



NOTICE OF RACE

2016 J/Fest New England

Bristol Yacht Club

Check In: Friday August 12th, 2016

Skipper's Meeting: Friday 1930 August 12th, 2016

Racing/Dinner: Saturday August 13th, 2016

Racing/Awards: Sunday August 14th, 2016

1. RULES

- a. The organizing authority is the Bristol Yacht Club.
- b. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- c. The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ for breaking of a rule of part 2, which may include a warning. This changes rule 64.1.
- d. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- e. Boats shall conform to the US Safety Equipment Requirements published by US Sailing for the "US Nearshore" racing category. The requirements are available here:
<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- The regatta is open to all J/Boats. Expected one-design classes include J/22, J/24, J/29, J/30, J/35, J/40, J/44, J/70, J/80, J/88, J/92/S, J/100, J/105, J/109, J/111, J/120, J/122, J/PHRF Spin (Symmetrical), J/PHRF Spin (Asymmetrical), and J/Cruise.
- a. One design classes require a minimum of 5 boats. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - b. All one design classes without the sufficient number of boats are invited to participate in the J/PHRF (W/L) or J/Cruise (Distance) classes. Boats racing in these classes will require a current PHRF-NB rating certificate. To obtain a PHRF-NB rating please visit www.phrf-nb.org or contact Ms Pat Beausoleil at PHRFAdmin@phrf-nb.org.

- c. This is a J/109 Class "weight limited event per Class Rule 6.2" as part of the East Coast Regatta Series Championship.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

- a. Participants must register online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1463> (the regatta website).
- b. Registration opens January 27th, 2016.
- c. Regular registration deadline is 1700 hours on July 15th, 2016. Late registration deadline is 1700 hours on August 8th, 2016
- d. The Entry Fee is \$100 for J/22s and \$125 for all other classes, which must be paid by the regular registration deadline. Payments made after the regular registration deadline will be subject to the late entry fee.
 - i. The Late Entry fee is \$50 in addition to the regular entry fee.
 - ii. The Entry Fee is payable on yachtscoring.com.
- e. Entry fees will be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race Committee of the withdrawal prior to the Late Registration Deadline.

4. EVENT HEADQUARTERS

- a. Event Headquarters will be the Bristol Yacht Club, Bristol, Rhode Island.

5. SCHEDULE

- a. A skipper's meeting will be held at BYC at 1930 Friday, August 12th.
- b. First warning at all circles will be 1100 Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th.
- c. Dinner Saturday night will begin with cocktails at 1800.
- d. No warning for a new start after 1400 Sunday, August 14th.
- e. The Sunday award presentation will begin at 1700.

6. RACING

- a. The intended format for J/Fest New England is multiple races each day running from two "outer" race circles in the vicinity of Ohio Ledge, 2nm northwest of Bristol Harbor. There will be a third "inner" circle running within Bristol Harbor to support J/22 racing.
- b. Regarding J/22 racing, limited J-22 charters are available from East Bay Sailing Foundation for \$200 by contacting the Program Director for details at programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org.
- c. Racing at the outer circles will include drop mark and government mark courses. A distance race may be sailed for one of the two days. Racing on the inner circle will be with drop marks.
- d. Classes with a dedicated start may also have rules specific to that class.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available at the skipper's meeting and will be posted on the regatta website Friday, July 15th, 2016.

8. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board of Bristol Yacht Club located in the main hall of the clubhouse and on the regatta website.

9. SCORING

- a. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores and no scores will be excluded. This modifies rule A2 and A4.
- b. Awards will be presented to the top third of each class, up to five. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring.

- c. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants by sponsors and may be based on criteria other than the competition at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.

10. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND MEDIA

- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities and other sponsors 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.
- b. Each competitor participating in the regatta shall submit an online Liability and Media Waiver (a part of the online registration process) prior to racing.
- c. Failure to submit a waiver will result in the entry being incomplete and the boat will not be considered to be participating in the event.
- d. Competitors grant, at no cost, the Bristol Yacht Club the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (including television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 2016 J-Fest New England and the competitor's participation in the event.

11. SPECTATOR BOATS

- a. The organizing committee expects to have spectator boats available to those participating in the regatta but not racing. Details will be provided separately.

12. ADVERTISING

- a. As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Bristol Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13. DOCKAGE & MOORINGS

- a. There are a limited number of complimentary moorings available via Bristol Yacht Club. Early registration is recommended to secure a spot. Contact Bristol Yacht Club Dock Office for information. Additional slips and moorings are available commercially in the immediate area. Of note, dry sail launching facilities at Bristol Yacht Club are limited to a small boat ramp. No hoist is available on site. A document summarizing local services and slips will be provided to competitors separately.

14. ACCOMMODATIONS & LODGING

- a. Numerous options for accommodations are available in the area. A document summarizing lodging and any special deals for regatta participants will be provided to competitors separately.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. Further information may be found here: <http://www.bristolyc.com/>
- b. BYC may be contacted at 401-253-2922.
- c. The 2016 J/Fest NE organizing committee may be contacted via bill@j109.org.
- d. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use Race Qs at www.raceqs.com to self-report your race. A free account for your boat is required. A free iOS or Android app is required. A "J/Fest New England" site hosted by RaceQs will be available to upload data and view a participant replay.

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