



NOTICE OF RACE

J/70 2017 North American Championships

October 9 - 15, 2017

Hosted by American Yacht Club
Rye, NY, USA

The Organizing Authority (“OA”) is the American Yacht Club and the J/70 Class Association

Event Website: www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=2992

Club Website: www.americanyac.org

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020) (RRS).
- 1.2. Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix L (Code Flag A) and added Rules 61.4, 82 and Appendix R will apply.
- 1.3. RRS. Appendix T “Arbitration” shall apply.
- 1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.5. J/70 Class Rules III.I.3 (Support Boats) and III.I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.
- 1.6. The Sailing Instructions (“SI’s”) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with Regulation 20 – WORLD SAILING Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2992.
- 3.3. The entry deadline is 2300 October 7th, 2017. An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is completed and the entry paid.
- 3.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.5. A maximum of 100 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form and required fees are received. Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- 3.6. Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing prior to September 9th, 2017, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after September 9th, 2017 will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list.
- 3.7. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 3.8. The following information (required for check-in) can be entered in advance as part of online registration via the regatta website:
 - Skipper and crew waivers required under NOR 8.2 and 20.2.
 - The crew list with valid WORLD SAILING Sailor ID and WORLD SAILING Classification for drivers and all crew on boats wishing to be eligible for Corinthian Awards, as required by NOR 8.3.
 - Insurance information required under NOR 21.

4 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. In accordance with RRS 79, the Sailor Classification Code under WORLD SAILING Regulation 22 will apply. See Class Rules C.3.2 and I.4.
- 4.2. A representative of the WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Commission may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

5 FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee shall be:
 - US \$550 for entries received before 2300 on July 9th, 2017.
 - US \$650 for entries received after 2300 on July 9th and before 2300 October 7th.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes:
 - Invitation to all social events for the Owner / Charterer and up to three crew members

- Launch and haul out
- Inspection and measurement, as directed by the J/70 Class
- In water dockage from October 9th to October 15th, 2017
- On site and off site trailer storage between October 9th and October 15th, 2017
- One practice race day
- Four regatta race days
- Awards and prizes
- Social events
- Full guest privileges at American Yacht Club, including all on site dining and bar services. AYC guest cards will be available.

6 EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1.** The OA intends to have all boats sail as a single fleet; however it may split the boats into two or more fleets.
- 6.2.** The Race Committee may use a 3 boat starting line as further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3.** A maximum of 3 races on any day may be sailed, maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

7 SCHEDULE

Competitors should be aware that American Yacht Club will host the American Yacht Club Fall Series and the High Performance Dinghy Open (HPDO) Regattas over the three preceding weekends. There will be J/70 starts all three weekends. These separate events may be used as a warm up regatta by competitors. Participation is not part of the J/70 North Americans. Registration for the AYC Fall Series and HPDO Regattas will be available at www.yachtscoring.com.

AYC Fall Series	September 23, 24, 30, & October 1, 2017
HPDO	October 7-8, 2017

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	October 9th	0900 - 1700	Check-In and Inspection
Tuesday	October 10th	0900 – 1700	Check-In and Inspection
Wednesday	October 11th	0900 – 1700	Check-In and Inspection
		1200	All Boats On Site
		1300	Practice Race – First Signal
		1800	All Boats Afloat
		1800	Competitors Meeting
		1800	Opening Ceremony
Thursday	October 12th	1100	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Friday	October 13th	1100	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Saturday	October 14th	1100	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event

Sunday	October 15th	1100	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1430	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Haul out
		1800	Closing Ceremony and Awards

8 ON SITE CHECK IN, INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1.** All competitors shall complete on site forms and documents during check in hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than 0900, October 9th, 2017.
- 8.2.** All competitors shall specifically sign a waiver and release of liability either on the regatta website or on paper by the end of check-in.
- 8.3.** All drivers and crew on boats wishing to be considered for Corinthian Awards shall provide their WORLD SAILING Sailor ID and classification either on the regatta website or on paper by the end of check-in.
- 8.4.** Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be provided online or presented at the onsite check in.
- 8.5.** Boats and sails are subject to inspection and measurement at the discretion of the Technical Committee.
- 8.6.** All boats and sails must undergo inspection before 1700 on Wednesday, October 11th in order to complete regatta onsite check-in. Each boat will be inspected for required equipment, sails will be measured and compliance with class rules will be verified. Boats which have not been previously weighed by the class will be weighed and all hulls will be verified using the classes' templates. Competitors can reference the Class Rules for all required equipment. The Technical committee will be prepared to start inspecting boats at 0900 on Monday, October 9th. This will be a dry inspection. Boats will need to be out of the water. The signed inspection form must be submitted to the check-in desk. Additional details may be published on the regatta website no later than 0900 on October 9th, 2017. During competition, any boat may be subject to measurement or inspection at any time.
- 8.7.** Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the Technical Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority or the Jury after a protest by the Technical Committee.
- 8.8.** Substitution of sails shall be in accordance with Class Rule C.10 and will require the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 8.9.** Substitution of crew will require prior written consent of the Race Committee.

- 8.10.** Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during check in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.11.** Bow numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee and supplied to each participating boat at the completion of check in. They shall be affixed by representatives of the Technical Committee.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1.** Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 0900 on October 9th, 2017 at American Yacht Club and online at the regatta website.

10 VENUE

- 10.1.** Attachment A shows the location of American Yacht Club and the location of the racing area in Long Island Sound.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1.** The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2.** It is the intention of the OA that the courses will follow the J/70 Class's Race Management Policies for Major Championships. Failure to observe these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1.** Appendix P will apply and may be modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2.** If a member of the International Jury witnesses and infringement of class rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or RSS 49 or class rule C9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), he may indicate his observation by making a sound signal, pointing a red flag and hailing the boat sail number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a Two-Turn penalty. Action or lack of action by the International Jury by the International Jury under this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3.** An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1.** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.
- 13.2.** When five or more races have been completed, each boat's worst score shall be excluded from her series score.
- 13.3.** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1.** Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3.
- 14.2.** Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check in.

14.3. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.

15 BERTHING

15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

15.2. The use of dehumidifiers of any type is prohibited.

16 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on October 11th, 2017.

16.2. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1. All boats must carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving US channels.

18.2. Except in an emergency or to notify the Race Committee that a boat is retiring from racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other device capable of sending and receiving any type of communication or connecting with the Internet, with the exception of GPS devices.

19 PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be given to the top five finishers overall in the Open Division and the top three finishers in the Corinthian Division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

20.2. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the American Yacht Club. The American Yacht Club, the J/70 Class Association and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or the participation of any boat.

21 INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the regatta, shall be supplied as part of completing registration and check in.

22 MEDIA RIGHTS

22.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation. Competitors may be required to sign a media waiver as part of registration and check-in.

23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23.1. Boat and Trailer Storage:

23.1.1. All boats competing in the event may be stored free of charge in the American Yacht Club mooring field and docks from October 9th until October 15th, 2017.

23.1.2. Trailers may be stored free of charge in the American Yacht Club from October 9th until October 15th, 2017. Note: competitor's trailers will be stored offsite and teams should plan on not having access to their trailers during the event.

23.1.3. Extended trailer and boat storage before or after the dates above may be available. For details, contact Capt. Bud Puterbaugh, bputerbaugh@americanyc.org, (914) 967-4800. There may be a fee associated with extended storage.

23.2. Accommodations. Please see the regatta website at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2992 for a list of accommodations in the area.

24 RACE OFFICIALS. The primary contacts for this regatta are:

Regatta Chair: Donald Weld, dqweld@gmail.com, (914) 806-2414

Principal Race Officer: Mark Foster, markfoster@cableone.net, (361) 816-9801

Jury Chairman: Warren Nethercote

ATTACHMENT A

Racing Area and Harbor Location

