



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 J/70 UK Class National Championships

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th September 2020

Hosted by the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble-Le-Rice, Southampton SO31 4BH.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC) in conjunction with the UK J/70 UK Class Association (UKJ70CA).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) 2017 – 2020, including the National Authority (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 By taking part in the events covered by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Southern Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures. [DP]
- 1.3 J/70 Class Rules (CR), including the change in crew numbers stated in the NOR 1. d. [DP]
- 1.4 J/70 CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) shall apply. [DP]
- 1.5 J/70 CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) shall apply.
- 1.6 All bow numbers shall be displayed 1030hrs on Friday 11th September through the end of the regatta. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the bow numbers on the boat and obtain replacements, as necessary. Bow numbers will be supplied and applied by the OA in accordance with the OA's instructions. [DP]

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at <https://www.yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13157>
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "J/70 Race Committee". VHF channel 77 will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 2.4 In addition, during the event a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC communications. Further details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.14 of 2019 and any subsequent amendments which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. [DP]
See [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20\(Thorn%20Channel\).pdf](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20(Thorn%20Channel).pdf)
- 3.2 The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the above regulations on the basis of a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). [DP]
- 3.3 Yachts should check in with the RC each day before the Warning Signal of their first race, by passing close on the starboard side of the Committee Vessel. [DP]



- 3.4 Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF before leaving the race area, or by telephoning the RSrNYC Sailing Office +44 (0)2380 450302. [DP]

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB and the WhatsApp group by 0915 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 19:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No Signals will be displayed ashore. Competitors will be advised using the WhatsApp group of the RC intentions and any changes to the intended daily schedule.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date:	Event:
Friday 11 th September HW 1823 3.8m	Racing: First warning signal 1230 (3 races intended)
Saturday 12 th September HW 0705 3.7m	Racing: First warning signal 1100 (3 races intended)
Sunday 13 th September HW 0911 3.8m	Racing: First warning signal 1100 (3 races intended)

- 6.1 The intended programme of racing is detailed in the table above. The RC may choose to amend the number of races that may be sailed on any day if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The RC will advise competitors of the timings via VHF.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 13th September.
- 6.4 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/70 class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Races will be sailed in the Central Solent area.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Course details are in Appendix A.
- 8.2 The course signal, compass bearing and distance to windward mark 1 will be announced by VHF soon after the orange flag attention signal is displayed for each race.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the RC, using VHF.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be the RC vessel and an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be a RC vessel displaying a blue flag and an orange mark.
- 9.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.

10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag on the main CV will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the warning signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be the staff displaying an orange flag on the CV and the course side of the orange mark.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and/or up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 For changes greater than those described in SI 11.1 the RC will move the original marks (or the finishing line) in accordance with RRS 33. The RC will use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the orange mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 75 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored time limit expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score for TLE will be the number of finishers plus two points, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PENALTIES AND ON-THE-WATER JUDGING

- 14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 14.2 Post-Race Penalties:
 - 14.2.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
 - 14.2.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
 - 14.2.3 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the RSrNYC Sailing Office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest, or request redress should radio their intention to the RC immediately on completion or retirement from the race concerned by VHF and await an acknowledgement.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the RSrNYC Sailing Office. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit of ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finished the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB and WhatsApp group within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and intended time of hearings will be provided.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the RC, Event Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the ONB and WhatsApp group to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from the protest committees' decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 Penalties for breaking Rules other than those of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than DSQ, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16 SCORING

- The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.
- 16.1 When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst.



16.2 Three races are required to constitute a Championship.

17 REPLACEMENT CREW

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC. [DP]

18 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the RC. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

19.1 A boat, sails or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with J/70 Class Rule and any other Safety Requirements. On the water a boat may be instructed by the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats will display a RSrNYC burgee.

21 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 All registered coach and support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. [DP]

21.2 Coach and support boats shall adhere to the J/70 Class Rule I.3. [DP]

21.3 Except when participating in rescue operations all coach and support boats shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing and outside the race area. During the start sequence boats shall be to leeward of the starting area. [DP]

21.4 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start and finish lines and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 100m from all these points. [DP]

22 BERTHING, HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

22.1 Boats shall not be hauled out of the water from 0900hrs on Friday 11th September until the completion of the final race, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Event RC. [DP]

23 PRIZES

23.1 See NOR 14.

24 DISCLAIMER, WAIVERS AND RISK STATEMENT

24.1 See NOR 18. [DP]

25 INSURANCE

25.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims. [DP]



APPENDIX A – Courses

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

