



September 8-13, 2014

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The International J/70 Class Association, in conjunction with the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, invites entries to the inaugural World Championship to be sailed in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, with racing from September 9 to September 13, 2014. The official regatta website is <http://www.j70worlds.com>.

### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association in conjunction with the International J/70 Class Association (IJCA).

### **2 RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in NOR Addendum A shall apply and will be posted on the official regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum A.
- 2.3 The International J/70 Class Rules will apply. Class Rules I.1 and I.3 of PART III are invoked.
- 2.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) Part I shall apply.
- 2.5 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### **3 ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.
- 3.2 The Organizing Authority requires all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1 and Table 1 – Event Advertising.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1 A maximum of 120 boats may enter in accordance with the country distribution as shown below and Open/Corinthian distribution as determined by the IJCA.
  - a) USA - 80 berths available via the qualifying system: [www.j70ica.org](http://www.j70ica.org)
  - b) North America other than USA – 10 berths via qualifying system: [www.j70ica.org](http://www.j70ica.org)
  - c) Other than North America – 30 berths via qualifying system: [www.j70ica.org](http://www.j70ica.org)
- 4.2 All boat owners and drivers shall be a J/70 Class member in good standing.
- 4.3 To be considered as a Corinthian Team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof of a valid ISAF Group 1 classification at the time of registration.
- 4.4 Eligible owners may enter by completing the online entry form available on the J/70 Worlds website and paying the required fee no later than August 15, 2014, or as extended by the OA. An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form has been submitted and the entry fee paid.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted for owners who qualify in a regatta held after the entry deadline. All other late entries will incur a late fee of US\$150.
- 4.6 After August 1, any open slots may be distributed as determined by the IJCA.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is US\$595.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes the scheduled social events for the competitors, as well as trailer storage, launching and hauling, and dockage at Sail Newport between September 6 and 13.
- 5.3 Facility fees for additional days are the responsibility of each competitor and shall be arranged with Sail Newport directly. More information will be posted on the regatta website.
- 5.4 A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase for guests to attend the social events. Pricing will be posted on the regatta website.

## 6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series:

- a) Qualifying Series - The fleet will be split into four “flights” for the qualifying series with the goal of having each flight sail against each other equally;
- b) Final Series – The top half of the fleet from the qualifying series will be placed in the Championship fleet, with the remainder in the Silver Fleet.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Saturday	Sept. 6	0900-1700	Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport
	Sunday	Sept. 7	0900-1700	Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport
	Monday	Sept. 8	0900-1200	Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport
			1300	Warning signal for the Practice Race
			1830-1900	Skippers’ Meeting at NYYC Sailing Center
			1900	Opening Reception at NYYC
	Tuesday	Sept. 9	1100	Race Day 1 – First Warning Signal, Qualifying Series
	Wednesday	Sept. 10	1100	Race Day 2 – First Warning Signal, Qualifying Series
			1800	Regatta Dinner at NYYC
	Thursday	Sept. 11	1100	Race Day 3 – First Warning Signal, Championship Series
	Friday	Sept. 12	1100	Race Day 4 – First Warning Signal, Championship Series
	Saturday	Sept. 13	1100	Race Day 5 – First Warning Signal, Championship Series
			After sailing	Prize Giving at NYYC

- 7.2 Up to six races are scheduled in the Qualifying Series. Up to eight races are scheduled in the Championship Series. No more than four races may be sailed on any race day.
- 7.3 The Race Committee, in consultation with the IJCA representative and the Chief Judge, may deviate from the above schedule.
- 7.4 The warning signal for a race shall not be made after 1500 hours on Saturday, Sept. 13, unless posted by 2000 on Friday, Sept. 12. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1500, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

## 8 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Eligible boats shall register with the OA at Sail Newport during the times shown in NOR 7.1.
- 8.2 All boats will be measured for compliance with ISAF measurement regulations and class rules.
- 8.3 All boats must be available for measurement at Sail Newport during the times shown in NOR 7.1. It is the intention of the OA to schedule measurement times for each boat. The event Chief Measurer may examine or measure any competing boat which is available in advance of the first official Registration and Measurement date.
- 8.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, boat and sail measurement, and submission of liability waivers, are required to be completed by 1200 hours on Monday, Sept. 8.
- 8.5 During competition, any boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.

- 8.6 After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail nor any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 8.7 After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered, except that repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 8.8 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendation of the Class representative and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the IJCA.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the regatta website.

## **10 RACING AREA**

The races will be sailed on the waters of Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

## **11 COURSES**

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions. It is the intention that courses will follow the guidelines found in the IJCA "Race Management Policies for Major Championships – August 2013". Failure to observe these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply, changed as follows:
- a) For the Qualifying Series, when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
  - b) For the Championship Series, scoring may include some or all of the Qualifying races. Details for scoring the Championship Series will be included in the sailing instructions.
- 13.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship Series.

## **14 BERTHING**

All boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.

## **15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 1600 on Monday, Sept. 8, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

## **16 PLASTIC POOLS**

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.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41.
- 17.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

- 17.3 Except in an emergency or as otherwise directed by the OA, the use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the Internet is prohibited while racing.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 18.2 A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian team. The Helen C. Johnstone Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top women's skipper.
- 18.3 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first five finishers overall in the Championship fleet, the Silver fleet and the Corinthians division. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 19.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 19.3 Each competitor is required to complete and submit an online liability and media waiver prior to 1200 on Monday, Sept. 8. The waiver will be available on the official regatta website.

## **20 INSURANCE**

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, and shall be maintained during the period of racing with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per incident.
- 20.2 Evidence of insurance, as described in NOR 20.1, shall be provided at registration.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the OA at:

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