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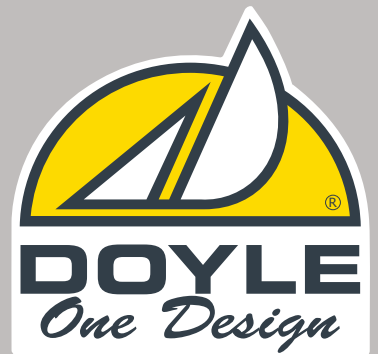
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# Brazil Report



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## Brazil will Host the South American Championship in 2022

**For the first time, the competition will take place in the Southern of the country**

The wind blows in favor of the Brazilian J/70 Class Fleet. The country is proud to announce that it will host the J/70 South American Championship 2022 from December 3-9. The club that will host the competition is Veleiros do Sul (VDS), in Porto Alegre, capital of Rio Grande do Sul.



# Brazil Report



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The races will occur at Raia da Pedra Redonda in the Guaíba river, the same place where one week before is the J/70 Brazilian Championship. It will be the first time that two essential Championships of the J/70 will land in the South of Brazil.

“The choice of the place for the Brazilian and South American Championships took into regarding the proximity to other countries in South America, and it was because of the excellent structure of the club VDS. Also, because the club is the base of the *Bossa Nova* crew, which belongs to commander Marcos Pinto Ribeiro, the newest boat on our fleet,” explains the president of J/70 Class Brazil, Kadja Brandão.



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## INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

The Brazilian fleet now has 14 boats, eight of them in Brazil. Two new vessels were also acquired in Europe. “We have grown in number of boats and volume in international races. We expect to close this year with six local competitions and significant participation in Championships in the United States, Europe and other South American countries,” Kadja said.

Four Brazilian teams got classified for the J/70 World Championship in Monaco in October: the current Brazilian Champion and runner-up *Tô Nessa* by Renato Cunha, and *Highlanders* by Selmo Nissenbaum, *Three Musketeers* commanded by Alberto Guarischi, and *Capim Canela* by Marcos Soares.

Olympic medalist of the 1980s, Soares was champion in the Corinthian category and 14<sup>th</sup> place overall in the Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta 2022 with the crew Thiago Soares, Gabriel Penido and Nicholas Grael. Among the 39 boats, *Highlanders* (16<sup>th</sup>) and *Three Musketeers* (18<sup>th</sup>) also attended the traditional competition at Biscayne Bay in Miami in March.

In the same month, *Tô Nessa* took the Brazilian flag to the 38<sup>th</sup> Primo Cup - Credit Suisse Trophy in Monaco. With 90 boats (19 Corinthians), they finished in 22<sup>nd</sup> place, having the pleasure of sailing in the same location where the J/70 World Championship will occur.

# Brazil Report



In April, *Three Musketeers* raced at Charleston Race Week in South Carolina USA, finishing the championship in 21<sup>st</sup> position among 48 boats.

Even the new *Bossa Nova* premiered in races in foreign waters—San Isidro Labrador Sailing Week in Argentina, ending the competition in fourth place. In the same championship, Renato Cunha commanded the Argentinian boat *Bachajo* and was in second place among 16 boats.

With so much movement and willingness of Brazilian crews, the next Championship will probably be historical. They will bring together a good amount of boats to excite the main local competition of the J/70 Class!





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## Vamos Goes Back-to-Back in J/70 Australian Championship

Tim Ryan and his crew Rob Greenhalgh, Jess Grimes and Charlie Gundy on *Vamos* AUS1567 successfully defended their J/70 Australian Championship over the Easter weekend consistently performing in the 14 races sailed out of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

*Vamos*, representing the CYCA, secured their back-to-back national titles with a race to spare for the second time, winning six races and finishing on the podium in all but three on their home race track on Sydney Harbour.



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Event video including interview with *Vamos* skipper Tim Ryan:  
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“It was a wonderful weekend,” said Tim Ryan after racing on Easter Monday, “it was really good to actually get it done.”

“We won one race by quite a bit, but everything else was so close. You think you are doing well, and you look around and there are five boats right behind you.

Its really competitive racing, and the Class is going well,” the double Champion commented on the progress of the J/70 Class in Australia.

“There are miracles at Easter, and there was one this weekend,” said Ryan of the weather and the 14 races that the Race Committee were able to conduct over the course of the event.

# Australia Report



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"We thought we would put 16 races on the program, because we thought we might get 10 or 12, because of no breeze... but it was good!"

"We did a lot of training, we did some two-up stuff over COVID... we put in a lot of hours on the water, and I think that probably shows, that is probably the difference," he commented when asked about the secret to the *Vamos* team's now dual successes.

"There are a lot of good sailors [in the fleet], we have just had a lot of time out there." *Vamos* AUS1567 (32) finished seven points clear of *Swish* AUS7082 (39) skippered by Steven Proud with Sean O'Rourke, Billy Sykes and Harry Smith representing the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and 17 points clear of Reg Lord's *Juno* AUS7071 (49) sailing with Richie Allanson, Ben Lamb and Murray Jones also representing the CYCA.



The Corinthian champion was *The Jackal* AUS1130 skippered by Kevin Nixon from RSYS, over Karyn Gojnich's *Jabiru* AUS1625 also representing the RSYS, and Brendan Lee's *Madness* AUS1305 sailing from the Sandringham Yacht Club rounded out the podium.

The J/70 Australian Championship 2022 was made possible thanks to the sponsorship of North Sails and Sail Racing.

# Australia Report



The next J/70 Australian Championship will be sailed from 26 to 29 January 2023 out of Sandringham Yacht Club, with the Victorian

State Championships leading into the main event from 21 to 23 January 2023 at the same venue.

## Overall pointscore standings (Scratch)

1. <i>Vamos</i> (CYCA)	Tim Ryan, Jess Grimes, Robert Greenhalgh, Charlie Gundy
2. <i>Swish</i> (RSYS)	Steven Proud, Sean O'Rourke, Billy Sykes, Will Sargent
3. <i>Juno</i> (CYCA)	Reg Lord, Murray Jines, Ben Lamb, Richard Allanson
4. <i>Celestial</i> (CYCA)	Sam Haynes, Chris Way (co-skipper), David Chapman, Lachlan Pryor, Aiden Mansley
5. <i>Joust70</i> (SYC)	Rod Warren, Ben Morrison jack, Paul Mitchell, Aaron Cole
6. <i>Jabberwocky</i> (MHYC)	Andrew Thompson, Alexia Biggs, Richard Allen, Rob Brewer
7. <i>The Jackal</i> (CYCA)	Kevin Nixon, Alexandra Murray, David Slennett, Michael Koerner
8. <i>Jabiru</i> (RSYS)	Karyn Gojnich, Sara Ladd, Charlotte Alexander, Jonathan McCray
9. <i>Madness</i> (SYC)	Brendan Lee, Craig Sheers, Daniel Abbas, Murray McDonald
10. <i>Nuvola</i> (CYCA)	Marco Poli, Kirk Mitchell, Campbell Geeves, Brett Filby, India Howard
11. <i>Skyhook</i> (SYC)	Anthony Landgren, Ethan O'Brien, Mark Houghton, Matt O'Brien
12. <i>Jumpin' Jack Flash</i> (BYS)	Martin Kudnig, Elyse Guevara-Rattray, Robert Evans, Tom Opie

## Overall Corinthian

1. <i>The Jackal</i> (AUS1130)	Kevin Nixon (CYCA)
2. <i>Jabiru</i> (AUS1625)	Karyn Gojnich (RSYS)
3. <i>Madness</i> (AUS1305)	Brendan Lee (SYC)
4. <i>Nuvola</i> (AUS078)	Marco Poli (CYCA)
5. <i>Skyhook</i> (AUS1482)	Anthony Landgren (SYC)
6. <i>Jumpin' Jack Flash</i> (AUS1284)	Martin Kudnig (BYS)



## Performance Handicap

1. <i>Skyhook</i> (AUS1482)	Anthony Landgren (SYC)
2. <i>Madness</i> (AUS1305)	Brendan Lee (SYC)
3. <i>Jabberwocky</i> (AUS1129)	Andrew Tompson (MHYC)
4. <i>Jabiru</i> (AUS1625)	Karyn Gojnich (RSYS)
5. <i>The Jackal</i> (AUS1130)	Kevin Nixon (CYCA)
6. <i>Swish</i> (AUS7082)	Steven Proud (RSYS)
7. <i>Jumpin' Jack Flash</i> (AUS1284)	Martin Kudnig (BYS)
8. <i>Celestial</i> (AUS007)	Sam Haynes (CYCA)
9. <i>Vamos</i> (AUS1567)	Tim Ryan (CYCA)
10. <i>Nuvola</i> (AUS078)	Marco Poli (CYCA)
11. <i>Joust70</i> (AUS1319)	Rod Warren (SYC)
12. <i>Juno</i> (AUS7071)	Reg Lord (CYCA)





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## In Tight Battle, Pedro Garra's *Plan B* Claims Fourth National Championship in Uruguay

By Cecilia Coll, J/70 Class Secretary, Uruguay

In the unique bay of Punta del Este, Pedro Garra's *Plan B* topped nine other boats to claim the National Championship title for the fourth time. However, this time the fleet made him hold his breath until the last leg, where any of the top three teams could win. In the end, *Plan B* finished two points ahead of a newcomer to the Class, a former 49er, J/24 and Snipe Champion Santiago Silveira. Philippe Umpierre, his 49er crew and 2021 National Champion, tied in points with Santiago to finish third.

Nine races were held with the most varied wind directions and speeds. The level of the competitors was such that half of the fleet won at least one race. A public mediation process was used for the first time in our fleet to solve protests in an express way, giving everybody the chance to go through the Rules and recent changes and alleviating the stress of the process.



# Uruguay Report



Since the introduction of the J/70 in Uruguay in 2015, the fleet has grown to 17 boats, quite a number for a small country like Uruguay. But the impact of that first move in the River Plate had an even greater impact in neighboring Argentina, where more than 40 boats have been built since. Now that the pandemic is “over,” we are looking

forward to a very interesting second half of the year in the region with five important international championships between Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Punta del Este and Porto Alegre that will bring back the full atmosphere of the J/70 Class. We will inform the details in further communications.

## Final top five standings of the 2022 Uruguayan National Championship were:

Pos	Crew	Points
1	Pedro Garra/Juan Real de Azúa/Quique Schickendantz/Iván Guicheff	22
2	Santiago Silveira/Matías Murguía/Nicolás Shabán/Adolfo Idoyaga	24
3	Philipp Umpierre/Santiago Gari/Justina Pacheco/Martín Bordaberry	24
4	Gustavo Coll/Cecila Coll/Sebastián Coll/Juan Pedro Coll	36
5	Aldo Centanaro/Bruno Centanaro/Mauro Leite/Nicolás Olivera	37





# J70 North American Championships

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# J/70 REGATTA RECAP: PUNTA ALA APRIL 2022

By Quantum Sails' Adrien de Belloy

*It's been great to have a racing schedule with different Classes hosting their events on different weekends. I just returned from the Tuscany Challenge, the first Club Swan event, and competed at the J/70 Italian Championship in Punta Ala the week before. I've had the opportunity to reflect on the J/70 event as well.*

The J/70 event started off with an early drive from Monaco through challenging Italian roads, especially in Tuscany and Genoa. After a full winter in Monaco, I was looking forward to sail on flatter water. I was also hoping for a more stable breeze, but that would have to wait!

Once we arrived in Punta Ala, we got on the water for practice. I can't stress enough how important this time is. J/70 shrouds are quite stretchy, so it's important to break them in during training. Practice time gives the shrouds a chance to stretch initially and then settle in for more consistent tension. The crew also needed a good shakedown to dial in their trim settings and get their minds into race mode. We started off practice by working on maneuvers and team communication.

We typically reserve day two of practice for boat-on-boat lineup tuning, along with practice starts and more maneuvers. The breeze in Punta Ala was quite unstable, which made lineups complicated, but it allowed us to work on transitions and see who handled different conditions better. These lineups are critical for refining trim, speed and angle.

We also used our practice time to diagnose specific issues our team was having. We felt confident in light breeze, but we have struggled this season in heavier conditions. We were trying to problem-solve how to keep enough headstay tension without heeling over too much or breaking the mainsail. More unexpected turns on the D1s helped, as it put more backstay tension on without losing the main, but that made the balance between main traveler and mainsheet tension trickier to find. We depowered to keep the boat at target heel angle (not more than 21 degrees to avoid going sideways) with enough leech tension to keep it balanced between jib and main. With our trimmer Philippe, we've been busy finding a good compromise between jib windward sheet trim and mainsail profile. We felt we improved, but we'll need more time in windy conditions to get to final conclusions.

Friday was the first race day with a fleet of 43 J/70s from all over Europe. The breeze was light and the water was flat. In such light wind, starting clear of traffic is key to getting off the line and setting yourself up to stay in whatever wind is available and take advantage of shifts. Our team managed to stay out of trouble and score ninth in the first race. Not too bad, but there was room for improvement. The wind continued to shift around, and, as a result, a race was abandoned. Too bad, since we were doing really well in that race!

As the breeze settled, we were able to get two more races in, and we finished fifth and second. We were consistent where other teams had a UFD or DSQ, which put us in the lead after the first day. Consistency and minimizing mistakes are always key to placing well in large fleets. One thing that worked well for our team was sharing the tactician role with our bowman Mathis. It's a handful for the main trimmer, who is often also the tactician, to focus on speed, close-quarter situations with the fleet, and tracking wind and shifts. Mathis kept a lookout, fed the team his observations, and then we developed a plan together. His help gave the mainsail trimmer a better opportunity to manage the fleet and find clean lanes. It also helped us to have an ongoing discussion to keep our heads clear in such a dense fleet. Our strategy seemed to be paying off!

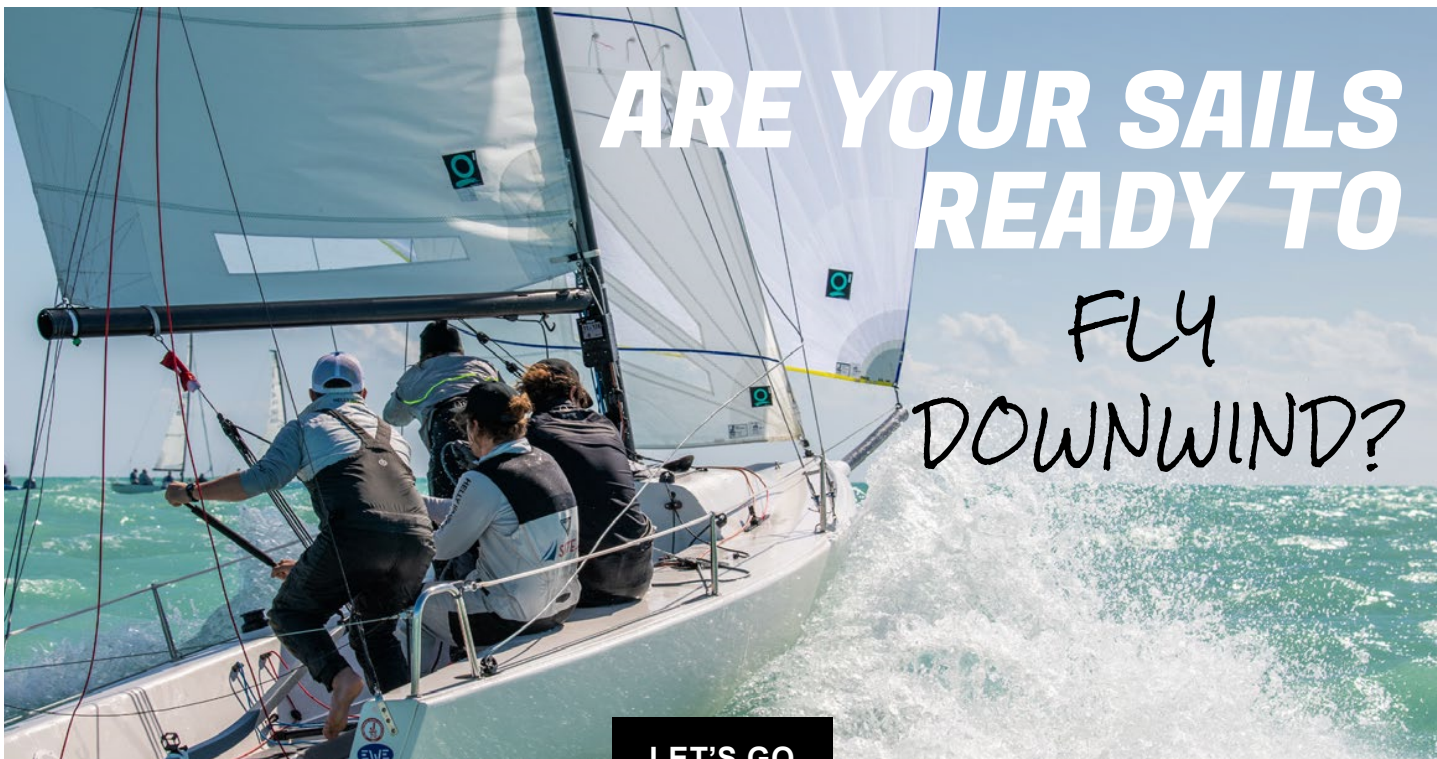
The next day, the forecast called for 23 knots gusting up to 30 knots of wind, which put us into the heavy air range that our team struggles with. A bad start left us struggling to get to the left side of the course, which was heavily favored. We rounded around 25<sup>th</sup>

at the first upwind mark. Downwind speed was important in this competitive fleet. We gybed early to stay clear and to give us some leverage, then we ripped along. The downwind legs were fun, and we finally got to do some blow-through gybes. We fought all the way back to 17<sup>th</sup> by the leeward gate rounding. We picked up two more boats on the second upwind and then did a bear away set at the windward mark. As we rounded, big pressure filled in, and we saw an opportunity to pass a pack of boats that gybed early ahead. We finished the last race in 10<sup>th</sup>, which is our best result in heavy wind so far.

The wind continued to increase and was too strong to start more races Saturday or Sunday. After four consistent finishes, we placed first overall for the regatta, earning our first win on the J/70 circuit. A fifth race would have allowed other teams to discard a UFD or a DSQ, which would have probably bumped us down to third place, but the weather decided otherwise. It was great to practice with the Leontec team, the Viva Team, and see other Quantum boats getting better on the racecourse.

The biggest takeaways from the event for our team were to be sure to get on the water for some practice time, minimize mistakes during racing, stay consistent, and don't be afraid to adjust team communication or roles on the boat to play to each other's strengths.

Get in touch with Quantum J/70 experts Adrien de Belloy and Travis Odenbach to dial in your rig tune, refine your skills, or learn about new sail options. Check out our full list of resources on the Quantum J/70 OD page.



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**2022 J/70 Cup 3rd Event at  
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**Jun 17 - Jun 19**

**J/70 Österreichische Meisterschaft**

**2022 at Bregenzer Segel-Club**

**Jun 17 - Jun 19**

**2022 Kiel Week**

**Jun 18 - Jun 26**

**2022 J/70 Cup 4th Event at Fraglia della  
Vela Riva del Garda**

**Jul 15 - Jul 17**

**2022 Cowes Week at Cowes**

**Jul 30 - Aug 6**

**40 Copa del Rey MAPFRE at Real Club  
Nautico de Palma**

**Jul 30 - Aug 6**

**2022 J/70 European Championship  
at COYCH**

**Sep 10 - Sep 17**

# J/70 2022 - 25 CALENDAR

2022 J/70 North American Championship  
at Port Credit Yacht Club  
**Sep 19 - Sep 25**

2022 J/70 World Championship  
at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Oct 14 - Oct 22**

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series  
Act #1 at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Nov 3 - Nov 6**

J/70 Davis Island Winter Series #1  
at Davis Island Yacht Club  
**Dec 2 - Dec 4**

2022 J/70 South American Championship  
at Veleros del Sur Yacht Club  
**Dec 3 - Dec 9**

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series  
Act #2 at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Dec 8 - Dec 11**

Bacardi Winter Series 1  
**Dec 9 - Dec 11**

## 2023

J/70 Davis Island Winter Series #2  
at Davis Island Yacht Club  
**Jan 6 - Jan 8**

2023 Southernmost Regatta  
**Jan 16 - Jan 20**

Bacardi Winter Series 2  
**Jan 27 - Jan 29**

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series Act #3  
at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Feb 2 - Feb 5**

J/70 Davis Island Winter Series #3  
at Davis Island Yacht Club  
**Feb 3 - Feb 5**

39<sup>th</sup> Primo Cup - Trophée Credit Suisse  
Act #4 at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Mar 2 - Mar 5**

2023 Bacardi Cup  
**Mar 5 - Mar 11**

2023 J/70 Midwinter Championship  
at Shake-A-Leg  
**Mar 23 - Mar 26**

2023 J/70 European Championship  
at Weymouth and Portland National  
Sailing Academy  
**Sep 2 - Sep 9**

# J/70 2022 - 25 CALENDAR

2023 J/70 North American Championship  
at Chicago Yacht Club  
**Sep 18 - Sep 24**

2023 J/70 World Championship  
at St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
**Oct 30 - Nov 5**

## 2024

2024 J/70 North American  
Championship at Vallarta Yacht Club  
**May 5 - May 11**

2024 J/70 World Championship at  
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