



2015 BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK J/109 CLASS REQUIREMENTS

April 4, 2015

In accordance with NOR 2.1(e), this document pertains to *J/109s* participating in their 2015 North American Championship to be held as part of Block Island Race Week. Where there is a conflict between this document and the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, this document shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

1. **Regatta Designation:** This regatta will be the 2015 North American Championship for the *J/109* Class.
2. **Race Documents:** Race documents are posted on the regatta website at <http://www.yachtscoring.com>. *J/109* Class Rules are posted on the Class website at <http://www.j109.org>.
3. **Entry:** Entry shall be made online at the regatta website.
4. **Registration:** Registration package pick up will be held at Race Headquarters at the times posted on the regatta website on June 20 and 21.
5. **Liability Waiver:** All crew members are required to submit a completed liability waiver and a media release/crew waiver prior to racing. The online waivers can be found on the regatta website.
6. **Sail & Boat Inspection:** Sail measurement and inspection and boat inspection shall be conducted by the Class on June 21 at a site and time to be determined and sails and boats may be inspected/measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of a Class Representative. A schedule of the location and time of sail and boat inspections will be posted on the regatta website. All sails delivered on or after September 1, 2006 shall have class royalty tags. Sails delivered before September 1, 2006 shall have a Sail Declaration from the sail maker. Owners should confirm prior to this event that each sail they plan to use has been properly registered with the class treasurer using the sail tag list on the *J/109* Class website.
7. **Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:** Not later than the time of initial weigh-in for each boat, the skipper shall declare the crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta, in accordance with paragraph 10 below. The declaration shall include the names and estimated weights of any substitute crew that the skipper expects to use during the regatta, as well as the names of the crew to be replaced. If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for additional substitute crew, the skipper shall submit to a Class Representative a written supplemental crew declaration, including the name, crew position, ISAF classification and estimated weight of the substitute crew and the name of the crew to be replaced in a form reasonably acceptable to the Class Representative not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail. All substitute crew shall be weighed in (i) if practical, not later than 0900 on the morning of the first day on which the substitute is to sail on the boat and (ii) in any event, prior to 0900 on the last day of racing, which is scheduled to be June 26, 2015. If as a result of a weigh-in after a substitute crew sails on a boat it is found that the boat's crew weight exceeded the limit specified in *J/109* Rule 6.2, the boat shall be disqualified from each race for which the maximum crew weight was exceeded. Persons who sail as crew or driver on one boat during the regatta may not thereafter serve as crew or driver on another boat unless the first boat has withdrawn from the regatta. Any questions under this paragraph 7 and paragraph 10 shall be resolved by the Class Representatives not involved in the matter and their determination shall be final.

8. **Crew Size & Weigh-in:** *J/109* Rule 6.2 shall apply. Crews are required to weigh in at Race Headquarters, unless another location is posted on the regatta website. Total weight of crew (excluding the driver) in swimming apparel, shall not exceed 550 kilos (1213 pounds). Declared crew substitutes may weigh in each morning of racing prior to 0900 by arrangement with a Class Representative. NOR 4.6 shall not apply to the *J/109* Class.
9. **Membership and Eligibility:** All skippers and drivers shall be Voting Members or Associate Members of the *J/109* Class and shall be listed as 2015 Voting or Associate Members on the *J/109* website.
10. **ISAF Classification:** Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current ISAF Competitor Classification, available at www.sailing.org/classification and shall meet the ISAF eligibility requirements of *J/109* Rules 2.2-2.4. Skippers are required to enter their crew members' names and ISAF registration numbers into the crew list found within the "owners corner" of the yachtscoring.com web site for this event, except for substitute crew for which a written declaration has been provided to a Class Representative in accordance with paragraph 7.
11. **Class Representatives:** The names and contact details for the Class Representatives for this regatta for the *J/109* Class shall be posted on the regatta website.