

## **Ducasse Family Crowned 2021 J/70 South American Champions**



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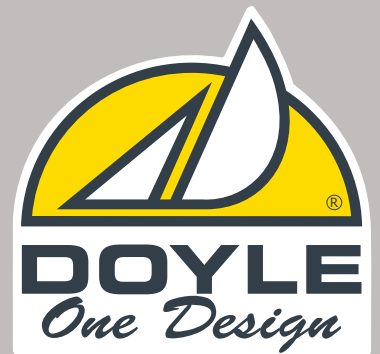
## **2021 J70 World Champions**

Relative Obscurity wins their second World Championship. Skipper Peter Duncan, Tactician Victor Diaz de Leon, Trimmer Willem van Waay, & Bow Morgan Trubovich.

*The new Doyle Structured Luff J11 has won many events in 2021 thus far: North Americans, Cal Race Week, Cal Cup, Rolex Big Boat Series and Marina del Rey Worlds.*

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*- Victor Diaz de Leon*



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**2021 J/70**  
**South American Championship**  
Cofradía Náutica del Pacífico // 06 - 12 December

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*Hosted by the Cofradía Náutica del Pacífico in Algarrobo, Valparaíso Chile, the 2021 edition of the J/70 South American Championship will go down as an epic experience for the 22 teams participating from across the continent: Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. After a challenging 12-race series offshore of the resort of Algarrobo, the PRO and Race Committee team ensured the sailors had fair, fast sailing over the four-days.*

Winning was Rodrigo Ducasse and his family team on *Tsunami*. They started the regatta with four straight deuces to lead the Championship by a considerable margin.

After a few hiccups in the middle of the regatta, they closed with a strong 3-3-1-4-1 to win with 27 points net. While posting four bullets in their overall scoreline, Pablo Herman's *New Wave* team also had a first race Black Flag and closing three races of 5-6-10. They earned the silver medal with 41 points net. The final step on the podium went to Diego Gonzalez's *Andare Facile* with 56 points net. Opening up with a 1-1-3 on the first day (leading the regatta), the *Andare Facile* crew fell off but still took the bronze. The balance of the top five was Vernon Robert's *Morenita* in fourth with 60 points net and Alberto Guarischi's *Three Musketeers* team from Brazil with 69 points net in fifth place. Top Women's Skipper Award went to Pipa Cisternas on *Urobora* from Chile, finishing eighth overall in the competitive fleet.

The event took place from December 6-12. For complete event information, visit <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenuecfm?eID=14714>.



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# Fernando Perez Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* Victorious at J/70 Midwinter Championship



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

Fernando Perez Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* topped 62 other boats to claim the title of 2022 J/70 Midwinter Champion. The team from Mexico, including Gonçalo Almeida, Bernardo Freitas and River Paquin, retired from the eighth and final race on Sunday, February 6 as they had the title locked up at Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida USA. They finished with 38 net points, four better than Brian Keane's *Savasana*. Richard Witzel's *Rowdy* placed third with 46 net points.

In the Corinthian Division, Francisco Van Avermaete's *Juicy* (with Geronimo Galvan, Francisco Bellochio and Trinidad Silva) from Argentina topped the 28-boat group, ahead of American Bob Willis' *Rip Rullah* and Swedish Filip Engelbert's *Charter. USA1516*, with Dave Kerr, Lee Sackett, Geoff Becker and Tom Sessions, bested the seven-boat One-

Pro group. Rounding out that top three were Mark Gorman's *Pazzi* and Peter Barrett's *Reset*.

*Black Mamba's* River Paquin summarized, "We had really good starts, going off the line very fast, setting up for that first beat trying to get to the top mark in first. We put in a lot of practice and sailed in all sorts of conditions before this event. We knew how to change





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gears quickly. Downwinds, we felt a little sticky, but we kept our position.”

*Juicy's* Francisco Bellochio spoke about the conditions, stating they were “kind of tricky, shifty, right, left...pretty fun! On Saturday, we did top 10 in the first race. Second one, we got stuck at the starting line with a few

boats, but in the third one, we pulled another top 10.”

*Day One recap:* A postcard day on Tampa Bay delighted the 63 teams. Under blue skies with temperatures in the 80s, winds started at 8-10 knots, then decreased briefly during a mid-day shift before increasing to 14-16 knots for the second half of the day. Taking an early advantage was David Jannetti's *Very Odd* with crew Travis Odenbach, Kris Werner and Terry Hutchinson, who tallied 15 points (4,7,1,3). Perez Ontivero's *Black Mamba* held second place with 24 points. Following were Bruno Pasquinelli's *Stampede* and Robert Hughes' *Heartbreaker* tied at 27 points. More than half of the fleet was competing in either the Corinthian or One-Pro divisions. Van Avermaete's *Juicy* had the lead among the amateur teams, and *USA1516*, led by Kerr/





Sackett, was atop the One-Pro group. Friday's race winners were John and Molly Baxter's *Team Vineyard Vines*, Pasquinelli's *Stampede*, Jannetti's *Very Odd* and Witzel's *Rowdy*.

*Day Two recap:* The temperature dropped, but the winds stayed solid in the low-teens, allowing another three races on Saturday. Perez Ontiveros' *Black Mamba* posted a 1,4,9 on the day to leapfrog into first place with 26

net points (discarding a 12). Day one leader Jannetti's *Very Odd* slipped to second place on the heels of 4,12,21, giving them 31 net points. Keane's *Savasana* won the day with a 3,6,3, and his 36 net points moved him into the bronze position. In the Corinthian Division, Van Avermaete's *Juicy* maintained the lead among the amateur teams, and *USA1516*, led by Kerr/Sackett, stayed atop the One-Pro group. Saturday's race winners

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were Perez Ontiveros' *Black Mamba*, Kerr & Sackett's *USA1516* and the Baxter's *Team Vineyard Vines*. Following racing on Friday

and Saturday, sailors gathered at DIYC for debriefs with industry leaders and enjoyed complimentary beverages and snacks.





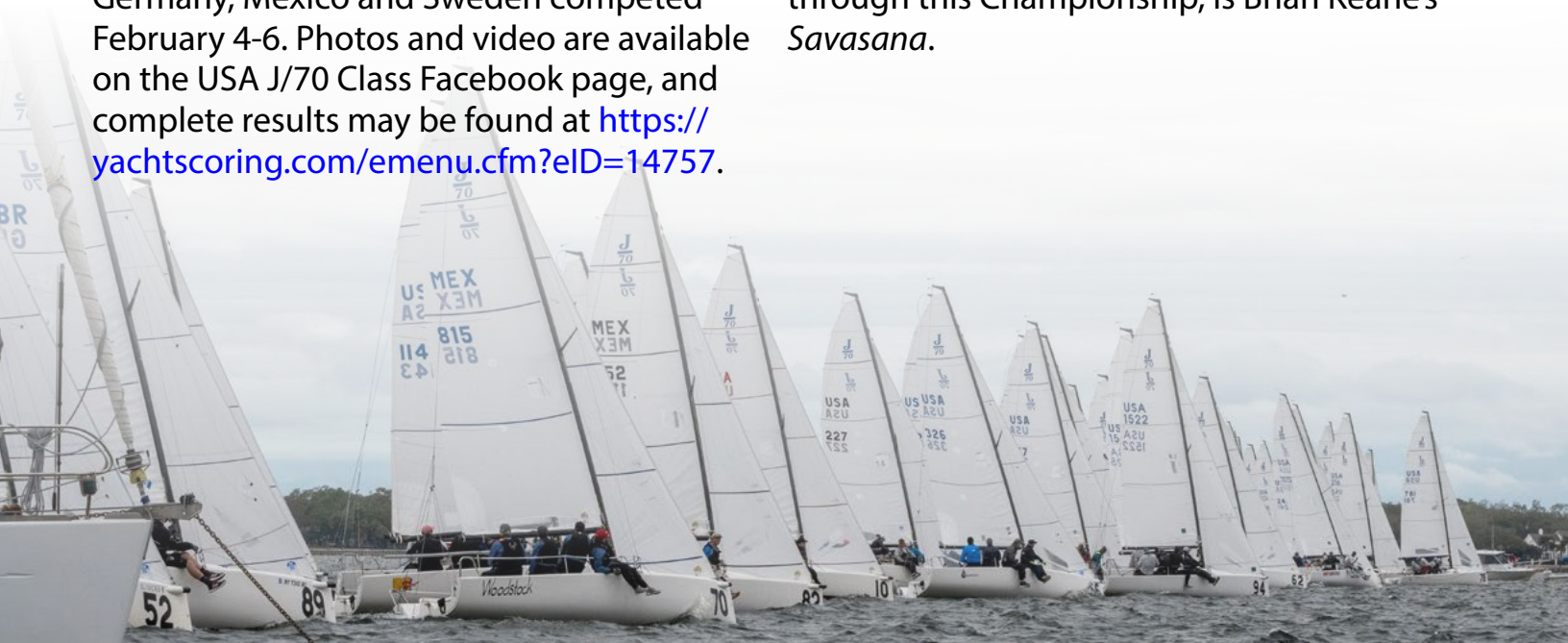
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## Top Five Overall:

1. *Black Mamba*, Fernando Perez Ontiveros - 3 -2 -12 -7 -1 -4 -9 -[64] ; 38
2. *Savasana*, Brian Keane - 10 -4 -[11] -10 -3 -6 -3 -6 ; 42
3. *Rowdy*, Richard Witzel - [23] -3 -14 -1 -10 -11 -5 -2 ; 46
4. *Very Odd*, David Jannetti - 4 -7 -1 -3 -4 -12 -21 -[33] ; 52
5. *Stampede*, Bruno Pasquinelli - 5 -1 -8 -13 -14 -[16] -10 -4 ; 55

Sixty-three teams representing the United States, Argentina, Chile, Great Britain, Germany, Mexico and Sweden competed February 4-6. Photos and video are available on the USA J/70 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14757>.

The winner of the Davis Island Winter Series, spanning three weekends from December through this Championship, is Brian Keane's *Savasana*.







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# France Report



*The J/70 Class in France is growing with more than 30 active boats on the 2021 French trophy, even if COVID has blocked half of the year.*

*In 2022, we will maintain the French Trophy with two Trophies (Atlantic Trophy and Mediterranean Trophy) and a common race, the French Nationals.*

*In addition, in September 2022 we will be proud to welcome 100 foreign boats for the European Championship in Hyeres.*

## **I – 2022 J/70 French Season:**

After the successful 2021 season, 2022 promises to be really exciting with two new places to be discovered: Annecy & Biscarrosse (two lakes).

**J/70**  
**2022 FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Atlantic**

15-18 APRIL  
SPI OUEST FRANCE  
Société Nautique de la Trinité-sur-mer

13-15 MAY  
REGATE DE L'ISPE  
Yacht Club ISPE Biscarrosse

11-13 NOVEMBER  
TROPHEE NAVIGATLANTIQUE  
La Rochelle Nautique

**Mediterranean**

15-18 APRIL  
SNIM  
Société Nautique de Marseille

14-15 MAY  
COUPE DE LA VILLE D'ANNECY  
Annecy

3-4 SEPTEMBER  
TROPHEE SEMAC  
Union Nautique Marseillaise

**NATIONAL MARSEILLE**  
4-6 JUNE  
Union Nautique Marseillaise

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Our main event will be the Nationals in Marseille (the 2024 Olympic games place), where we are planning to welcome more than 40 boats.

This French Nationals will be open to foreign competitors.

# France Report



## II – French qualified teams for the 2022 Worlds in Monaco:

In October, four French boats are qualified to the Worlds 2022 and will represent our national Class.

1. FRA 144: Damien Michelier / Team *Sage Engineering*
2. FRA 432: Vianney Vautier & Elisabeth Vaillant / Team *Triskell*
3. FRA 1086: Hervé Leduc / Team *Jibeset – Pierre Océane*
4. FRA 1425: Team *Youth FFVoile*

The boats have been selected through their results in the 2021 French Trophy.

## III – 2022 J/70 European Championship in Hyeres:

100 boats will be welcomed from 10 to 17 September in Hyeres for the 2022 European Championship. The regatta will be organized by the COYCH (<https://www.coych.org/>), a famous club that also organized the French Olympic Week (SOF).

The schedule of races and social events will allow competitors to do a great regatta and discover a nice area in the south of France. Hyeres is also well known for windy conditions, and in September the warm weather allows great sailing conditions. You can follow news on the [J/70 Class France website](#) or on the [Facebook page](#).





**SOUTH  
AMERICAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
2022**

**3.Dez**

**9.Dez' 22**

**Porto Alegre - Brasil**

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**By Polk Wagner**

International Technical Chair  
USA 487 *Escape*

This has been an extremely busy few months “behind the scenes” for your Technical Committee.

## New Rules for 2022!

***First, we are happy to announce that a revised set of J/70 Class Rules and J/70 Building Specifications have been published and are now effective.***

You can find the complete text of the new Class Rules, the Building Specifications and the FAQ on the J/70 Class Rules page:

<http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

For the 2022 cycle, we worked with World Sailing to incorporate 22 Rules changes—though virtually all of these are clarifications and wording changes that do not change anything substantive about the Rules.

There are, however, two important changes (and I think improvements!) that I want to call Class members’ attention to:

### **1. The jib (headsail) halyard fine tune system may have a purchase of up to 8:1**

New for 2022 is CR F.4.2 (Table), which sets out the Rules related to purchase systems on the boat. Prior to 2022, these were found in the J/70 Building Specifications—they’ve been moved to the CRs for clarity and to potentially allow more optionality going forward.

In particular, the Headsail Halyard Fine Tune may now have a purchase from 4:1 (minimum) to 8:1 (maximum). This change was made because of Class members’ suggestions: for some teams, increasing purchase will make adjusting this halyard while sailing upwind easier and smoother. Again, any increase in purchase is entirely optional, and the minimum diameter of the control line remains 6mm.

## 2. The gennaker halyard adjustment may now incorporate two cleats.

Many of us who have sailed J/70s in windy, gusty conditions know that on occasion the gennaker halyard can “pop” out of the cam cleat and release—often resulting in a wipeout. Many Class members have suggested that we follow the lead of other small keelboats and allow a second cam cleat to be attached to the system, for use in windy conditions. See the image Below for an example.



By arranging the second cam cleat perpendicular to the primary, it can be used for a more secure fastening in high winds, while still allowing quick and easy release of the halyard when needed.

## Looking Ahead

The Technical Committee will be present at the J/70 US Corinthian Nationals in Cleveland, Ohio this June, the J/70 European Championship in Hyeres, France in September, the J/70 North American Championship in Toronto, Canada in September and the J/70 World Championship in Monaco in October. We continue to refine our techniques and processes and look forward to making Rules compliance as easy and seamless as possible on our members, while achieving the Class’ reputation for a high level of enforcement.

As always, I am proud to serve as your Technical Chair and am honored to work with the talented members of the IJ70CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. We are always looking for volunteers to become Class Measurers and members of the national Technical Committees.

Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to contact me ([polk@polkwagner.com](mailto:polk@polkwagner.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!*



# J/70 CLASS UPDATE – WINTER 2022

By Quantum Sails' Carlo Fracassoli and Travis Odenbach

*Quantum Pro-Laghi's Carlo Fracassoli provides an update on J/70 sail testing in Europe and preparing for the World Championship later this year. Carlo has been instrumental in the sail design and testing process and is one of Quantum's top European J/70 Class experts.*

With the World Championship hosted in Monaco, 2022 will be an important year for the European J/70 Classes. Approximately 90 boats from countries around the world are expected at the October regatta. To help us prepare, we're focused during the winter regattas on dialing in the Quantum sail designs and updating our J/70 tuning guide. Knowing that Monaco will likely bring light wind and wavy conditions, we're working on a new, more powerful jib designed for these conditions. Our goal is to have a new sail ready for the first event of the Italian circuit in Punta Ala.

The 2021 season brought us great success like the Italian circuit win and a fourth place finish at the European Championship in Copenhagen. While we're pretty happy with our sails' performance so far, we'd like even better sails for the Worlds, so our European team of expert sailmakers, sailors, designers and coaches are testing new materials and new layouts that will improve not only our 2022 performance but also better suit the needs of our customers.

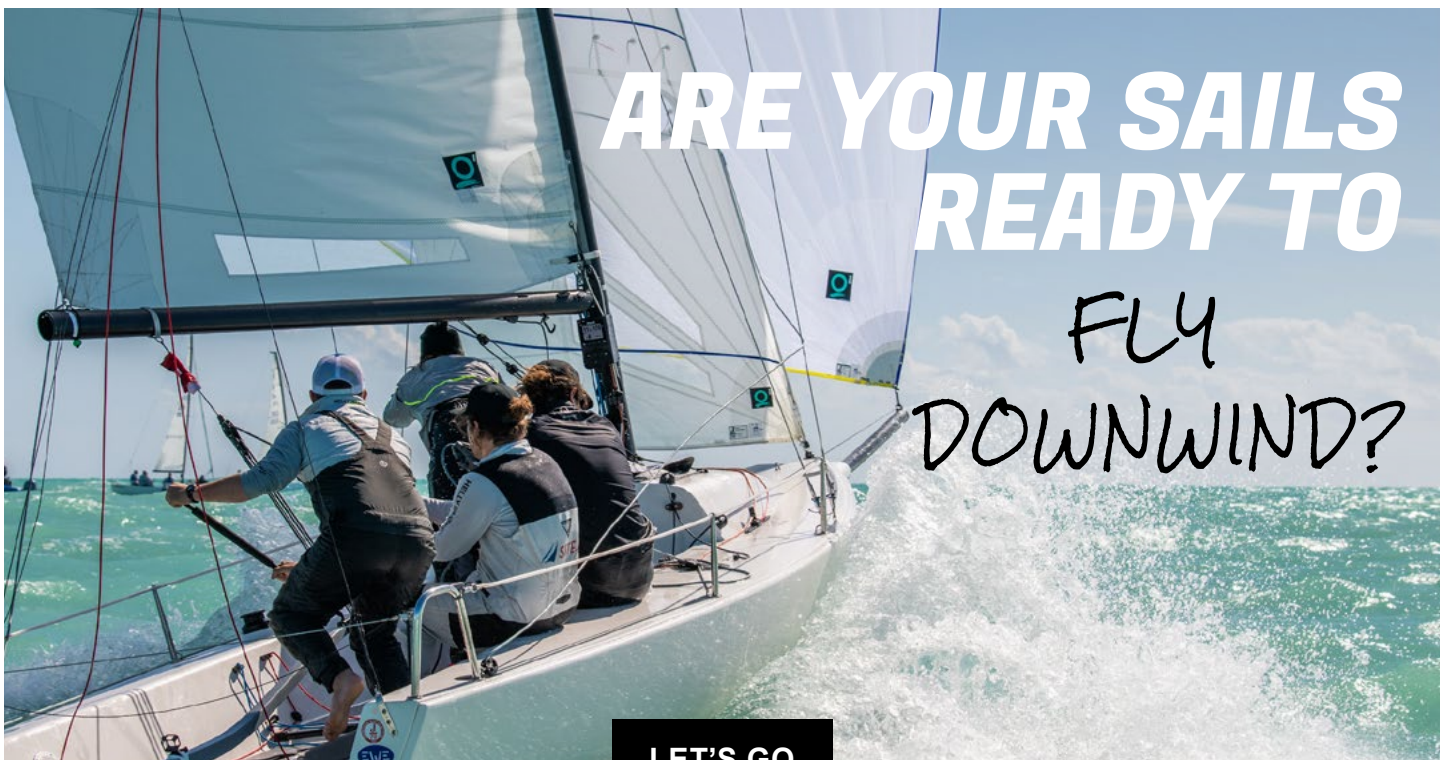
*Quantum Rochester's Travis Odenbach discusses competition in the US and how the 2022 season is progressing thus far. Travis is Quantum's coordinator for the J/70 Class and competes regularly in winter series events and Class Championships.*

2022 has been a big year so far in the J/70 Class. The US now has two popular winter series: the Bacardi Winter Series in Miami, Florida and another hosted by Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida. In January, J/70 sailors were able to return to the waters of Key West at the Key West Race Week reboot, now called the Southernmost Regatta. Davis Island Yacht Club has had the most success this year with over 60 boats competing at each event. It also hosted the J/70 Midwinter Championship in which 63 boats competed. Everyone is enjoying the different racing opportunities this Class offers, including me. I've been able to sail each event this year, and it seems like the time in the boat and on the water is starting to pay off.

Over the past few years, Quantum has been refining its J/70 sail designs and tuning guide. In this pursuit, I've found – no surprise – that the more time we spend on the water, the more we understand the sails, learn the nuances of the boat and grow as a team. Our goal is to learn something every time we sail.

And there's always more to learn, whether it's a certain weather system at a venue, the modes in different conditions or communicating with new crew. If you're looking to improve your skills, spend more time on the water. If your schedule allows, arrive a day or two early to an event and practice jibes, going to wing, starting drills, and, most importantly, communicating with your team. So much of what we do is repetition and muscle memory. The more you practice, the more things become second nature.

The 2022 season offers many great regattas hosted in some awesome venues. I know everyone is itching to get out and sail after limited competition the last two years. Take advantage of the great venues and the expertise in the J/70 Class to learn as much as possible. See you all on the water soon! Get in touch with Quantum Sails J/70 Class Experts [Carlo Fracassoli](#) and [Travis Odenbach](#) to learn more about the [Quantum J/70 sails and tuning guide](#). Stay tuned for more design and tuning updates.



**Kickstart your season now! Contact us for resources, support, & new sails.**

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# 2022

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series Act 4 / Primo Cup at Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Mar 3 - Mar 6**

2022 Sydney Harbour Regatta at Middle Harbour Yacht Club  
**Mar 5 - Mar 6**

2022 Victorian State Titles at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron  
**Mar 12 - Mar 14**

2022 J/70 Cup 1st Event at Yacht Club Punta Ala  
**Apr 22 - Apr 24**

2022 J/70 Cup 2nd Event at CNAM Alassio  
**May 20 - May 22**

J/70 Attersee Race SP 2022 at Segelclub Kammersee  
**May 21 - May 22**

J/70 SP Traunseewoche 2022 at Union Yachtclub Traunsee  
**May 26 - May 29**

2022 J/70 Cup 3rd Event at Yacht Club Rimini  
**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**

2022 J/70 European Championship at COYCH  
**Sep 10 - Sep 17**

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**

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

# 2023

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

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

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

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

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  
Real Club Nàutico de Palma  
**Sep 14 - Sep 21**



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