

# J/70 International Class World Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 1/5/2026

**Start:** 2:05 p.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 3:30 p.m. EST

**Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats  
Martin Dent, President X  
Rod Warren, Vice President X  
Luis Albert, Secretary X  
Rudiger Margale, Treasurer X  
Mark Foster, Technical Chair X  
Pedro Garra, Past President  
ARG Francisco Van Avermaete X  
ARM Artashes Dadayan  
AUS Rod Warren X  
AUT Thomas Muller-Uri X  
BER Brad Rodi X  
BRA Bruno Bethlem X  
CAN Graeme Carr X  
CHI Alejandro Pérez  
CHN Xiaotong Wu  
DEN Lukas Mohr and Ann-Marie Mohr X  
ESP Marcelo Baltzer Foucher X  
EST Tonu Toniste  
FIN Staffan Lindberg X  
FRA Philippe Bonavita X  
GBR Hector Simpson and Patricia Lewington X  
GER Christian Rau X  
HUN Miklós Rauschenberger  
IRL William Twomey  
ITA Federico Siragna and Giulia Albuzio X  
KOR Woo Hyun Kim  
MEX Alan González  
MON Pierrik Devic  
NED John den Engelsman  
NOR Petter Hessen  
POL Tomasz Feret  
POR Vasco Serpa X  
SUI Urs Oldani X  
SWE Jan Björnsjö X  
TUR Burak Zengin X  
URU Pedro Garra  
USA John Heaton X

**Agenda:**

1. Championship Location Selection
2. Other Business

Dropbox files for this meeting: [J70 2025 EU proposals - Dropbox](#)

1. **Championship Location Selection** – Martin welcomed the World Council to the meeting to select Championship locations.

**World Championship 2028**



Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo Italy: Federico highlighted their “why” is to help the Class continue to grow, such as it did after the Worlds there in 2017. They are excited to expand the registration to 198 to help rejuvenate lost members and market to new members. Only J/70 can do this! There would be two fleets of 99 boats, with a timing goal of late September/early October. YCCS is an experienced club with ample space/facilities. This is a very photogenic location, and the Club was an early investor of the Class. Vasco agreed that opening up the Worlds would be healthy. Marcelo added that he became involved with the Class due to Porto Cervo 2017. Giulia noted that there are additional details to be shared involving accommodation costs. Christian would like to have clarification of how the 198 spots would be filled – first come first serve and/or allocation per country? Francisco expressed concern about charter boat availability. Marcelo recalled rented boats were accessible in 2017. Hector summarized advantages for the format including social and growing the membership.

Real Club Nautico de Vigo, Vigo Spain: Marcelo deferred to Porto Cervo and offered Vigo for the 2027 CWC.

Royal Danish YC, Copenhagen Denmark: Ann-Marie stated that they have a large J/70 fleet and holding the Worlds in the north would develop the Class. They are able to host 150 boats, and a new clubhouse is being built. The timing is July/August with nice wind and temperatures, which is toward the end of the summer holiday season. Great host in the past!

Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes UK: Hector deferred to Porto Cervo for 2028 Worlds.

*A roll call was conducted. Porto Cervo Italy was selected to host the 2028 World Championship.*

### **Corinthian World Championship 2027**

Cascais Portugal: Vasco shared the following highlights—widely known venue with two racecourses, easy access including a port in Lisbon, spacious club/tent/facilities, nearby accommodations, excellent race committee and a long record of event management, strong local fleet with active series schedule, charter boats and logistical assistance, good reputation for wind.

Real Club Nautico de Vigo, Vigo Spain: Marcelo summarized that the J/70 Spanish fleet started in Vigo, and RCNV has held a successful EUC. They have been anxious to host again. There is typically good wind in June. Expect great food and hotels within walking distance (no car needed), and costs are typically more manageable here. It is expected that the government will provide financial assistance. There is a strong Corinthian presence in the fleet. More than 100 boats can moor together, depending what numbers the Class wants to see.

Warnemunde Germany: Rue explained that the facilities are excellent, and the race area is very close to the harbor. The J/70s have been competing in their Race Week. Travel logistics should be accessible, including nearby accommodations. The location can host more than 100 boats. Note: Warnemunde has withdrawn their interest in hosting the European Championship.

*A roll call was conducted. Vigo Spain was selected to host the 2027 Corinthian World Championship.*

### **Mixed Plus World Championship 2027**

Societe Nautique, Geneva Switzerland: Urs said that the location is central, and has good summertime (June) conditions. It’s a beautiful place with a close airport. Their capacity reaches 120-150 boats on the lake. Urs assumes 15 charter boats but will need to confirm specifics.



Naples Italy: Federico noted that the Americas Cup in Naples will boost the format and provide synergy. Expect nice weather and reliable wind conditions. The yacht clubs are historic. This could be an amazing “no limit” event. Naples is an attractive destination for diverse crews.

Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes UK: Patricia described their extensive and iconic record of Championships, shoreside hospitality, race management/equipment. The club already co-owns a fleet of J/70s (including full use of Vakaros) and also expects a 12-boat charter fleet of new boats in 2027. People can use Cowes Week as a warm-up regatta and stay for the J/70s. There is a new marina being built, which will also be a benefit for accessibility to accommodations.

*A roll call was conducted. Naples Italy was selected to host the 2027 Mixed Plus World Championship.*

### **European Championship 2027**

Kieler Yacht-Club, Germany: Rue explained that Kiel has hosted the Olympics twice, and everyone is familiar with the annual highly attended Kiel Week. They have an impressive haven of clubs and marinas. Race areas are both inside and outside the bay to adjust to conditions. This event would be separate from Kiel Week (September/October), and they can host 150 J/70s. The German membership is huge, and they have 60 J/70s at their Nationals and Kiel Week.

Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes UK: as noted above, and Hector added that 40 J/70s typically attend Cowes Week.

John clarified that the USA has decided not to cast a vote and will abstain to allow the European countries to decide. Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Rod W. also abstained.

*A roll call was conducted. Kiel Germany was selected to host the 2027 European Championship.*

The Class’ intention is to issue a follow-up Request for Proposal for additional events and hold another World Council Meeting this summer. Let’s get the calendar booked for more years in advance. Marcelo thanked the EC for including the NCAs in this process. Martin thanked everyone for their time and to those who submitted proposals!

## **2. Other Business –**

### **Action Items:**

- The Class Office will confirm Championship dates and post online.
- The Class Office will issue a Request for Proposal for additional events.

**Next Meeting:** TBA