



## **J/109 North American Championship**

**July 29 – August 1, 2021**

**Columbia Yacht Club – Chicago**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta is designated by the J/109 Executive Board as a 'weight limited' event, J/109 Class Association Rules, effective Jun 1, 2021, (CR), CR 6.2 shall apply and CR 6.1 shall not. NOR 6 Crew List, Weigh-In and Classification provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard VHF channels.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Official notices shall be posted on the regatta Yachtscoring website (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11778>).
- 2.2 Copies of Official Notices may be posted on the notice board located next to the Columbia Yacht Club (CoLYC) Sailing School Classroom.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

#### **4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change(s) to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Yachtscoring website by 0900 CDT of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 CDT or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Yacht Club (CoLYC) Ship and as a courtesy on the event website (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11778>).
- 5.2 When flag 'AP' is lowered ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes'. This changes RRS Signals AP.



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#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The schedule for racing and associated requirements is provided below. A separate social events schedule will be provided on the regatta website and at check-in.
- 6.2 The regatta will have a maximum of 12 races.

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Wednesday, July 28	0900-1800	Check-in, crew weigh in
	0930-1230	Boat Measurement at CoLYC dock
	1300-1530	Practice race with on the water coaching by North Sails
Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug 1	0800-0930	Check-in, crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sunday, Aug 1	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

#### **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be located approximately 2.6 NM at a bearing of 76 degrees from the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 041 degrees 54 minutes N, 087 degrees 32 minutes W.

#### **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 See Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams of the Sailing Instructions for the correct course and order that the marks will be rounded.
- 8.2 The RC shall display on course boards,
  - 8.2.1 One of four courses (4, 5, 6 or T) per Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams,
  - 8.2.2 Approximate bearing to the windward mark,
  - 8.2.3 Approximate distance to the windward mark,
- 8.3 An offset mark will be set at the windward mark except for course T.
- 8.4 The leeward mark will be a gate approximately 0.10 NM to windward of the starting line. If no gate is set, round the leeward mark to port. (See Course Diagrams).

#### **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The start pin will be a yellow inflatable mark.



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- 9.2 The windward mark and offset mark will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The gate marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.4 A change mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. In the event of a subsequent change, an original mark will be used.
- 9.5 The finish pin will be a white inflatable mark.

### **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

### **11 RECALLS**

- 11.1 The RC will attempt to hail boats OCS over the regatta VHF channel. Sail numbers will be used to identify boats OCS.
- 11.2 The timing and order of such hails or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
  - 12.1.1 When a subsequent change is made and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Offset marks will not be set on a changed windward leg of the course.
- 12.3 The RC will endeavor to broadcast course changes on the designated regatta VHF channel as a courtesy.
- 12.4 The RC may make minor changes to the orientation of the course, approximately 5 degrees or less, without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33(a).



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#### **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

#### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 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 will be in effect. This changes RRS 44.

#### **15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

15.2 Boats finishing later than thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored TLE (See SI 17.3). This changes RRS 35.

15.3 Boats that have not finished a race and are delaying the start of the next race may be asked to accept being scored in place at the time of the notification.

#### **16 PROTESTS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of its intention after completing the race in question and identify the protested boat or boats.

16.2 The Protest Desk will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Columbia Yacht Club (CoYC) near the elevator.

16.3 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk located near the elevator on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Columbia Yacht Club (CoYC).

16.4 Protest hearings will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club (CoYC).

16.5 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat has docked.

16.6 Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.

16.7 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Columbia Yacht Club as soon as practical after racing.



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- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2 (a).
- 16.9 For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a protest, redress request and consideration for reopening, by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the protest information to the Protest Committee within the time limit stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.9.1 If information is to be emailed to the Protest Desk, send the information required by RRS 61.2 to [PROTEST@COLYC.ORG](mailto:PROTEST@COLYC.ORG).
- 16.9.2 Protests, redress requests, and considerations for reopening may be delivered online via Yachtscore by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing).
- 16.9.3 The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing.
- 16.9.4 Protestors submitting protests shall be present at the Protest Desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

### **17 ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 **Appendix T**, Arbitration, shall apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

### **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 A maximum of 12 races are scheduled. Three completed races shall constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A2.1
- 18.3 A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of finishers plus two, but shall not be scored worse than DNF.

### **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Prior to the race, each boat shall check-in by sail astern of the RC Signal boat and hail her sail number.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.



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- 19.3 A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.4 A boat that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall call Columbia Yacht Club (CoLYC) at 312-938-3625 and leave a message for the regatta chair of the J/109 North American Championship at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through fifth place overall.
- 20.2 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through third place Corinthian class.
- 20.3 The J/109 Class Corinthian North American Championship prize(s) will be awarded in accordance with the prize criteria.
- 20.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA (CoLYC).

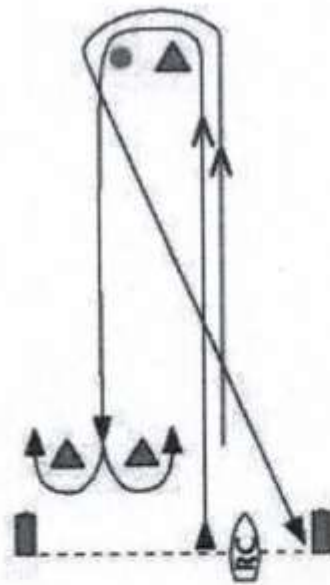
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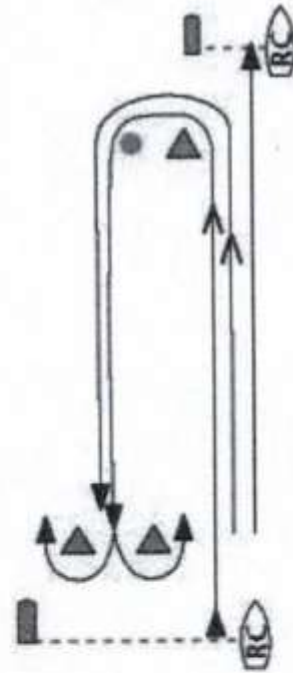
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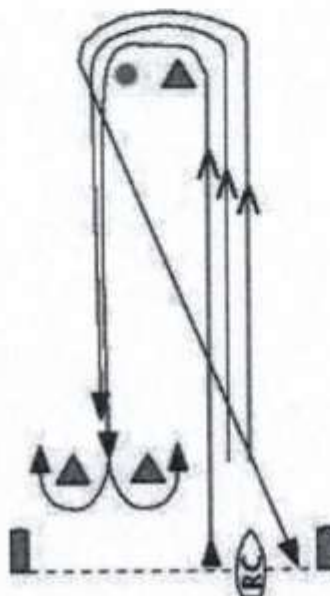
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**Course T**

