



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 26 – 29, 2018

Hosted by Fort Worth Boat Club
Fort Worth, TX USA

The Organizing Authority (“OA”) is the Fort Worth Boat Club & the J/70 Class Association

Regatta Website: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4477

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Only the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, 76.1, Appendix T, Appendix V and added rules 61.4 and 82 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment C.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. J/70 Class Rules Part III 1.3 (Support Boats) and Part III 1.5 (Corinthian Only Event) shall apply. The Support Boat rule (CR Part III 1.3) is stated in full in Attachment D.
- 1.5. The jury may impose suitable penalties (Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI)), other than disqualification, for violations of the non-Part 2 rules of the RRS. This section 1.5 does not apply to breaches of RRS 28 and RRS 2. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. BOW NUMBERS AND EVENT IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

- 2.1. All required bow numbers and sponsor or event identification stickers, decals and flags shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the bow numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.
- 2.2. Sponsor stickers, decals and flags may be placed on the bow or boom, in the cockpit or on a shroud or stay as directed by the OA. If required to be placed on the bow, event identification stickers shall be placed immediately aft of the bow numbers.

2.3. Bow numbers will be supplied by the OA.

AFTER CLEANING THE HULL WITH ACETONE WHERE THE BOW NUMBERS ARE PLACED, the bow numbers shall be attached as follows:

- a) To both sides of the boat's hull and they shall not be more than 50 cm aft of the bow with the leading edge of the number as far forward as possible.
- b) The top of the numbers are to be approximately 15-25 cm below deck level
- c) The spacing between numbers shall be no less than 7 cm (2 ¾").

3. NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the 2 Official Notice Boards located as follows:

FWBC: at the East Window of the FWBC Bar

Regatta Website: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4477

3.2. The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on VHF Channel 68 at 0930 on Friday and Saturday and at 0900 on Sunday.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel 68 in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole near the Club Office and the entrance to the Main Docks.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signal.
- 5.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore and/or on the Committee Boat, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble.

6. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

6.1. The schedule for the Regatta is as follows:

Wednesday, April 25

Registration and Boat Inspection 1330 – 1800 **(Boats must inspected be out of the water)**

Thursday, April 26

Registration and Boat Inspection 0930 – 1800 **(Boats must inspected be out of the water)**

Practice Race with on the water coaching, followed by a debrief. 1400

All boats must be in the water 1800

Competitors' Meeting & Opening Ceremony 1900

Friday, April 27

Breakfast Available 0730 - 0930

Registration only (No Inspections) 0800 - 0830 **(Registration closes at 8:30)**

First Warning Signal 1100 (additional races to follow ASAP)

Post-race debrief and social Immediately after racing

Saturday, April 28

Breakfast Available 0730 - 0930

First Warning Signal 1100 (additional races to follow ASAP)

Post-race debrief and social Immediately after racing

Regatta Banquet at FWBC 1830

(4 dinners are included with your entry. Additional Saturday night dinner tickets will be available at Registration).

Sunday, April 29

Breakfast Available 0730 - 0930

First Warning Signal 1030 (additional race(s) to follow ASAP)

Awards Presentation After Racing (approximately 4:30)

Coaching and Debriefs by:



- 6.2. Eight (8) races are scheduled with 3 races per day except on the last day when 2 races are scheduled. If the regatta is behind schedule, no more than 4 races shall be raced on one day to make up races.
- 6.3. The finishing vessel may display code flag 'A' to indicate no more races on that day.
- 6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange line flags will be displayed on the committee boats marking the line (with one long sound signal) for a minimum of 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5. On the last day of the regatta, no **initial** warning signal will be made after 1430 local time. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1430, the Race Committee may display a subsequent warning signal(s) after that time.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area(s) and harbor location.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Attachment B shows the courses and course diagrams.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will signal on a board, the course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Description of the marks:
 - Mark 1 and 2s/2p will be **yellow** inflatable tetrahedron buoys. Marks 2s and 2p are a Gate, except as modified by SI 12.2.
 - The Offset mark (OS) will be an orange ball.
 - New mark(s), as provided in SI 12, will be **orange** inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
 - The starting marks will be either two Race Committee boats or between an inflatable buoy and a Race Committee boat (see instruction 11.1).
 - The finishing line will either be between a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy or two Race Committee boats (**see instruction 13.1 and 13.2**).

10. CLASS FLAG

- 10.1. A flag with the J/70 logo will be the class flag for the event.

Numeral pennant #1 (white pennant with a red dot) may be substituted for the J70 flag.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and (b) either a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end starting line boat or the course side of a port end starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3. Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2 and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 or 30.4 may be broadcast on VHF channel 68 using sail numbers or bow numbers. This is an addition to and changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 11.4. After a general recall for a start that used starting penalty RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule), the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers or bow numbers of boats that are observed to be ZFP.
- 11.5. RRS 30.4 is modified so that in the event a General Recall is signaled during a Black Flag start, "...the Race Committee shall display her **Bow or Sail** number before the next warning signal for that race,...". This changes RRS 30.4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. RRS 33(a)(2) and Race Signals are changed as follows: a green **flag** for a change to starboard or a red **flag** for a change to port.
- 12.3. If a change of course is made at Mark 1 or if one of the marks is no longer in position forming a gate, marks 2s/2p may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.
- 12.4. The RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course or changing the color of the mark(s). This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. **The Finish Line for leeward finishes (Course 4) will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Boat from the Starting Line (see Attachment B Diagram)**

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby yellow cylinder inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

13.2. For windward finishes (Course 5), the finishing line will be located to windward of the windward mark.

The Finish Line for windward finishes (Course 5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby inflatable mark to port of the Committee Boat, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule 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. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 14.3. If a member of the jury witnesses an infringement of J/70 Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or RRS 42, 49 or Class Rule C9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), they may indicate their observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boat's sail or bow number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn penalty. This changes appendix P2.1. Action or lack of action by the jury under this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.4. Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.5. Appendix "P" may apply as changed by SI 14.1, 14.2 and 14.7.
- 14.6. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. Appendix P as changed by this SI is stated in full in Attachment E.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is two hours. The Race Committee will lower the orange flag with one sound to indicate that the finish line is closed.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored as TLE and shall be scored two (2) additional points more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3. If no boat has passed the first mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. The jury desk will be located at the Junior Sailing Room located down by the Club Office near the entrance to the Main Docks.
- 16.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms will be available at the jury desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms shall be delivered to the jury desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

- 16.4. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6. Boats having been penalized under Instruction 14.5 for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.7. Breaches of SI 2, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides (DPI: Discretionary Penalty Imposed).
- 16.8. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A except as modified below:
- 17.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at the jury desk.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Prior to the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in and be recognized by the Race Committee Signal boat displaying the Code Flag L. Each boat shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the Race Committee will hail the boat's bow or sail number.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3. A boat not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4. Competitors should be aware that the Race Committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without written approval of the Race Committee prior to racing on that day.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee prior to racing on that day. If the substitution occurs after the first race of the day, the Race Committee shall be informed of the equipment substitution before racing again that day and shall have the equipment substitutions form presented to the Race Committee before the end of protest time.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1.** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SI's. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a measurer or Race Committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1.** Support / coach boats shall register at the Registration Desk during the Registration times stated in SI # 6.1.
- 21.2.** Support / coach boats shall stay more than 50 meters to leeward of the starting line and leeward marks and from any racing boats while racing.
- 21.3.** Support / coach boats shall comply with all directions given by the OA, the Race Committee or the jury, including requests for assistance with rescues. Failure to comply may result in the access to the club facilities, grounds and access to the docks being denied and / or any other penalties spelled out by the Race Committee or jury.
- 21.4.** **Support / coach boats must be on call on VHF channel 68 at all times.**

22. BERTHING

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

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1.** Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday, April 26.
- 23.2.** 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.
- 23.3.** Boats shall not use dehumidifiers of any type from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 24.1.** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of check-in and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1.** **The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with the fleet.**
- 25.2.** The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on VHF channel 68 at 0930 on Friday and Saturday and at 0900 on Sunday.

25.3. 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 communications 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.

26. PRIZES

26.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

26.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

27. LIABILITY

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

28. INSURANCE

28.1 Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$300,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

29. MEDIA RIGHTS

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.

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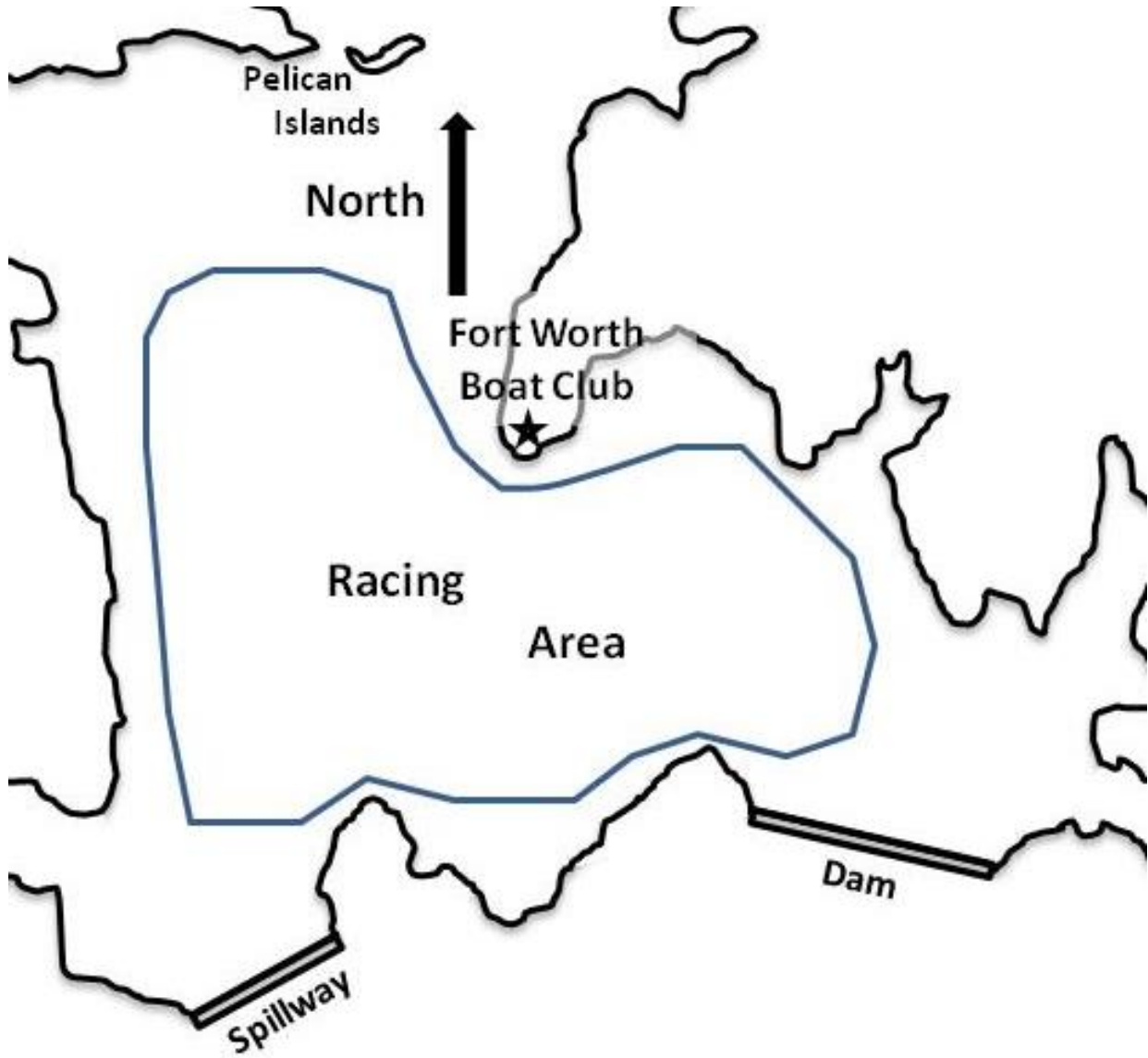
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**Attachment A
Race Area**



Attachment B Course Chart

COURSE # 4 (Leeward Finish)

Start - 1 - OS – 2P/2S - 1 - OS – Finish (Marks 1 and OS are to be left to port)

● (OS) ● (1)

● 2s ● 2p

Start ⌞-----⌞ R/C Boat ⌞----- ● Finish

COURSE # 5 (Windward Finish)

Start - 1 - OS - 2P/2S - 1 - OS - 2P/2S - Finish (Marks 1 and OS are to be left to port)

Finish ● ----- ⌞ R/C Boat

● (OS) ● (1)

● 2s ● 2p

Start ⌞-----⌞ R/C Boat

ATTACHMENT C
US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS
J70 Corinthian Nationals
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The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply:

1. Rule 40 - US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.
2. Rule 61.4 - US Sailing prescribes that no fee shall be charged for protest or request for redress.
3. Rule 67 - US Sailing prescribes that
 - a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 - b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk" for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
4. Rule 76.1 - US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
5. Rule 82 - Indemnification or Hold Harmless Agreements - US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. This is commonly referred to as an "indemnification" or "hold harmless" agreement. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click on the "indemnification" link for more information.

6. Appendix T - **ARBITRATION**

T2 ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3 ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- (a) the *protest* is invalid,
- (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
- (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4 ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the Arbitrator offers an opinion,

- (a) a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- (b) a boat may ask to withdraw her *protest*. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

7. APPENDIX V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT:

The first two sentences of rule 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 rule 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.'

V2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE:

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

ATTACHMENT D
J70 Corinthian Nationals
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EVENT CLASS RULES

I.3. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

A boat shall receive no outside assistance from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring until the boat has returned to the dock or mooring each day, except:

- (a) as provided for in RRS 41; or
- (b) the transfer of late arriving crew, food or drink prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of the day and the transfer of crew, food or drink after the boat has finished or retired from its last race of the day; or
- (c) assistance reasonably necessary for the safety of the crew or boat in the event of an emergency after the boat has finished or retired from its last race of the day, including emergencies due to weather, equipment failure or other causes.

ATTACHMENT E
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Appendix P
(As Changed and Applicable)

P1 SIGNALLING A PENALTY

A member of the protest committee or its designated observer who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.

P2 PENALTIES

P2.1 First Penalty

When a boat is first penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Second and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the regatta, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

P3 POSTPONEMENT, GENERAL RECALL OR ABANDONMENT

If a boat has been penalized under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled, but it is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalized during the regatta.

P4 REDRESS LIMITATION

A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under rule P1 unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule.