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First J/70 Corinthian European Champion Crowned in Cascais



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The International J/70 Class Association continues to grow and evolve, debuting the Corinthian European Championship this year in Cascais Portugal. Amateur racing in the J/70 is in high demand, evidenced by the 54 teams participating in this new continental format, at the home of the 2026 J/70 World Championship. All teams benefited from efficient race management via Vakaros RaceSense.

The first-ever J/70 Corinthian European Championship ended with a fully Spanish podium after eight races at Clube Naval de Cascais Portugal. Besting the fleet was Javier Padron's HSN SAILING TEAM with Adolfo Lopez Quevedo, Luis Bugallo Arriola and



Ricardo Terrades Espinosa. Although they did not win a race, they placed second four times, including both races on the final day. Their discard was a 13, proving consistency was key in the myriad of conditions, ending with 26 net points.

Món Canellas Salas's HANG TEN secured the silver position with 50 net points. Alejandro Perez Garcia-Duran's BODEGA CAN MARLES took third at 64. Completing the top five overall were Ignacio Perez Morett's ZAGUERO of Mexico and Renato Cunha Faria's TÔ NESSA of Brazil.



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The best young crew was Mats Schonebeck's PAINT IT BLACK of Germany, also 13th overall. Nevra Eker's EKER EFSANE YOGURT of Turkey led the Mixed-Plus division. Luca Kis-Szolgyemi's LUJZI of Hungary earned top female helm.

Sunday's conditions again kept teams on their toes, being sent ashore during a squall, but returning to the course for the final two races in winds of 14-18 knots. Race winners were Doug Rastello's GOOD TO GO of the USA and native Diogo Pereira's NAVIS PORTUGAL.



DAY ONE RECAP: Conditions were rocking and rolling in Cascais Bay with breeze in the upper teens, plus swells, to challenge teams and equipment. The top three boats in the initial three races: Renato Cunha Faria of Brazil tallied scores of 1,4,12 for 17 points, only one point in advance Padron of Spain (5,3,10) and Perez Garcia-Duran (4,7,7).



DAY TWO RECAP: Teams were kept ashore due to massive waves and wind.

DAY THREE RECAP: Mother Nature turned the tables with moderate conditions starting around 7-8 knots and stabilizing at 9-12 with sunny skies. Padron's HSN SAILING TEAM posted a pair of deuces and a 14 (their discard) for 22 net points to move into

the pole position. Cunha Faria's TÔ NESSA suffered a 41 in the day's first contest but recovered for scores of 2,11 for 30 net points in second place. Canellas Salas's HANG TEN tallied solid scores for third place at 40 net points. The day's race winners: Salas's HANG TEN, Victor Mesterton's LIQUID SUN and Miguel Oliveira's ANOTHER AFFAIR.



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Seventeen nations competed from April 3-6: AUS, BRA, CHN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, ITA, MEX, NED, POR, SWE, TUR, USA. Photos may be found on the International J/70 Facebook and Instagram pages. Complete results are available at [Cascais J/70 Corinthian European Championship](#).

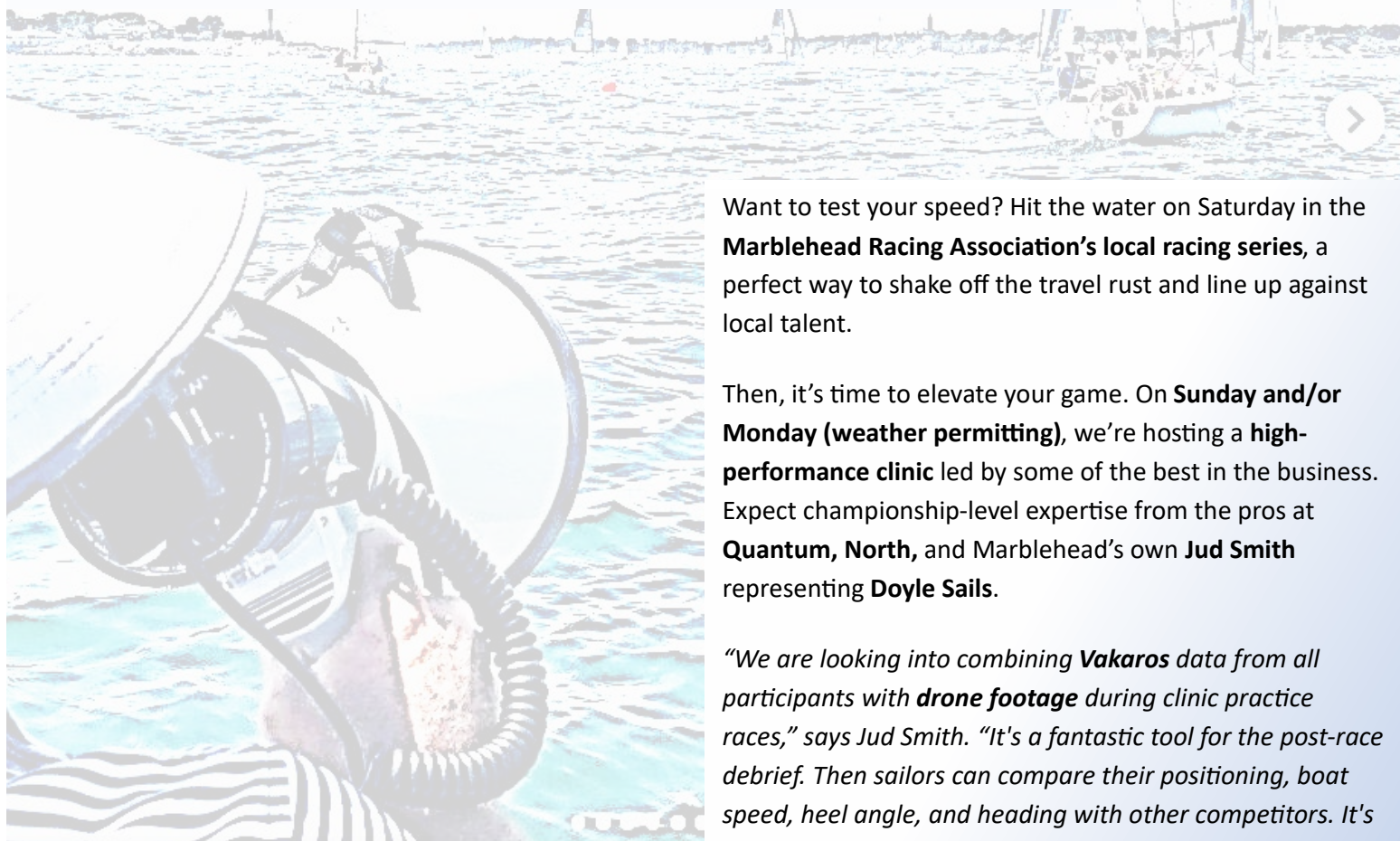
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Dial In, Tune Up, and Race Hard: World-Class J/70 Clinic Kicks Off 2025 Corinthian Worlds! <https://easternyc.nautical-cloud.com/>

The countdown is on for the **2025 J/70 Corinthian World Championship**, set to take place **September 24–27** at the iconic **Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts**. But the real advantage? It starts *before* the first warning signal.

Visiting teams are welcome as early as **Saturday, September 20** with **mast-up storage available at Eastern**, giving you extra days to settle in, prep your boat, and get a feel for the legendary racing conditions of Marblehead Harbor.



Want to test your speed? Hit the water on Saturday in the **Marblehead Racing Association's local racing series**, a perfect way to shake off the travel rust and line up against local talent.

Then, it's time to elevate your game. On **Sunday and/or Monday (weather permitting)**, we're hosting a **high-performance clinic** led by some of the best in the business. Expect championship-level expertise from the pros at **Quantum, North**, and Marblehead's own **Jud Smith** representing **Doyle Sails**.

*"We are looking into combining **Vakaros** data from all participants with **drone footage** during clinic practice races," says Jud Smith. "It's a fantastic tool for the post-race debrief. Then sailors can compare their positioning, boat speed, heel angle, and heading with other competitors. It's the kind of feedback that is hard to beat."*

Whether it is sail trim, boat speed, boat handling, tactics or local weather knowledge, this clinic is designed to give Corinthian teams the insights and feedback that make a real difference on the racecourse.

So come early, take full advantage of this top-tier pre-regatta training, and soak in the camaraderie and coastal charm of Marblehead.

Eastern Yacht Club is ready to welcome you—see you on the starting line!



Peter Duncan's Reunited Team Takes the Title at J/70 Midwinter Championship in Miami Season Finale

By Hannah Lee Noll

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Photos courtesy of Hannah Lee Noll

Seven races. Heavy air. Fifty boats. The 2025 J/70 Midwinter Championship wrapped up with all the gusts, grit and glory sailors can expect from a Miami regatta.

Peter Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* earned the title with their third consecutive win this season. The team—with tactician Victor Diaz de Leon, Jud Smith, and Willem Van Waay—last raced together when they won the 2017 J/70 World Championship in Porto Cervo. After reuniting for the 2025 season, they have now claimed victory at all three of their comeback events, completing a hat trick in dominant form.



"We got the band back together," said Duncan. "It's been a lot of fun sailing with this team again. We're getting stronger every race." He added, "It was great racing here on Biscayne Bay. The course management was excellent, and the Brazilian teams were really impressive."

Duncan also praised the J/70 Class: "You get 50 boats on a starting line, and the level of talent is just incredible. We're pretty lucky."

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The 2025 J/70 Midwinter Championship delivered everything the fleet loves about Miami: warm water, big breeze and a strong international contingent fully fired up. With

seven heavy-air races and efficient race management by PRO Mark Foster using Vakaros RaceSense, the fleet tested boat handling, endurance and tactical precision.



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THE WINNERS

Relative Obscurity (USA) Peter Duncan: After a multi-year hiatus, Duncan's team reunited this season and came out swinging. *Relative Obscurity* proved they're still among the best in the world.

Mindset (BRA) Ralph Vasconcellos Rosa: Fresh off a silver medal at the 2024 Worlds in Palma, *Mindset* delivered another stunning performance—holding off challengers and even forcing match racing in the final race. Ralph's core crew—Guilherme Hamelmann and Júlio Carvalho—have been with him since he bought the boat in 2021. They're now joined by Felipe Rondina, 2024 J/70

Corinthian Worlds winning tactician. The team is fast, focused and only getting better.

OceanPact (BRA) Victor Hector Demaison: Another standout Brazilian team, *OceanPact* sailed a consistent regatta and closed strong to lock in third overall. The team's sharp boat handling and steady gains made them one of the fastest risers in the fleet.





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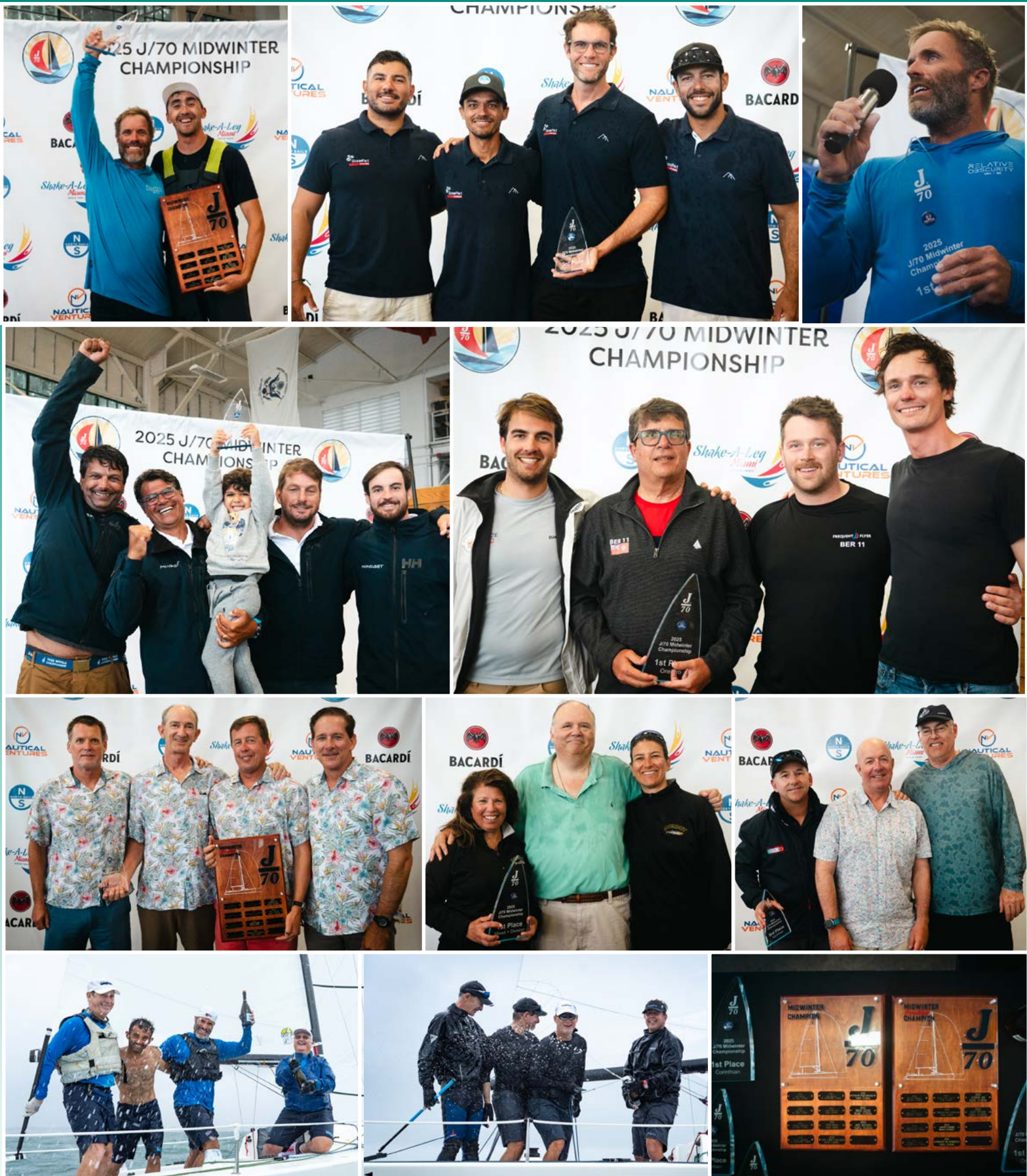
DIVISION CHAMPS

Corinthian: *Hedgehog* – Alec Cutler of Bermuda led the all-amateur fleet with a strong 12th overall. His crew included former Navy sailors Charles Pucciariello, Brad Rodi and Ryan Cox—a team with deep chemistry and a proven track record in heavy air. This is the second consecutive J/70 Corinthian Midwinter title for the team.

One-Pro: *Frequent Flyer* – Paul Wollmann's team came out on top in the One-Pro division with Olympian Chris Grube onboard calling tactics.



Mixed+: *Norboy* – Led by Laura and Leif Sigmond, *Norboy* claimed the Mixed+ title with consistent results across the series along with tactician and Women's America's Cup Champion Giulia Conti.



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The World is Coming to Buenos Aires!

We are thrilled to share that the 2025 J/70 World Championship will welcome teams from across the globe! The following countries have already confirmed their participation: Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Chile, Great Britain, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States and Uruguay.

This great international lineup reflects the spirit of the J/70 Class—competitive, inclusive and truly global. We can't wait to see these talented sailors take on the exciting conditions of the Río de la Plata.

Yacht Club Argentino is Ready to Welcome You

Our team is in full swing, preparing not only for a world-class regatta but also for a vibrant experience off the water. From lively third-time (après-sailing) gatherings to cultural experiences and warm hospitality, we're crafting an unforgettable championship week for sailors, families and supporters alike.

South American Championship

As a prelude to the Worlds, the 2025 J/70 South American Championship will take place from October 2-5 during "Semana de Buenos Aires." Hosted by the Yacht Club Argentino

(YCA), this event offers a prime opportunity for international Worlds competitors to train, get acquainted with local sailing conditions and experience Buenos Aires in its most vibrant season. For further information, please contact the YCA Race Office at regatas@yca.org.ar.

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Join the Journey

As October draws closer, we'll continue to share updates on social events, logistics, travel tips and all the exciting moments leading up to race week.

Whether you're racing, coaching or supporting, the Yacht Club Argentino team is ready to welcome you with open arms. Together, we'll celebrate the best of competitive sailing, international friendship and Argentine hospitality.

For more information, visit: www.yca.org.ar
Join our Telegram group for updates: ONB 2025 J/70 Worlds

Fair winds, and see you in Argentina!
The Yacht Club Argentino Committee

Petition to Compete in the
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By Mark Foster

International Technical Chair

The Class Rule changes that we proposed were approved by World Sailing effective 07 March 2025.

One Rule change that makes a big difference in the way we sail the boat is the **deletion/removal** of:

C.1.1 (b) RRS 42.3(c) is modified to read “Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail in order to initiate surfing or planing. The main and jib may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, but the gennaker sheet may be played without restriction.”

Now the Class is governed by/as written in:

RRS 42.3 Exceptions

(c) When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), planing or foiling is possible,

(1) to initiate surfing or planing, each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind

This will allow the smaller crews to compete with the larger, stronger crews. It also allows on-the-water Judges to call what they are used to seeing and overall simplify sailing the J/70 downwind in planing conditions.

As always, J/70 Class Rules are closed. This means if a Class Rule does not specifically say you can, then you cannot. This includes, within the Class Rules, how you fair the center seam, things you can do with the keel, keel wedges and rudder.

As members are aware, the IJ/70CA has adopted Vakaros RaceSense for all our major regattas with great success. The Class has a complete set of equipment and is ready to support any regatta. Contact Chris Howell for more information on how to take advantage of RaceSense at your next major regatta.

To get the best performance from your Atlas 2 and RaceSense, 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 on the aft side of the mast. This announcement will give you time to work on your instrument placement before your next big regatta where we use RaceSense.

To outline a few things that RaceSense does for you: eliminates pinging the ends of the line, displays immediate OCS and clear calls, allows the RC to utilize a two-boat starting line no matter the fleet size, eliminates starting penalty flags and it calls the finishes, getting the close downwind finishes correct.

In recent discussions with Vakaros, they will have a “zone function” working by the J/70 Worlds in Buenos Aires. The boats’ Atlas LEDs will illuminate when any part of a boat is within 3BL of an Atlas mounted on a mark. This is a key distinction—marks can be

many shapes and sizes (and may be boats) so the 3BL circle may, in some instances, not actually be a circle. This will serve as an *approximate* indicator to competitors as to whether they, or a competitor, has entered the zone. The reason this is approximate is the variable shape/size issue. Devices on all marks will log their positions. These positions, along with the positions and orientations of relevant boats, may be downloaded and compared in protests. For more information on Vakaros and RaceSense, please visit <https://vakaros.com/pages/racesense>.

LOOKING AHEAD

Members of the Technical Committee will be present at the Mixed Plus Worlds in Circolo Vela Torbole Italy, European Championship in Sandhamn Sweden, Corinthian World Championship in Marblehead, Massachusetts USA, South American and World Championships in Buenos Aires Argentina and North American Championship in Tampa, Florida USA.

As the Class continues to mature, 98+% of the boats have MDs, many of the sails are coming certified from the sail loft and the use of the self-compliance form takes care of most of the inspection process. All of this has enabled the measurement process to be a bit faster and less cumbersome to the members and inspection team. This allows us to do random spots checks, which has been working well.

I am honored to travel and work with the talented measurers and members of the IJ70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. The Class is in great shape, due to all the work the Technical Committee has already put in to get us to this point. Anyone with questions or comments, please contact me (mfoster1053@gmail.com) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell (howell@J/70office.com).

And, lastly, I am sorry to inform the Class that John Outhwaite, one of our J/70 Class International Measurers from GBR, passed away after a short illness. His good-natured camaraderie and knowledge will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Gail.

I look forward to seeing you at the next regatta.



Curtain Falls on Busy Winter Season

The 2024-2025 winter season concluded in Monaco after four hard-won stages of the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series. Launched in 2013 by Yacht Club de Monaco, this circuit has become a must on the European race calendar.

These monthly regattas attract many of the best international J/70 teams who want to compete over the winter in clement weather conditions. With some 15 boats now racing all year round under the Club flag, the Monaco-based fleet is one of the most dynamic in the Mediterranean.

The final Act saw YCM club sailor Stefano Roberti (*Piccinina*) crowned champion after a solid set of a results throughout the season. He beat Denis Infante's *Euro Voiles* into second and *G-Spot* led by Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio, also from the YCM. In Corinthian, *Euro Voiles* topped the ranking ahead of Lorenz Kausche's *Rhubarbe* and *Irruenza* helmed by Matteo Scandolera from YCM.

41st Primo Cup-Trophée UBS a memorable edition

It's impossible to imagine the end of the winter season without the Primo Cup-Trophée UBS which also closes the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series season, held from November to March. Launched in 1985 by Yacht Club de Monaco's President,

Monaco Report



HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, this one design event has established itself as a major regatta on the international calendar. *"It's the first big one design event of the year. With more than 40 years of experience behind us we have a lot of expertise. Organising international regattas is a tradition in the Principality,"* says YCM General Secretary Bernard d'Alessandri.

Organised in collaboration with UBS with support from the Monaco Mairie, the event also welcomed technical support from North Sails. With 90 crews, 400 sailors and 10 nations represented, the Primo Cup again lived up to expectations. During three days of intense racing, the J/70 fleet in particular stood out with some tight-run exciting duels.

Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio (*G-Spot*) won the coveted Perpetual Trophy awarded to the most-represented Class, ahead of *Euro Voiles* and *Ailoa* (Swiss). In the Corinthian category *Euro Voiles* retained their lead during the regatta to beat *Ailoa* into second, followed by *Jalla Jalla*.

Save the dates!

- Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series 2025/2026 season
- Act I: 6–9 November 2025
- Act II: 4–7 December 2025
- Act III: TBC February 2026
- Act IV & 42nd Primo Cup-Trophée UBS: TBC March 2026

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Five nations in the First Top-Five of the season, *Callisto* from New Zealand Wins the Gold

The first stage of the J/70 Cup 2025, organized by the J/70 Italian Class in collaboration with Yacht Club Livorno and included in the prestigious context of the Italian Navy Trophy, ended on Sunday, May 3 in Livorno with three high-intensity races and gusts exceeding 25 knots.

The winner in a very competitive international ranking was *Callisto* (NZL), helmed by William Howard, in his first participation in the Italian circuit. The New Zealand crew finished with 10 total points, the result of consistency and excellent reading of the course, thus taking the overall victory. Just two points behind in second place: the Turks of *Denizcik*. The podium was completed by Mauro Roversi's *J-Curve*.

The top five included flag-bearing crews from two other nations: in fourth place the Swedish of *Elvis*, a regular presence on the J/70 Cup circuit, and in fifth place the Spanish of *Patakin*.

An excellent sixth place for Yann Inghilesi's *Ciclone*, who won the One-Pro classification, while in the Young division, the victory went to *Bulla* - Yacht Club Italiano.

Among the Corinthians, it was victory for William Twomey's *Wildcard* (IRL), on equal points with Gianfranco Noè's *White Hawk*; Massimo Rama's *WhyNot#CAIM Jeniale* earned the bronze.

In June, Lake Garda will host the first ever edition of the Mixed Plus World Championship, organized by the J/70 Italian Class together with Circolo Vela Torbole and the J/70 International Class Association. The event is expected to be a success, with crews from over 20 nations:
[J70 Mixed Plus World Championship 2025](#)




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Hometown Hero: Joel Ronning's *Catapult* Wins 2025 J/70 U.S. National Championship on Lake Minnetonka

Photos, videos, and story by Hannah Lee Noll



After five races in a full range of breeze, Joel Ronning's *Catapult* team won the 2025 J/70 U.S. National Championship on home waters in Wayzata, Minnesota.

Ronning, sailing in a One-Pro configuration with longtime teammate Victor Diaz de Leon, David Onan and Jessica Haverstock, secured the title with a race win on the final day, capping off a weekend that showcased the best of inland lake sailing.



"I love this lake on days like today," said Ronning. "It was shifty, challenging and a lot of fun. It's really special to have this Championship here on our home waters with so many local friends and fleet members."



Photos courtesy of Hannah Lee Noll



The regatta drew nearly 35 teams to Lake Minnetonka, including a strong mix of local and visiting crews, with a focus on Corinthian and Mixed+ participation.



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OVERALL PODIUM:

1. *Catapult* – Joel Ronning
2. *Supper Club* – Dick Kalow
3. *Derecho* – James Golden

DIVISION CHAMPIONS:

- Overall: *Catapult* – Joel Ronning
- One-Pro: *Catapult* – Joel Ronning
- Corinthian: *Hedgehog* – Alec Cutler
- Mixed+: *Casting Couch* – Cate Muller-Terhune





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The U.S. National Championship was created as a new addition to the J/70 calendar, designed to rotate locations around the country and support local fleet growth. The fleet raced four heavy air races on Saturday and one final race on Sunday before the breeze shut off over the weekend of May 16-18.





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Welcome to Sandhamn, Sweden for the J/70 2025 European Championship



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At the 23rd to 30th August 2025 the J/70 European Champion will be decided at the renowned sailing venue of Sandhamn, Sweden close to Stockholm. Sandhamn is situated in the outskirts of the unique Stockholm Archipelago and has been the Swedish capital of sailing since the 19th century, providing exceptional racing conditions as well as breathtaking natural beauty.

Racing will be hosted by the Royal Swedish Sailing Association founded 1830, and a well-known race organizer of international events. We can guarantee that this championship is set to be an unforgettable experience.



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So, whether you're aiming for the podium or joining for the love of the sport, we warmly welcome you to Sandhamn to be part of this landmark event.

Register today and secure your place at the J/70 2025 European Championship.

Event Details:

Host: Royal Swedish Sailing Association (KSSS)

Venue: Sandhamn, Sweden

Dates: 23rd - 30th August 2025

Reg: <https://ksss.se/J70Euro2025/>



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Hungary Report

By Edit Rapolthy



Update on the Activity of the Hungarian J/70 Class Association

The Hungarian J/70 Class Association was established in 2024 and showed remarkable growth in its very first year: the fleet size doubled by now, and further teams are joining the Class very soon. The J/70 Class quickly gained popularity among young sailors, especially those transitioning from youth dinghy racing and looking to continue their careers in a dynamic, international fleet.

The first official regatta in Hungary was held in April 2024 on Lake Balaton, with six boats on the starting line. Throughout the season, the fleet continued to expand, and by the August Championship, nine teams were competing.

During the winter season, several Hungarian teams participated in international series such as the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series, the Barcelona Winter Series and the Cascais Winter Series. Two Hungarian teams also competed at the Corinthian European Championship. Notably, Luca Kis-Szölgyémi, helm of team *Lujzi*, earned the award for Best Female Helm, marking a standout performance.

Hungary Report

The 2025 season kicked off in April with the Spring Fleet Championship in amazing weather conditions on Lake Balaton, where the barely one-year-old fleet competed with nine teams out of the current 12 boats on the Hungarian waters. The winner of the regatta was Luca Kis-Szölgyémi's *Lujzi* team, with the former Rio and Tokyo Olympian, Benjamin Vadnai, on board. Six more races are scheduled throughout the year on Lake Balaton. For the **September National Championship**, participation is expected to grow to 15 or more boats.



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The goal of the Hungarian J/70 Class Association is to organize high-level regattas and foster a vibrant, youthful sailing community. Sailors from across the global

J/70 community are warmly welcomed to come and experience racing on our stunning Lake Balaton.



2025 J/70 North American Championship

December 1–7, 2025

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

The Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC) and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) are thrilled to announce the 2025 J/70 North American Championship, set to take place from December 1–6 in Tampa, Florida. This prestigious event will bring together top sailors from across North America, showcasing skill, strategy and sportsmanship.

Event Details:

- Dates: December 1-6, 2025
- Location: Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL, USA

Notice of Race Highlights:

- Eligibility: Open to J/70 Class boats conforming to Class Rules
- Maximum Entries: 60 boats, with additional entries placed on a waiting list
- Entry Fee: \$995 with tax includes launch, haul out, dockage, trailer storage (during the event), practice race day, Championship race days, awards and guest privileges at DIYC
- Crew Divisions: Corinthian, One-Pro, Mixed Plus and Young Crew divisions
- Racing Format: Up to 11 races scheduled

Schedule:

- December 1-2: Check-in and equipment inspection
- December 2: Practice race, competitors' briefing, and opening ceremony
- December 3-6: Championship races, followed by daily refreshments at DIYC
- December 6: Awards ceremony and haul out



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Spain Makes History at the J/70 Corinthian European Championship

Photo: © Chris Howell. Abril Verde, Bodega Villanueva and *Let It Be* rounding the offset mark on day one.

A historic all-Spanish podium at an international J/70 event

A milestone was marked in Spanish sailing at the Corinthian European Championship in Cascais, Portugal. Organized by Clube Naval de Cascais and Sail Cascais with support from the J/70 International Class, the regatta hosted 54 teams from 17 nations. Spain led participation with nine boats, followed by Portugal (7), the UK (6), the USA (5), Finland and Brazil (4 each), and smaller contingents from countries including China, the Netherlands and Australia.

Spanish crews delivered an outstanding performance, sweeping the top three spots. Claiming the title with a 24-point lead was



Photo: © Chris Howell. *HSN Sailing Team*, new Corinthian European Champions. From left to right: Ricardo Terrades, Adolfo López, Javier Padrón and Luis Bugallo.

HSN Sailing Team, helmed by Gran Canaria's Javi Padrón, with Luis Bugallo (tactics), Adolfo López (bow) and Ricardo Terrades (trim).

HangTen-Hnos. Berga secured second with Món Cañellas at the helm, Ricard Castellví on tactics and main, Alberto Guillén (trimmer) and Carlos Ordóñez (bow). In third, *Bodegas*

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Photo: © Chris Howell. European runners-up, *HangTen-Hnos. Berga*. From left to right: Ricard Castellví, Món Cañellas, Alberto Guillén and Carlos Ordóñez.



Photo: © Chris Howell. Bronze for *Bodegas Can Marlés*. From left to right: Claudia Carpintero, Ángel Blázquez, Manolo Rey-Baltar, Alejandro Pérez and Nahuel Rodríguez.

Can Marlés, skippered by Tenerife's Alejandro Pérez, featured Nahuel Rodríguez (tactics), Ángel Blázquez (trimmer), Manolo Rey-Baltar (bow) and Claudia Carpintero.

Racing Summary

After a single practice race on day one, the event officially kicked off Thursday with three intense races. Winds ranged from 17-24 knots from a steady 155°. Brazil's *ToNessa* led the opener, with top Spanish boat *Bodegas Can Marlés* finishing fourth. *HSN Sailing Team* followed in fifth.

The second race saw a win from the Galician team *Abril Rojo*. *HSN* climbed to third, showcasing early consistency. Shifting tactics on race three's pin-favored start helped Portugal's *Navis Portugal* secure victory, while *HSN* faced a minor gear failure but recovered to 10th.

By day's end, Brazil's *ToNessa* held a slim lead over *HSN Sailing Team*, with *Bodegas Can Marlés* tied in third. *HangTen-Hnos. Berga* sat in seventh, and other Spanish entries spread throughout the fleet.

Weather Woes and Comebacks

Strong winds and 5-meter swells forced cancellation on day two. On Saturday, light winds delayed racing, but three tricky races were eventually completed. Despite difficult wave conditions, Spanish teams shined: *Hnos. Berga* won the fourth race, followed by *HSN Sailing Team*.

Changing tides and river current played a major role in race five. Finland's *Liquid Sun* won, while Spanish youth team *Bodega Villanueva* impressed with a fifth, boosting their position in the youth rankings. *HSN*, after a poor start, recovered to 13th—ultimately their discard.

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Photo: © Chris Howell. *Bodega Can Marlés* (foreground) and *Bodega Villanueva* (port tack) during race two.

The final Saturday race saw Portugal's *Another Affair* win, while *HSN Sailing Team* claimed a critical second, and *Bodegas Can Marlés* finished fourth, staying in podium contention.

Final Day: All-Spanish Podium Secured

Sunday brought unstable conditions, with squalls delaying racing. Once underway, Spain's *HSN* attempted to mark Brazil's *ToNessa* but suffered a penalty and OCS, falling deep in the fleet. However, a bold gybe-set call by tactician Bugallo led to a remarkable comeback from 40th to fifth.

HangTen-Hnos. Berga finished seventh and *Bodegas Can Marlés* ninth—enough to maintain all three in the top positions. With that result, *HSN* sealed the European title with one race to spare.

In the final race, all three Spanish contenders again led the fleet. Portugal's *Navis Portugal* took the bullet, but *HSN* claimed another

second, followed closely by *HangTen* and *Bodegas Can Marlés*, securing the bronze and pushing Mexico's *Zaguero* to fourth overall. Brazil's *ToNessa* ended in fifth.

Final Results

Eight races were completed in highly varied conditions—from heavy winds to calm seas and challenging swells—testing all 54 teams. Beyond the podium, Spanish results included:

- 9th: *Abril Rojo* (Jorge Pérez Canal)
- 22nd: *Bodega Villanueva* (Youth runners-up)
- 29th: *Abril Verde*
- 33rd: *Pazo de Cea*
- 38th: *Let it Be*
- 51st: *Correa Kessler*

The three podium teams regularly compete in Barcelona's Winter and Spring Series, showcasing how Spain's J/70 fleet is rapidly maturing in competitiveness and skill on the European scene.

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Photo: © Óscar Torveo. *HangTen* and *HSN Sailing Team* lead the first race after rounding the windward mark in light airs barely reaching 7 knots.

Tenaz – Veni, Vidi, Vici

The fourth event of the International Barcelona Winter Series for the J/70 Class has wrapped up at the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona. In collaboration with the Société Nautique de Genève, the “Regate Anuelle en Mer 2025” was held for both the Waszp and J/70 fleets. Despite light winds and overcast skies, participation was strong including 29 J/70 teams from 11 countries.

After missing two events, Pablo Garriga’s *Tenaz* returned in top form with consistent results—fourth, first and fourth—in shortened races due to dying breeze. *Noticia*, helmed by Luis M. Cabiedes (RCNB), finished second, seven points behind, followed by Denmark’s *Lady in Red* skippered by Sten Mohr, who started strong but slipped after a 14th in the last race. The fleet was tightly packed: only five points separated second from eighth overall.

After 23 races, *HangTen* (Món Cañellas & Jorge Martínez) still leads the overall Winter Series standings, followed by the Canary Islands’ *HSN Sailing Team* (Javier Padrón and Luis Martínez Doreste) and *Bodega Can Marlés* helmed by Alejandro Pérez from Tenerife.

From Geneva to Barcelona

The Société Nautique de Genève, home of America’s Cup challenger Alinghi Red Bull Racing, must organize at least two offshore regattas with multi-class entries to qualify as “Challenger of Record.” For the second consecutive year, Barcelona and RCNB hosted this requirement through the “Regate Anuelle en Mer,” reaffirming the city’s growing stature in international sailing.

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Photo: © Óscar Torveo. With winds exceeding 17 knots, *HangTen-Hnos Berga* planes to victory in the final Winter Series event.

HangTen Wins the International Barcelona Winter Series

The final event of the J/70 Winter Series concluded, marking the most successful edition to date. Over five monthly events from November to March, 30 teams from 14 nations took part, solidifying RCNB's status in European one-design sailing.

Each event had individual rankings, and with 31 races sailed (four discards), *HangTen-Hnos Berga* (Món Cañellas, Jorge Martínez, Alberto Guillén, Manuel Carrión) claimed overall victory with 90 points. *HSN Sailing Team* finished 14 points behind after winning the final event. Denmark's *Lady in Red*, skippered by America's Cup veteran Sten Mohr, was



Photo: © Óscar Torveo. Part of the winning crew collecting their trophy: from left to right: Món Cañellas (helm), Alberto Guillén (trimmer) and Jorge Martínez (tactician).

third. *Bodega Can Marlés* (Lucía Pombo, Alejandro Pérez) took fourth with 134 points, followed by *Nordic Shipping* (Frederick Hvalsoe) in fifth, despite missing points in one event.

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RCNB's race officer Pere Sarquella praised the high level of competition.

HSN Sailing Team Wins Again at the Spring Regatta

The second J/70 Spring Regatta took place in Barcelona. Although the fleet shrank to 14 teams, the quality remained high. The top three Spanish teams from the recent Corinthian European Championship in Cascais—*HSN Sailing Team*, *HangTen-Hnos. Berga* and *Bodega Can Marlés*—were back on the starting line, though with some crew changes.

Light easterly breezes allowed five races over three days. On Friday, *Yupi* (Joan Cardona) took race one, followed by *Noticia*, *Balearia* – *Team RCNP*, *Tenaz* and *HSN Sailing Team*. In the second race, *HSN* claimed the win

ahead of *Tenaz* and *Noticia*. The third race also went to *HSN*, with a new bowman, Arturo Oyarzún from Chile.

Saturday brought two more races in light winds and moderate swell. *HSN* extended their lead with two more bullets, rotating tactician duties to Santi Más. *Tenaz* and *Noticia* continued to perform consistently. In the final race, *Noticia* took second, while *Duc in Altum* (Manuel Roca), reinforced by Ángel Blázquez, claimed third.

Sunday's breeze never filled in, and after a three-hour wait, racing was abandoned.

Barcelona's recent announcement as the host of the 2026 J/70 European Championship further elevates its status as a premier sailing venue.



Photo:
© Pax Quiñonero.
The winning crew:
Javier Padrón,
Ricardo Terrades,
Arturo Oyarzún,
Santi Más
and Luis Martínez
Doreste.

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Abril Rojo rounding the windward mark – Photo: Moebius

Abril Rojo Clinches Third Act of the Winter J/70 Series in Vigo

Skippered by Jorge Pérez Canal, *Abril Rojo* took a decisive win in the third event of the J/70 Sailway Series held in Vigo, hosted by the Spanish J/70 Class and the Real Club Náutico de Vigo. The winning crew also featured Eduardo Reguera on tactics, Gonzalo Martínez trimming and José Luis Colmenero on bow.

Despite *Noticia* (Luis Martín Cabiedes) leading after Saturday's races with strong finishes (first, second), and *LaGuardia & Moreira* (Gonzalo Araújo) close behind, *Abril Rojo* climbed to the top spot on Sunday. The light, shifting breeze threatened the day's schedule, but two more races were held in light southwesterlies near Con de Pego.

Abril Rojo and *LaGuardia & Moreira* each claimed a win, while consistent scores (first, second for Pérez Canal; third, first for Araújo)

proved decisive. *Noticia* dropped to third with a second and sixth. Strong sailing by Alejandro Pérez Canal's *Sailway Academy* team earned them a top-five finish.

Tight racing in Ría de Vigo marks Fourth J/70 Sailway Series Event

The fourth event of the J/70 Sailway Series brought intense competition to Vigo, with eight teams delivering high-level performances. Saturday featured steady southwesterlies of 9–12 knots and strong current, compressing the fleet at the marks and setting the tone for tight racing.

After three races, *Marnatura* (Luis Bugallo/ Enrique Freire) topped the leaderboard with scores of 1-3-2. *LaGuardia & Moreira* (Gonzalo Araújo) followed closely with 3-6-1, while *Abril Rojo* (Jorge Pérez Canal) sat third with 7-1-3.

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Sunday brought a shift in conditions, with a light offshore breeze starting at 10 knots and fading to 5 before a northerly filled in. Only two of the three scheduled races were completed. Araújo's team posted a third and a bullet, edging *Marnatura* on a tie-break thanks to more first-place finishes. *Abril Rojo* won the day's opener and placed fourth in the next, securing third overall and gaining a five-point margin over *Abril Verde* helmed by Luis Pérez Canal.

***Marnatura* Claims Fifth Act of the J/70 Sailway Winter Series in Vigo**

The fifth and penultimate round of the J/70 Sailway Winter Series wrapped up in Vigo with *Marnatura* (Luis Bugallo/Enrique Freire) taking the win. Organized by the Spanish J/70 Class and Real Club Náutico de Vigo, the event saw *Marnatura* outperform early leader *Noticia* (Luis M. Cabiedes), who ultimately dropped to third, overtaken by *Abril Rojo* (Jorge Pérez Canal).

Saturday delivered ideal racing conditions with a shifting NNE breeze of 15–20 knots, offering tactical variety. On Sunday, a dying offshore breeze and flat seas defined the day, with three races sailed in 12 to 6 knots.

Noticia dominated early with back-to-back wins, followed closely by *Marnatura* and *Abril Rojo*. The podium after day one stood: *Noticia* 4 points, *Marnatura* 5 and *Abril Rojo* 9.

On Sunday, *Abril Rojo* won the first race, followed by *Abril Verde* (Luis Pérez Canal) and *Pazo de Cea*, boosted by young talents Wizner and Paco Rivero. In the second race, Pérez Canal again impressed, with *Valmy Energy Trader*—helmed by Olympian Nico Rodríguez—in second. In the final heat, *Marnatura* marked *Noticia* closely to secure the overall win, while *LaGuardia & Moreira* (Araújo) triumphed in light air to finish strong.

MarNatura
with
Luis Bugallo
at the helm –
Photo:
Maria Muiña



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May 9 - May 11

Barcelona Spring Series Event 2

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

May 23 - May 25

J/70 Cup 2nd Event (2025)

Fraglia Vela Malcesine, Lake Garda, Italy

May 28 - May 31

Barcelona Spring Series Event 3 / Conde de Godo Trophy

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

June 12 - June 15

Armenian Cup 2025 – Stage II

Winds of Armenia, Yacht Club, Armenia

June 20 - June 22

French Championship

La Rochelle, La Rochelle, France

June 21 - June 29

Kiel Week 2025

Kiel, Germany

June 26 - June 29

2025 J/70 Mixed Plus World Championship

Circolo Vela Torbole, Italy

June 27 - June 29

2025 J/70 Canadian Championship

CORK Kingston, Ontario, Canada

July 18 - July 20

J/70 Cup 3rd Event (2025)

Fraglia Vela Riva, Riva del Garda, Italy

July 24 - July 27

Armenian Cup 2025 – Stage III

Winds of Armenia, Yacht Club, Armenia

August 14 - August 17

Armenian Cup 2025 – Stage IV

Winds of Armenia, Yacht Club, Armenia

August 23 - August 30

2025 J/70 European Championship

Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS),
Sandhamn, Sweden

September 9 - September 14

Armenian Open J/70 Championship 2025

Winds of Armenia, Yacht Club, Armenia

September 11 - September 14

2025 J/70 Swiss Championship

Regattaverein Brunnen, Switzerland

September 19 - September 21

Barcelona Winter Series

Event 1 / Catalan Championship

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

September 22 - September 28

2025 J/70 Corinthian

World Championship

Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead,
MA, United States

October 2 - October 5

2025 J/70 South American Championship

Yacht Club Argentino,
Buenos Aires, Argentina

October 2 - October 5

Barcelona Winter Series

Event 2 / Spain Cup

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

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October 3 - October 5

**J/70 Cup 4th Event / Italian
Championship 2025**

Porto Maurizio Imperia, Liguria, Italy

October 9 - October 11

J/70 German Championship 2025

Berliner Yacht Club, Berlin, Germany

October 17 - October 19

J/70 Hyères Cup

Hyères, Hyères, France

October 24 - November 1

2025 J/70 World Championship

Yacht Club Argentino, Buenos Aires,
Argentina

November 14 - November 16

Barcelona Winter Series Event 3

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

December 1 - December 7

2025 J/70 North American Championship

Davis Island Yacht Club,
Tampa, FL, United States

December 12 - December 14

Barcelona Winter Series Event 4

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

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May 23 - May 30

**2026 J/70 Corinthian
World Championship**

Union Nautique / Club
La Pelle Marseilles, France

July 21 - July 26

2026 J/70 European Championship

Real Club Náutico de Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain

September 4 - September 12

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

2027

October 23 - October 30

2027 J/70 World Championship

Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, MD, United States

