

Sailing Instructions

J/70 North American Championship 2019

September 23 – 29, 2019

Hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

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

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. IJ70CA Class Rules III.I.3 (Support Boats) and III.I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply. These rules are stated in full in Attachment C.
- 1.3. Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and 82 will apply. As stated in Attachment A.
- 1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. Bow numbers will be supplied and applied by the OA in accordance with the OA’s instructions and the IJ70CA Class Regatta Management Guidelines. (See www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Race-Management-Policies-for-Major-Championships.pdf).
- 1.8. Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the grill on the south end of the clubhouse.
- 2.2. Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast on VHF on **channel 69** (“the VHF Channel”), which will be used for all VHF communications to competitors.
- 2.3. Any questions regarding the SI’s shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee (“RC”). The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the EYC flag pole located on the north end of the club house.
- 4.2. 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 signals.

5. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule for the Regatta is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	0830 – 1800	Check-In and Inspection
		1100 – 2000	Registration Open
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	0800 - 1700	Check-In and Inspection Registration Open
		1400	Warning Signal for Practice Race
		1800	All Boats Must be Afloat
			Competitors Briefing
		1830	Opening Ceremony & Reception
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 25	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day One – Warning Signal
		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event

THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 26	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Two – Warning Signal
		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Three – Warning Signal
		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Four – Warning Signal
		1430	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Haul out
		1830	Closing Ceremony and Awards

- 5.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled with 3 races per day. If in the opinion of the RC the regatta is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, more than 3 races may be raced on one day.
- 5.3. When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange line flags will be displayed on the RC boats marking the line (with one long sound signal) for a minimum of 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta, no 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 RC may display subsequent warning signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

6. CLASS FLAG

A white flag with a blue J/70 logo will be the class flag for the event.

7. RACING AREA

All racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Erie just north and west of the Cleveland west harbor entrance.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The diagram in Attachment B show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC will signal on a board the approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Description of the marks

	Original Marks	New Mark per SI 12
Mark 1	Large Green Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron
Mark 1a (offset)	Small Green Tetrahedron	Small Green Tetrahedron
Mark 2 s (Gate)	Orange Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron
Mark 2 p (Gate)	Orange Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron
Starting Marks	RC boats	RC boats
Finish Marks	RC boats*	RC boats*

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*Or Orange tomato for a finishing mark under SI 13.

- 9.2. Mark 2 will be a GATE consisting of two marks (mark 2p and 2s).
 - (a) If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas that are obstructions.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flags on the RC signal boat and the port-end boat.
- 11.2. The RC may broadcast starting information and countdowns on the VHF Channel.
- 11.3. Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed on the RC signal boat in accordance with RRS 29 and may be displayed by the port end boat as a courtesy. This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2.
- 11.4. Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 29.1 will be broadcast on the VHF Channel using sail numbers or bow numbers as a courtesy. The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the boats that are OCS; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.5. In the event of a General Recall during a black flag start or abandonment after the start, the RC shall display her sail or bow number before the next warning signal. This Changes RRS 30.4

- 11.6.** The RC as a courtesy will attempt to broadcast the bow/sail numbers of boats that broke RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 after the start of the race.
- 11.7.** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.8.** The RC will attempt to make the broadcasts described in SI 11.3, 11.5 and 11.7. However, the timing of such a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcasts or the failure to make or hear the broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be either between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark as indicated in the Course chart.

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." 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 at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 14.2.** Appendix P will apply as changed by this SI 14.2,
- (a) RRS P1.2 is changed by deleting and replacing it with: "An observer (member of International Jury (IJ)) appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking RRS 42, RRS 49, Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or Class Rule C9.4 (b)(1) (Bowsprit Use) may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing."
 - (b) RRS P2.1 is changed by deleting and replacing it with: "When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under Rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. If the observer signals a penalty after a boat has finished, her penalty shall be a 10% scoring penalty calculated per Rule 44.3(c)."
 - (c) RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty.

- 14.3. 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 62.1(a).
- 14.4. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury desk or complete the online form within the protest time limit.
- 14.5. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 14.6. The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This section 14.6 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31. (DP)

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The target time for each race is 60-75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 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.
- 15.3. The RC will lower the finish line orange flags with one sound to indicate that the time limit has expired.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. An IJ will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 16.2. The jury desk will be located just outside the Chart Room. The protest room will be located in the Chart Room.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and for requests for redress. The Classification Protest Time Limit is the protest time limit of the first racing day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6. Notices of protests by the RC or IJ will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 16.7. A list of boats that have been penalized under SI 14.3 for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.8. Breaches of SI 1.6, 21, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP].
- 16.9. RRS 66 the third sentence is changed to read: "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening in writing and identify the reason for it no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision."
- 16.10. 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.
- 16.11. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will be used. A2.1 is modified as follows: 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.
- 17.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. 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 of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC boat displaying Code Flag L. Each boat shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's bow number.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.3. A boat not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.4. Boats that break a rule in this section 18 shall receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1."

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1.** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the RC or event Technical Committee (TC) prior to racing on that day.
- 19.2.** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC or event TC. Substitution forms are available from the TC. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, and in any event substitution forms shall be presented to the TC before the end of protest time.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 member of the event TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Any such advertising shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1.** Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
RC Boats	Blue RC Flag
Jury Boats	US Sailing Judge Flags
Technical Committee	White flag with black "M"
Press Boats	Red Flag with white "Press"
Coach and Support Boats	White Flag with blue number

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1.** Support Boats shall comply with Class Rule Part III Section I.3.
- 23.2.** Support boats, including coach, press, private and spectator boats, shall register at the Race Office during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee. Support boats will be issued an identity flag, which shall be prominently displayed at all times when afloat. The person in charge of the competing boat(s) to which support boats are attached shall acknowledge the presence of a support boat on his check-in form, and may pay the applicable fee on behalf of the support boat.
- 23.3.** Support drivers shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent.
- 23.4.** Support boats, and team leaders, coaches and other support personnel, shall stay more than 150 meters to leeward of the starting line and leeward marks and from any competing boats while racing.
- 23.5.** Support boats shall comply with any additional directions given by the OA, the RC or the IJ, including requests for assistance with rescues. Failure to comply may result in the accreditation being withdrawn and all access to the club facilities, grounds and access to the docks being denied.
- 23.6.** Support boats must be on call on the VHF Channel at all times.
- 23.7.** Support boats shall be kept in the places, both afloat and ashore, that are identified by them during check-in.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash shall be placed in the appropriate container when the boats return to harbor.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1.** Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
- 25.2.** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 25.3.** 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 RC or event TC.
- 25.4.** The use of dehumidifiers is prohibited.

26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels, including at least the VHF Channel and channels 16 and 68.

27.2. Except as provided below, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

27.3. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency.

27.4. The RC will use the VHF Channel to communicate with the fleet, and may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

28. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with the NoR.

28.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

29.2. Neither the OA, the Edgewater Yacht Club, the IJ70CA or their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30. INSURANCE

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.

31. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA 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.

32. CONDUCT

All competitors shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the RRS, World Sailing Regulations and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves accordingly and follow the rules of the host club and obey any reasonable request of a regatta official.

33. RACE OFFICIALS

Regatta Chair:

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Jury Chairman:

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Attachment A

US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply

60.3 US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

61.4 Fees for Protest and Request for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

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 claims for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdictions 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 the 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.

70.5(a) US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

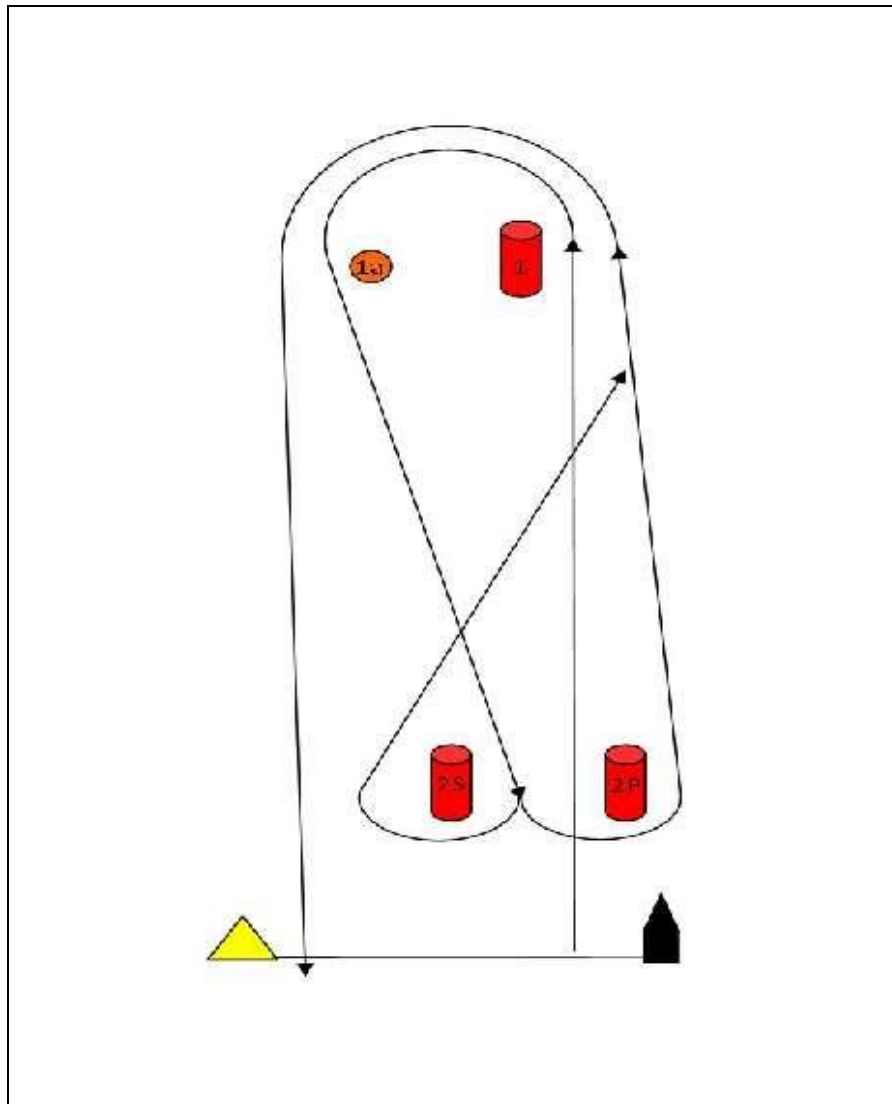
76.1 US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or a race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.

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 rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.

Attachment B

Course



Start-1-1a- 2s/2p-1-1a-Finish

NOTE: If the gate (mark 2p and mark 2s) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2p and 2s, and shall be rounded to port. 2S/2P in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by 2.

ATTACHMENT C

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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.

I.4. CORINTHIAN DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Corinthian division. To be considered as a Corinthian team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof of a valid ISAF Group 1 classification at the time of registration. The Corinthian division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.