

J/70 European Championship

September 1 – September 9, 2023

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, United Kingdom

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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The Organising Authority (OA) is Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA), in conjunction with the UK & Ireland J/70 Class Association.

Event Website: J70Euros2023.com
See NoR 27 for full contact information

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] World Sailing's [Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024](#) (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] The current [IJ70CA Class Rules](#) (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply.
- 1.4 [DP] The IJ70CA Test Class Rules for 2023 (J70TCR) (Mixed-Plus Division, Young Crew Division) that apply are stated in full in NoR Addendum A.
- 1.5 [NP] The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.6 [DP] The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) will apply.
- 1.7 The RYA Prescriptions to Rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 will apply and are stated in full in NoR Addendum B.
- 1.8 The Sailing Instructions (SI) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 [NP] The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than 25th August 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: J70Euros2023.com
- 3.2 [DP] All competing boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 3.3 [NP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [NP] The Telegram messaging service (or similar) may be used to provide supplementary communications. Information regarding sign up to this service will be provided separately.
- 3.5 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) is in effect.
- 3.6 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fee.
- 4.3 A boat will not be considered registered in the event until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 4.4 The entry deadline is April 8th, 2023.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of £150.
- 4.6 A maximum of 160 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full
- 4.7 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than August 1, 2023 will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of £150. Boats withdrawing after this date will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list and are available to take their spot.
- 4.8 Boats and/or crew from Russia or Belarus are not eligible to participate. For further information see IJ70CA Class Policy Statement of March 2, 2022 found at <https://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>
- 4.9 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 4 , check-in per NoR 9, and inspection per NoR 11 have been successfully completed. See RRS 76.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £1100
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
 - One Launch and one haul out; per boat.
 - Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA;
 - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection through September 10th;
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat's scheduled inspection date through September 10th;

- One practice race day;
- Five championship race days;
- Awards and prizes;
- Full guest privileges at WPNSA, including all on-site dining and bar services.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorisation, the [World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code](#) will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 6.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorisations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.
- 6.3 To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70TCR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).
- 6.4 To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age as of the date of check-in per J70TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division).
- 6.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorisation Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 [NP] The OA will organise and run the event in accordance with the current IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (J70RR).
- 8.2 With up to approximately 90 entries, all boats will sail as one fleet. Starting from approximately 91 entries the OA and Race Committee (RC) may opt to split the fleet and run a Qualifying Series and Championship Series event format as described in the J70RR, or as otherwise agreed with the IJ70CA.
- 8.3 The Race Committee (RC) may use a three-vessel starting line as further described in the SIs and the J70RR.
- 8.4 Up to fourteen (14) races are scheduled, maximum three (3) on each racing day, except the final day of racing, when two (2) races are scheduled.

9. CHECK-IN

- 9.1 [DP] All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 10.
- 9.2 [DP] No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 10), all skippers and crewmembers shall:
- (a) be listed on the event's online entry list and be members of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
 - (b) provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
 - (c) if under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration (available from the event website).
- 9.3 [DP] No later than the close of check-in, each boat shall:

- (a) Show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). Boats arriving to the event without a valid J70MD must make advance arrangements with the OA to obtain one; a substantial fee will apply for this service.
- (b) Present for inspection sails that have been certified by an official measurer or by a manufacturer licensed under World Sailing In-House Certification. Sails presented without certification may be certified on site by advance arrangement with the OA; a substantial fee will apply for this service.
- (c) Complete all other required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.

10. SCHEDULE

Friday	Sep 1st	0900 – 1815	Check-in and inspection
Saturday	Sep 2nd	0900 – 1815	Check-in and inspection
Sunday	Sep 3rd	0900 – 1815	Check-in and inspection
Monday	Sep 4th	0900 – 1300 1300 1430 1830 1900	Check-in and inspection [DP] Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat. Practice race Competitors' Briefing Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	Sep 5th	1125	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Wednesday	Sep 6th	1125	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Thursday	Sep 7th	1125	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Friday	Sep 8th	1125	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Saturday	Sept 9 th	1125 1530 After racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP No warning signal shall be given after this time Awards ceremony at WPNSA Haul out /de rig
Sunday	Sep 10th	TBD	Haul out / de-rig

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 [DP] Boats must be inspected during the times specified in NoR 10 and must schedule a time through the system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspection must be completed by the close of check-in.
- 11.2 [DP] Prior to their inspection time, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.
- 11.3 [DP] Each boat must be available at the scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. Boats will need to be out of the water for inspection and must be launched immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 11.4 [DP] All sails to be used in the event must be available at the scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. Sails must be placed on the boat immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 11.5 [NP] Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which will be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by the OA prior to her inspection, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).
- 11.6 [DP] RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.
- 11.7 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

12. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 [DP] Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or equipment used while racing will require prior written consent of the event Technical Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

13. VENUE

- 13.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA, United Kingdom.
- 13.2 The racing area will be in Weymouth Bay and/or Portland Harbour. The race area may be up to 10km (5.5 nm) from the marina.

14. COURSE

- 14.1 Course will be set pursuant to the J70RR.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 15.2 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This section 15.2 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.
- 15.3 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 64.6.

- 15.4 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 15.5 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 15.6 RRS Appendix UF (Umpired Fleet Racing) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 15.7 The One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty in RRS 44 are replaced with a One-Turn unless a rule of Part 2 was broken while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, in which case a Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 15.8 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be as described in the J70RR Clauses 3 & 4 for a Continental Championship.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 Support person vessels (SPV) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery and berthing arrangements with either WPNSA, Portland Marina or elsewhere.
- 17.2 [DP] SPVs and operators must register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to arrange payment of £10 per support vessel per day.
- 17.3 [DP] Only registered SPVs that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. Flags will be assigned when registering and there will be a refundable cash deposit of £50 (or Eur50) required for each identification flag, payable on-site during SPV registration. Deposits will be returned when the flag is returned to WPNSA Reception.
- 17.4 [DP] SPVs and operators shall comply with the support vessel regulations as published on the event website.
- 17.5 SPV operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.6 [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. SPV operators attention is drawn to RRS 37.
- 17.7 The conduct of registered SPVs, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 18.2 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in.
- 19.2 [DP] Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the event online mgmt. system, RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Still or video photography may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

22.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

23.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

23.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

25. PRIZES

25.1 The awards ceremony will be held at WPNSA on Saturday Sept 9th after racing.

25.2 The J/70 Class European Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner from a European country.

25.3 A Perpetual Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team from a European country.

25.4 A Perpetual Trophy for the Top Female skipper will be awarded.

25.5 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed-Plus and Young Crew Divisions depending on the number of entries.

25.6 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. CONDUCT

26.1 [DP] All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.

26.2 [DP] Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities .

26.3 Failure to comply with NoR 26.1 and NoR 26.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

26.4 [NP] Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club Primary Contact: Sally Reynoldson. WPNSA, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, UK. DT5 1SA

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IJ70CA Technical Chair:

Boat and Trailer Storage: For details, contact reception@wpnsa.org.uk

- Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of her inspection through Sunday Sept 10th.
- A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at WPNSA or an off-site location from the time of her inspection through Sunday Sept 10th
- Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching, dockage, and trailer storage will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

Addendum A

2023 J/70 Test Class Rules (J70TCR)

J70TCR I.10 MIXED-PLUS DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Mixed-Plus division. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age. The Mixed Plus division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

J70TCR I.12 YOUNG CREW DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Young Crew division. To be considered as a Young Crew team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age. The Young Crew division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

Addendum B

RYA Sailing Prescriptions that apply to the 2023 J70 Europeans:

4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee

6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as published on the RYA website

67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.

2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

86.3 Rule Changes

An Organizing Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The Organizing Authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.