to refer to Section I.11 of the J/70 Class Rules which specifies that "...a crew shall consist of four or more persons and contain no more than two males over 18 years of age." In short, the only restriction is that a team may include no more than two men over the legal age.

This allows a huge number of team combinations. The Rule was introduced to encourage more participation for women in sailing, and this is still an overall goal of the J/70 International Class. Additionally, one of the key aims of this Rule is to create more opportunities for families and young sailors to join J/70 events.

It is precisely the flexibility of the Rule, allowing for a wide range of team combinations, that has sparked the interest of numerous boat owners. They have begun to explore alternative crew lineups in hopes of being contenders in this eagerly awaited event.

"We were delighted to immediately accept the J/70 International Class' request to organize the first edition of this international event, much like we did when entrusted with launching the J/70 Corinthian World Championship, which has since become a staple for the International Class. I am



confident that the Mixed Plus format, with its focus on family-oriented crews and greater female representation, could be the key to further accelerating the success of what is already recognized as the leading one-design Class,” said Federico Siragna, President of the J/70 Italian Class.

“The new Mixed Plus World Championship seeks to promote yet another dimension of J/70 sailing by providing our community with a new exciting opportunity for international racing and another great sailing experience,” said Vittorio Di Mauro, President of the J/70 International Class. “As a truly global one-design keelboat Class, we aim to provide sailing opportunities for all demographics, budgets and abilities. From regular weekend club racing to an unprecedented three World Championships per year, on alternating continents, where you can meet and compete with some of the best keelboat sailors in the world...only the J/70 can do it.”

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## By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

*We had an amazing experience using the Vakaros RaceSense at the recent World Championship in Palma. The Race Committee ran eight races, all under a P Flag, with no general recalls. In fact, the very first race of the regatta was an all-clear start with 96 boats on a .55 nm starting line. (Something that in the eight World Championships I have been involved with has never happened!) The experience allowed the regatta to get racing off on time, and in hindsight, allowed us to complete a few more races than would have happened in the past as we did not spend time with general recalls and then posting black flags. It was such a success that the following regattas have committed to using it: Bacardi Winter Series, Davis Island Winter Series, Cascais Winter Series, Corinthian European Championship. The IJ70CA has acquired the equipment to run regattas. Contact the Class Office to see how to include RaceSense at your next regatta. The Class is looking forward to more regattas adopting the system and making our members' time on the water more productive. For more information on Vakaros and the RaceSense, you can visit <https://vakaros.com/pages/racesense>. Just a few things that RaceSense does for you: eliminates pinging, immediate OCS calls, two-boat starting line, reduce or eliminate starting line penalty flags and finishes the fleet.*

The Technical Committee has started the process of updating our Class Rules, and you will see proposals after they are put forward by the Executive Committee. As always, J/70 Class Rules are "Closed," which means if it doesn't say specifically that you can, 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. With the new Racing Rules of Sailing coming into effect on January 1, we will be updating the templates used for organizing races.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Members of the Technical Committee will be present at the 2025 Corinthian European Championship in Cascais, Mixed Plus World Championship in Garda, European Championship in Sandhamn, Corinthian World Championship in Massachusetts, South American Championship and World Championship in Buenos Aires, and North American Championship in Florida.

I am honored as I travel to work with the talented Measurers and members of the IJ70CA 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](mailto:mfoster1053@gmail.com)) and/or the Class Executive Chris Howell ([howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)). I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta.







# Eastern Yacht Club to Host 2025 J/70 Corinthian World Championship in Marblehead, Massachusetts USA



Marblehead, Massachusetts' Eastern Yacht Club will proudly host the J/70 Corinthian World Championship from September 22-27, 2025. This globally-recognized event will showcase the skills and sportsmanship of many of the world's top Corinthian J/70 sailors in one of the most quintessential sailing towns on the east coast of the United States. Eastern Yacht Club is well known by J/70 racers as the club that hosted the Worlds in 2018 and the Corinthian US Nationals in 2021. Hank Stuart will once again join EYC's world-class Race Committee team as PRO.

Racers are invited to arrive as early as Saturday, September 20 for local racing and other events to be announced, and stay through Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration and

inspection will be on Monday and Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by four days of racing, ending with a big party and awards on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Book your hotel early, as Halloween is a major event in nearby Salem, MA, and both hotels and house rentals tend to fill up quickly; if lodging in Marblehead is unavailable, guests can expect to stay in one of the neighboring towns.

Contact Event Chair Kathy Andreasen [Kathyandreasen@gmail.com](mailto:Kathyandreasen@gmail.com) with further questions.

Eastern Yacht Club website: <https://www.easternyc.org/>



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## J70 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

MIAMI, FL.  
28-30 MARCH, 2025



# Australia Report

By Karyn Gojnich



*There are 34 registered J/70s in Australia, and overall membership of sailors in 2024 swelled to 163. As summer is warming up and the sailing season in full swing, we have had great competition at both the Victorian State Championship sailed out of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron in October and the NSW State Championship sailed out of Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in November.*

The Victorian State Championship was sailed from the picturesque Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron in the Capel Sound which is part of the wider Port Phillip Bay. It presented three very

different days of racing conditions to the fleet of 19 boats. Often described as one of the most beautiful places in the world to sail, it was also very shifty and “lots of snakes and ladders with the upwind beats.”

Tim Ryan’s team on *Vamos* was ultimately victorious at both State Championships, however in NSW, the win was decided on the final race day with David Doherty’s *Matador* picking up two finishes outside the top 4 to give the title to *Vamos*. Rod Warren’s *Joust70* finished third in both events.

The number of Australian members travelling to Europe and North America to race J/70s over our winter is growing. We are looking forward to the day when we can attract a few internationals to come and race Down Under!

# Australia Report



Sandringham Yacht Club's investment in the J/70 as a class to help connect with its younger sailors is paying off. They sent three teams to the VIC States and two to the NSW States, and Hayden Brown and his team on *Sirocco* were the winners of both the Youth Division (under 30) and the Corinthian Division for the NSW event.



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# Australia Report

Preparation now turns to the Australian Championship that will be sailed in January 2025 and hosted by Sandringham Yacht Club. Plans are also underway for the J/Cup Australia series that will kick off with the Nationals. The new series will comprise four events to be sailed during 2025—two in New South Wales and two in Victoria. The J/Cup Australia series results will be decided by competitors' best results in three of the four events, using a low points scoring system. Competitors may elect to discard their worst event score or only sail in three of the four events. The results of the series will be used by the J/70 Australia Class Association to make nominations for the J/70 World Championship in Cascais, Portugal in August 2026.

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**J/70 J/CUP 1ST EVENT**  
13-18 JANUARY  
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**J/70 J/CUP 2ND EVENT**  
12-14 APRIL  
EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP  
LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB

**J/70 J/CUP 3RD EVENT**  
27-29 SEPTEMBER  
VIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

**J/70 J/CUP 4TH EVENT**  
21-23 NOVEMBER  
NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

# Argentina Report

By Eugenia Jasson Hardie

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*This second part of the year saw both Argentinian and Uruguayan crews already training for what will be a truly interesting 2025 with the South American and World Championships taking place in Buenos Aires.*

Pedro Garra and his Corinthian team *Plan B* from Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay, won the “Copa Universitaria,” organized by Club Universitario de Buenos Aires in August, where 21 teams completed six races in two wonderful days of light and strong winds.

In September, the Yacht Club Olivos organized its traditional “Grand Prix Internacional Luis Alberto Cerrato,” and this time another Corinthian team took the lead after four races: Matias Pereira’s *Blue* from Club Nautico Olivos.



# Argentina Report

In the next two and last Championships of our calendar, 33 teams fought for their place in the 2025 Worlds. Yacht Club Argentino's prestigious Semana de Buenos Aires (venue of next year's Worlds) meant a qualification for winner *Si Querida*, Francisco Van Avermaete's Corinthian team from YCA, and runner-up Juan Ignacio Pereyra's *Homero* from Club Nautico Olivos. Six races were completed after a challenging and enjoyable weekend.

The Argentinian Championship hosted by Club Nautico Olivos completed the second part of the qualifying series. Both Parada and Engelhard brothers came back to the Rio de la Plata with Team *Nildo* to win this year's title with three bullets after seven races.



We congratulate all participating teams and thank them for a year full of activity in a Class that is growing and getting more competitive each new weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires!

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**2025 J/70 North American Championship**  
December 1- 7, 2025

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Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida



# Yacht Club Argentino to Host the 2025 J/70 World Championship

By Freya Mors, YCA



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***Get ready for one of the most anticipated events in competitive sailing! The Yacht Club Argentino (YCA) in Buenos Aires, Argentina has the distinct honor of hosting the 2025 J/70 World Championship, welcoming top sailors from around the globe to our challenging shores.***

With over a century of sailing tradition, Yacht Club Argentino is perfectly equipped to deliver an unforgettable Championship experience. Our club is known for its

exceptional facilities, seasoned event staff and a true passion for the sport. The Rio de la Plata's dynamic waters and ever-changing wind conditions will challenge competitors and thrill spectators alike. The event will be held in October, a great time of the year for sailing in Buenos Aires, and less than a month after "Semana de Buenos Aires"—the most important Championship in South America for dinghies.

The J/70 World Championship is one of the most competitive events in the sport, attracting elite sailors who push the limits of strategy, skill and teamwork. The Class experienced strong growth in South America, and Argentina has a large fleet of its own.

## Discover the Spirit of Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is a vibrant city with something for everyone...sailing enthusiasts, friends and family alike. Known for its European-inspired architecture, tango culture and delicious cuisine, this city offers a unique blend of sophistication and warmth. Outside the city, Argentina offers stunning landscapes, from the vast vineyards of Mendoza to the awe-inspiring beauty of Patagonia. For those traveling to cheer on competitors, Argentina is the perfect destination to explore and create memories.

Whether you're a sailor ready to take on the challenge or a fan eager to experience Argentina, we invite you to be part of this extraordinary event. Join us in celebrating competitive sailing and international camaraderie at the 2025 J/70 World Championship!

The waters of the Rio de la Plata will set the perfect stage for this world-class event, known for challenging competitors while offering spectacular views of our beloved city. This is an opportunity not only for sailors but also for their families to experience the culture, cuisine and warmth of Argentina.



## Invitation to Compete

We invite J/70 sailors from all corners of the globe to join us for an unforgettable Championship. Argentina's sailing community is eager to support and showcase the skill, sportsmanship and camaraderie that define the J/70 Class. The Yacht Club Argentino is preparing first-class facilities, and our experienced team is dedicated to providing a seamless, memorable regatta experience.

## An Invitation to Explore Argentina

Families and friends of sailors are warmly invited to experience all that Argentina has to offer. From the bustling neighborhoods of Buenos Aires with its European charm and vibrant tango scene to the scenic landscapes of Patagonia and the wine regions of Mendoza, Argentina promises memories for everyone. Our tourism partners will provide exclusive offers and itineraries to help visitors experience the best of Argentine hospitality.

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# Event Highlights

## Schedule:

#	DAY	DATE		
1	FRIDAY	24	OCT	MEASUREMENT & REGISTRATION
2	SATURDAY	25	OCT	MEASUREMENT & REGISTRATION
3	SUNDAY	26	OCT	MEASUREMENT & REGISTRATION
4	MONDAY	27	OCT	PRACTICE RACE & OPENING CEREMONY
5	TUESDAY	28	OCT	RACES
6	WEDNESDAY	29	OCT	RACES
7	THURSDAY	30	OCT	RACES
8	FRIDAY	31	OCT	RACES
9	SATURDAY	1	NOV	RACES
				PRIZE GIVING PARTY



For event details and updates, visit Yacht Club Argentino's website.

### The host: Yacht Club Argentino

**Yacht Club Argentino:** Viamonte and Costanera Sur - Darsena Norte (1170) Buenos Aires - Argentina - PO box: 4499 - VHF Station: LSD 49

**Ph:** (+ 54-11) 4314-0505

**Darsena Norte Seat:** 34° 35' 48" S - 58° 21' 48" W

**E-mail:** [yca@yca.org.ar](mailto:yca@yca.org.ar) - <http://www.yca.org.ar>

We look forward to a fantastic event that will foster international friendships, showcase the best of sailing and leave a lasting impression on competitors and their families. Let's make the 2025 J/70 World Championship an event to remember!



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# Armenia Report

By Artashes Dadayan



*The Armenian J/70 Class Association became a member of the International J/70 Class Association in August 2024, and already in September 2024 held the first ever J/70 Armenian Open Championship. Twenty-three teams came to Armenia for this first Championship from different countries.*

Why is there such a great interest among athletes? Answer is: Races at an altitude of 1900 meters above sea level.

The event was attended by Olympic Champions and World Champions from different Classes.

The Championship was held on 4-8 of September. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> were training days, and the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were racing days.

# Armenia Report

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We had great reviews from sailors. All noted the new unique location and that Lake Sevan is an amazing place for sailing. On Lake Sevan, there are great winds every day, a large water area and the unique sensation of racing at altitude. Some Italian sailors noted that Lake Sevan is better and more interesting in ways than even Lake Garda.



# Armenia Report

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Chief Umpire - Luca Babini  
Chief Judge - Nikolay Ushkov

The Championship was participated by 23 teams from different countries such as:

- Portugal – 1 team
- Italy – 2 teams
- Germany – 1 team
- Cyprus – 1 team
- Estonia – 1 team
- Armenia – 2 teams
- Teams without a flag – 15

In 2025, we are planning to hold the following events:

- Cup of Armenia J/70
- Stage I – 01.05.2025 - 04.05.2025
- Stage II – 12.06.2025 - 15.06.2025
- Stage III – 24.07.2025 - 27.07.2025
- Stage IV – 14.08.2025 - 17.08.2025
- Armenian Open J/70 – 09.09.2025-14.09.2025

# J/70 2024 - 26 CALENDAR

## 2024

December 5 - December 8  
**Monaco Winter Series, Act II**  
Monaco Yacht Club, Monaco

December 14 - December 15  
**Bacardi Winter Series 1 of 3**  
Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, United States

## 2025

January 11 - January 12  
**Davis Island Winter Series #2**  
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL, United States

January 24 - January 26  
**Bacardi Winter Series 2 of 3**  
Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, United States

February 6 - February 9  
**Monaco Winter Series, Act III**  
Monaco Yacht Club, Monaco

February 8 - February 9  
**Davis Island Winter Series #3**  
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL, United States

March 6 - March 8  
**Bacardi Winter Series 3 of 3**  
Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, United States

March 6 - March 9  
**Monaco Winter Series, Act IV**  
**(2025 Primo Cup - UBS Trophy)**  
Monaco Yacht Club, Monaco

March 27 - March 30  
**2025 J/70 Midwinter Championship**  
Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, United States

April 1 - April 6  
**2025 J/70 Corinthian European Championship**  
Clube Naval de Cascais, Cascais, Portugal

May 2 - May 4  
**J/70 Cup 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Event (2025)**  
Fraglia Vela Riva Riva del Garda, Italy

August 23 - August 30  
**2025 J/70 European Championship**  
Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS) Saltsjöbaden, Sweden

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

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

October 2 - October 5  
**2025 J/70 South American Championship**  
Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires, Argentina

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

December 1- December 7  
**2025 J/70 North American Championship**  
Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, FL, United States

## 2026

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, Portugal

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