



J/109 North American Championships

July 29 - August 1, 2021 Columbia Yacht Club – Chicago

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The J/109 North American Championships will be governed by THE RACING RULES OF SAILING for 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Columbia Yacht Club (CoYC), 111 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, in conjunction with the J/109 Class Association, and J/109 Fleet 11 Great Lakes & Lake Champlain
- 1.3 The regatta is designated by the J/109 Class Association Executive Board as a “weight limited” event. J/109 Class Association Rules 6.2 will apply and 6.1 will not. NOR 6 CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFICATION provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is modified by US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident and US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, Penalty Taken After the Race.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 1.6 The J/109 Class Association Technical Committee, assisted by the Columbia Yacht Club Technical Committee, as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist. Effective 1800 July 28, 2021 after boats inspections have been completed, the J/109 Class Association Technical Committee will relinquish responsibilities to the Columbia Yacht Club Technical Committee.
- 1.7 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits, and all requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE). In particular, all competitors shall:
 - (a) Employ six-foot physical distancing procedures whenever possible;
 - (b) Wear face covering during racing; and
 - (c) Adhere to crew limits.



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- 1.8 COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should judge his or her own ability to participate in light of this health threat. Violations of Section 1.8 of this NOR may not be protested by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority. Competitors are reminded of Racing Rules of Sailing 4: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is her’s alone”.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be limited per J/109 Class Association Rules 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/109 Class that conform to the J/109 Class Association Rules. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, and submit an entry form and pay all event fees before becoming official competitors.
- 3.2 All skippers and drivers shall be current Voting Members or Associate Members of the J/109 Class Association.
- 3.3 The regular registration deadline is noon, June 29, 2021. Late entries will not be accepted after the late registration deadline which is 1800, on July 24, 2021.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form via the event registration site https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=11778, submitting the required documentation, and paying the required fees.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$500 for payments received by the regular registration deadline of NOR 3.3. Competitors may register any time prior to this deadline and defer payments until this deadline without incurring a late fee. The entry fee is paid online via the registration website.



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- 4.2 Entry fees received after the regular registration deadline of NOR 3.3 incur an additional \$200 late fee payable with the entry fee no later than the late registration deadline of NOR 3.3.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes admission to all social events for the owner/skipper and all registered crew members. Additional tickets for the social events for non-racing guests may be reserved on the CoLYC regatta website and will be available for purchase at check-in for \$20 inclusive price for food, and a cash bar available.
- 4.4 The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge a \$100 administrative processing fee for any sail declaration or crew declaration data not completed by the late registration deadline of NOR 3.3. Should the administrative processing fee be assessed, the competitor will be notified via email and the fee must be paid prior to racing. Should the assessed fee not be paid, the competitor shall not be entered. The OA, CoLYC, will not charge any fees other than the entry fee per NOR 4.1.
- 4.5 Competitors who withdraw from the regatta prior to the late registration deadline of NOR 3.3 will be reimbursed for fees paid.

5 SAIL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 5.1 Sails shall be registered per J/109 Class Association Rules and shall be declared via the J/109 Class website at <https://j109.org/declare-sails/> prior to the late registration deadline of NOR 3.3. The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge an administrative processing fee for any sail declaration data not completed by this deadline per NOR 4.4.
- 5.2 All boats will be inspected to confirm compliance with the J/109 Class Association Rules and the Measurement Checklist. See NOR 7.1 and 9.1.

6 CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The J/109 Class Association requires all crew who sail be declared, weighed and have emergency contact information listed. The weigh-in sheet will show the declared crew sailing each day with the total crew weight by day.
- 6.2 Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current World Sailing Sailor ID Number, available at <https://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>, and World Sailing Sailor Classification, available at



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<https://members.sailing.org/classification/?view=home&nocache=1&js=1> and shall meet the World Sailing eligibility requirements of J/109 Class Association Rules 2.2-2.4.

6.3 Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:

- (a) The skipper shall declare the crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta and shall enter the name, World Sailing ID Number and estimated weight for each crew on the “owner’s corner” of the regatta Yachtscoring web site page prior to the late registration deadline of NoR 3.3. The J/109 Class Association reserves the right to charge an administrative processing fee for any crew declaration data not completed by this deadline per NOR 4.4. The declaration shall include the names, World Sailing ID Number 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.
- (b) If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for additional substitute crew, the skipper shall:
 - (i) enter such substitute crew member’s name, crew position and World Sailing ID Number on the “owner’s corner” page of the Yachtscoring website for this event, and
 - (ii) notify a Technical Committee member in writing of the name, crew position, World Sailing Competitor Classification and estimated weight of the substitute crew and the name of the crew to be replaced not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail.
- (c) 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.

6.4 Weigh-ins:

- (a) Initial crew are required to weigh in prior to 0930 on the first day of racing.
- (b) All substitute crew shall be weighed in by a Technical Committee member or designee of the Technical Committee:
 - (i) if practical, not later than 0930 on the morning of the first day on which the substitute is to sail on the boat, and
 - (ii) in any event, prior to 0930 on the last day of racing.
- (c) 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 Class Association Rules 6.2, the boat shall be protested by the Technical Committee and, if found in violation of this rule, may be disqualified from each race for which the maximum crew weight was exceeded.



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7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule for racing and associated requirements is provided below. A separate social schedule will be provided on the regatta website and at check-in.

Day & Date	Time	Activity
Wed, July 28	0900-1800	Check-in, crew weigh in
	0930-1630	Boat Measurement
	1300-1530	Practice race with on the water coaching or Clinic (to be announced on Regatta website)
Thurs-Sun, July 29-Aug 1	0800-0930	Check-in, crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sun, Aug 1	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

7.2 The series will have a maximum of 12 races.

8 EVENT HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

8.1 Event headquarters will be at Columbia Yacht Club.

8.2 The regatta Yachtscoring website will list the official documents, a schedule that includes the social events and other information as well as links to the host club regatta website.

8.3 Official notices will be posted on the regatta Yachtscoring website https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=11778. Copies will also be posted on the notice board located at ColYC Rail Deck.

9 MEASUREMENTS AND INSPECTION

9.1 All boats must register for an on-board inspection appointment online at <https://www.j109chicago.org/boat-inspections>. Boats and sails may also be inspected /measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee.



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- 9.2 Subsequent to boat inspection, any changes or substitution of sails listed as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made in accordance with the J/109 Class Association Rules and with the written consent of the Technical Committee.
- 9.3 Bow numbers may be provided to each participating boat at check-in. Bow numbers, if provided, shall be affixed to both sides of the hull starting no more than 8 inches from the bow and no more than 12 inches from the deck.
- 9.4 Boats must be compliant with all on-board inspection requirements as posted on the J/109 Class Association Rules Discussion section on the forum, and shall clear all identified non-compliance items prior to 1800 on July 28, 2021. Any boat not in compliance by 1800 on July 28, 2021 shall be protested by the Technical Committee per RRS 60.4 and may be disqualified.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online via yachtscoring.com and at the Columbia Yacht Club no later than 0900 Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Copies will be available at check-in.

11 VENUE & COURSES

- 11.1 The racing area is on southern Lake Michigan in the vicinity East of Four Mile Crib.
- 11.2 Courses will be windward / leeward. The Race Committee intends to use gates and offset marks for Windward Leeward courses.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident applies.
- 12.2 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, Penalty Taken After the Race applies.



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13 SCORING

- 13.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion.
- 13.2 Three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.3 Scoring will include all boats. Additionally, a separate score sheet will display those eligible for the Corinthian prize per NOR 17.2.

14 DOCKAGE AND MOORINGS

- 14.1 Boats are encouraged to dock at the Columbia Yacht Club throughout the regatta, however if not, they are required to be moored in Monroe Harbor or DuSable Harbor. All competitor's boats are required to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta.
- 14.2 Complimentary CoLYC dockage will be available from July 26 until August 2 for competitors. Contact dock@colyc.org or <https://www.j109chicago.org/docking> to reserve dockage for the regatta.
- 14.3 Columbia Yacht Club Dock Rules must be followed.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee.
- 15.2 All boats shall be in the water by 1800 on July 28, 2021 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NOR 15.1.

16 COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2 The race committee intends to use VHF to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The assigned VHF channel will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and during the skippers'



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meeting, with any change(s) posted on the official notice board. Competitors should monitor the VHF channel designated by the race committee.

- 16.3 Participants are encouraged (but not required) to upload photos and videos taken during the entire regatta to <https://colyc.smugmug.com/2020-J109-NAC/> and/or <https://www.j109chicago.org/race-gallery>.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through fifth place overall.
- 17.2 The J/109 Class Corinthian North American Champion prize will be awarded in accordance with the prize criteria.
- 17.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

18 CHARTERED BOATS/ENTRIES

A J/109 may be chartered for J/109 sanctioned events, including the 2020 North American Championship, however the charterer must be a Voting Member or an Associate Member who is an owner of a J/109.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By registering for this event, the owner and person-in-charge of the boat agree with the following:

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the Organizing Authority nor the Race Committee, nor their members will be responsible for:
 - a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
 - b) any injury to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.



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- 3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (including but not limited to, the Organizing Authority, Technical Committee, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host yacht club, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
- 5) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race).
- 6) Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 US per event or equivalent.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information is available from the Columbia Yacht Club website for the J/109 North American Championship Regatta <https://www.j109chicago.org/>, Columbia Yacht Club (CoLYC) Regatta Chair: Mike Hettel – michael.e.hettel@gmail.com and/or mobile number 309-256-3735, and J/109 Fleet 11 Captain Pete Priede.

Columbia Yacht Club located at, 111 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, can be reached via phone at 312-938-3625.

- J/109 Class Coordinator: Pete Priede, J/109 Great Lakes & Lake Champlain Fleet 11 Captain
- Event & Regatta Chair: Mike Hettel, Columbia Yacht Club
- J/109 Technical Committee: Bengt Johansson bengt.j109@gmail.com, 908-222-3797



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- ColYC Technical Committee: Tom Barnes from Columbia Yacht Club (ColYC) and Lloyd Karzan from Chicago Yacht Club (CYC)