Southern Spars has recently been made aware of an issue involving some J/70 mastbases (heel plugs) which are starting to corrode and potentially cause damage to the carbon fibre mast tube.

Galvanic corrosion occurs when dissimilar materials – in this case Carbon Fibre, Aluminium and Stainless Steel - come into contact in a saltwater and air environment. It can be particularly aggressive and damaging if left untreated.

The mast base is supplied as standard from the factory with an anti-corrosive barrier paste, however this does not exempt the user from following the regular cleaning and maintenance schedule as outlined in the J/70 Mastbase Maintenance Advisory dated October 2014 (this information can also be found in Version 4 of the J/70 Owners Information Pack). If left untreated, corrosion can cause severe damage to the mast, so owners are strongly advised to read the document and follow the steps and recommendations.

If you have any further maintenance questions, please don’t hesitate to contact your J/Boats dealer or Southern Spars rep for some advice.

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