

International J/70 Class Association

Class Rule Changes 2026

C.5.2 (b) OPTIONAL

(10) Standard builder supplied winches

(if removed from standard deck location, winches must be carried aboard until boat is reweighed and MD is updated)

No changes are allowed to the molded deck shape when removing the winches!

Do I need to get an updated Manufacturers Declaration (MD)?

There are five cases that show how to deal with your current MD or to get an updated MD.

	Situation / Case	Total Weight C.6.1 in MD	Remedy
1a.	Keep any style winches in place	any weight	no MD reissue needed
1b.	Remove any style winches and keep aboard	any weight	no MD reissue needed
2.	Remove any style winches entirely	weight > 814.5 kg	new MD , no re-weighing required
3.	Remove SnubbAir entirely (IF SnubbAir on MD)	weight > 813 kg	new MD , no re-weighing required
4.	Remove SnubbAir (not on MD)	weight > 813 kg	contact Measurer
5.	Remove any style winches entirely	weight < 813 kg	new MD, re-weighing required

Case 1

Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is 812 kg or greater

If you want to keep racing with your current MD, you can:

- (a) Keep the standard Harken B8A winches or SnubbAir in place on deck.
- (b) Remove the Harken B8A winches or SnubbAir and carry them on board.

You will need to get a new Manufacturers Declaration for the following cases:

Case 2

Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is greater than 814.5 kg

PART D – BOAT WEIGHT COMPLIANCE CR C.6.1		
BOAT WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS - This document is not valid without a boat weight measurement as described in CR C.6		
WEIGHT MEASUREMENT		ACTUAL
Equipment installed: Kelp Cutter: No / Brackets: No / Sheet Bags: No / Soft Deck: No / Bottom Paint: No / Spin launch bag: No / Hull transducer: No / Battery: No / Approved Adaptation: No / Other: No		
Dry weight of boat without engine or correctors (kg)		794
CR C.5.3(a)(1) Empty Weight of motor Make: Torqeedo Model:1003 Fuel type: Electric	12kg Minimum	13
Total weight of corrector weights installed (kg)		8
CR C.6.1 Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor -Total (kg)	812kg Minimum	815

The request for a new MD is to be made via the IJ70CA online "J/70 Manufacturer's Declaration Information and Request Form," with the remark field to be used for this purpose.

- (a) standard Harken B8A winches removed, or alternatively
- (b) Harken SnubbAir removed

In the event of Case 2(a), the value indicated as "Dry weight of boat without engine or correctors (kg)" will be reduced by 2.5 kg.

In the event of Case 2(b), the value 'Dry weight of boat without engine or correctors (kg)' will be reduced by 1.0 kg.

It is imperative to note that the value for 'Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total' (kg) will be reduced in the new MD in accordance with these adjustments

Case 3

Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is greater than 813.0 kg and there is the installation of SnubbAir winches documented.

PART A - MANUFACTURER DECLARATION		HULL #1414
This document contains the information required by CR A.10 and A.12. This document is void if there is a change of ownership, or if any alterations other than those listed in this section are made to the Hull, Hull Appendages or Rig configuration as described in CR D.2.5, E.2.2 or F.2.3. This includes the adaptations described in C.7.2 (I).		
Hull identification number: FR-JBC70414F818	Sail number: #1414	Factory Hull weight:
Builder/Manufacturer details: J Composites 1 Allée Titouan Lamazou CS 20402 Olonne sur Mer 85109 Les Sables d'Olonne Cedex France +33.(0)2.51.23.79.90	Date manufacturer's declaration issued: 30 April 2019	
CR Section D, E & F - Modification, Maintenance and Repair detail: Snubb Air winches		

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The request for a new MD should be submitted via the IJ70CA online "J/70 Manufacturer's Declaration Information and Request Form," with the remark field being used to specify the requisite information "Harken SnubbAir has been removed."

In the event of Case 3, the value 'Dry weight of boat without engine or correctors (kg)' will be reduced by 1.0 kg.

It is imperative to note that the value for 'Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total' (kg) will be reduced in the new MD in accordance with these adjustments.

Case 4

Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is greater than 813.0 kg and the installation of SnubbAir winches is *not* documented.

In order to ascertain whether a J/70 has been equipped with Harken SnubbAir, it is necessary to contact the Measurer of the J/70. This is documented on the MD. The Measurer can be contacted via the information provided at the bottom of the MD.

Measurer's Signature: [REDACTED]		
Measurer's Name: [REDACTED]	Measurer's Phone: [REDACTED]	
Measurement Location: [REDACTED]	Measurement Date: 3/15/2023	Measurers Number

A request for an updated MD should be sent by email to howell@j70office.com, accompanied by the Measurer's confirmation regarding the SnubbAir.

In the event of Case 4, the value 'Dry weight of boat without engine or correctors (kg)' will be reduced by 1.0 kg.

It is imperative to note that the value for 'Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total' (kg) will be reduced in the new MD in accordance with these adjustments.

Case 5

Yacht, weighed dry, with correctors, motor - Total (kg) is 813.0 kg or less

In such cases, the removal of standard Harken B8A winches or Harken SnubbAir requires the compensation of the weight by corrector weight.

This necessitates a new weighting of the J/70. In order to proceed, it is necessary to contact an official J/70 Measurer. The Measurer is required to complete a new measurement form, on which the new corrector weights must be documented.

Remarks:

1. When leaving winches on boat we suggest you leave them under the seats or in the compartment behind the seats and next to the keel trunk, so they are easily accessible for a TC inspection.

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2. The holes in the deck from the winches/SnubbAir can be closed with filler or be covered by a plastic or fibre plate similar to the one shown below.

