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To: Henry Thorpe, ISAF Secretariat
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Proposal:
To adopt the J/70 class as an ISAF recognized class.

Reason:
The J/70 One Design (22.75’) was designed by R. Alan Johnstone of J Boats, Inc. and first launched in March 2012 in the United States. As of July 31, 2013, there are 347 boats built and delivered globally, with two active builders - CCF Composites of Bristol, Rhode Island and J Composites of Les Sables d’Olonnes, France. The J/70 design is distinguished by its high performance, family-friendly operation, ease of launching and trailering, durable construction and reasonable cost.

The J/70’s rapid global acceptance is reminiscent of the J/24 explosion in 1977. In less than a year from launch, the J/70 led all classes in participation at Key West Race Week (39 teams), St Petersburg NOOD Regatta (21 boats), Charleston Race Week (58 teams) and Annapolis NOOD Regatta (49 teams). The inaugural J/70 North American invitational (in Annapolis, USA in September 2013) sold out its 90 entry limit within 28 hours of the opening of registration.

ISAF Regulation 10.2.1

(a) Active Class / Owner Association
The J/70 Class Association was formed in November 2012 and has a management team in place (One-Design Management) with a fully operating executive committee comprised of volunteer officers (J/70 owners), the executive director and J Boats. The class is self-funded with an operating budget and a sail royalty label program in place as of January 1, 2013. The Class website www.j70class.com was launched in December of 2012.

(b) Class Constitution
The J/70 Class Association has a working constitution in place that is based on other ISAF approved classes and includes requisite wording for 1) the name of the class; 2)
provision for control by the Class Association; 3) an elected board and executive committee; 4) an executive committee; 5) and a statement of class objectives.

(c) Class Rules

Class Rules were prepared by J Boats in the ISAF Standard Class Rules format with the assistance of the ISAF Technical department. The current Class Rules has been in effect since the publish date of November 2012. The Class is planning to conduct a rules review in accordance with the Constitution this fall, to incorporating feedback from fleets and NCA’s after the first full season of racing.

(d) Requisite Distribution

The J/70 exceeds the distribution requirements of more than 7 boats in 4 countries on 2 continents with several qualifying countries - USA (217), UK (23), France (21), Germany (14), Switzerland (14), Sweden (12), Chile (7), Italy (7) and Netherlands (7). The class is still in its early growth phase with boats sailing in these additional countries: Canada (5), Mexico (5), Russia (3), Australia (3), Hong Kong (2), Peru (2), Norway, Spain, and Togo.

For more information on the J/70 please visit: www.jboats.com/j70-one-design-sailboat

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Respectfully submitted,

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