



2025 J/70 Midwinter Championship

March 28 – 30, 2025

Miami, FL.

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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To be amended as needed for 2025 Rules changes

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, Inc. in conjunction with the USA J/70 Class Association. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg-Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL, 33133.

1. Rules

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021–2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 The current IJ70CA Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply.
- 1.4 The current IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (J70RR) will apply. [NP]
- 1.5 The current IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.6 Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 76.1 will apply. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 The notation in this NOR or in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be different from disqualification. See NOR 15 for details.
- 1.10 During check-in, the OA will provide J/70 boats with bow numbers and instructions for application.
- 1.11 Boats shall be in compliance with class rules except as they may be changed by this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or amendments.
- 1.12 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the SI.

1.12 The Organizing Authority (OA) may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee

2. Communication

2.1 The ONB will be online at:

https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16834

2.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on US VHF Marine Channels.

2.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on a VHF radio channel to be specified in the sailing instructions.

2.4 From the first warning signal until the end of a boat's last race of the day, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in an emergency.

2.5 In order to communicate with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. QR code will be available at Check-In.

3. Sailing Instructions [NP]

3.1 The sailing instructions will be available online on the ONB on March 21, 2025.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to J/70 which conform to the J70CR.

4.2 Entry for the J70 Midwinters is available at:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16834

4.4 Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.

4.5 Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge shall submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.

4.6 A maximum of fifty (50) boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been

accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.

5. Fees

5.1 The deadline for entry and payment is February 28, 2025

5.2 Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.

5.3 To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

5.4 Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$500
5 storage days - Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage – Mandatory	\$ 250

5.5 The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$75 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged by March 15, 2025. Entry fees will not be refunded after this date, unless the organizing authority decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.

5.3 The event will be capped at 50 boats

6. Crew Limitations

6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).

6.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided for all crew at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.

6.3 To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70TCR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).

6.4 To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over twenty-five (25) years of age as of the date of check-in per J70TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division).

6.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.

6.6 Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the protest committee.

6.7 An event WRISTBAND is required for entry into the hospitality area. Wristbands will be distributed at check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID with an event voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an “under 21” wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages. Guest wristbands will be available for purchase at check-in and at the hospitality tent entrance each evening.

7. Advertising

7.1 Boats are required to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20. Materials and instructions for application will be provided at check-in. Display of any other advertising on a boat that conflicts with the event sponsor requires the written consent of the OA.

8. Event Format

8.1 The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR. [NP]

8.2 All boats will sail as one fleet.

8.3 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled, maximum three (3) on each racing day, except the final day of racing, when two (2) races are scheduled.

9. Schedule

9.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled.

9.2 Up to three (3) races are scheduled per day.

- Thursday, March 27, 2025

- 0900-1300: Check-in at SALM and inspection

- 1300: Practice Race

- 1730: Competitor’s Welcome Briefing

- 1900: Opening Bacardi Cocktail

- Friday, March 28, 2025

- 0930: Competitor’s Briefing

- 110: First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
- After racing: Bacardi Happy Hour
- Saturday, March 29, 2025
 - 0930: Competitor’s Briefing
 - 1100: First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
 - After racing: Bacardi Happy Hour & Dinner
- Sunday, March 30, 2025
 - 0930: Competitor Briefing
 - 1100: First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
 - After racing: Bacardi Happy Hour – haul-out & de-rig
 - 1700: Prize Giving

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1 All boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer’s Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.

10.2 Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).

10.3 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the end of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.

10.4 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

11. Venue

11.1 The sailing venue will be on Biscayne Bay, in the vicinity of Dinner Key Channel marker Fl G 2.5s 5M “1.”

12. Courses

12.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. A racing area chart and course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Penalty At The Time Of An Incident. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

13.2 A boat requests a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest desk a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

13.3 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules.

13.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 64.6.

13.5 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions

13.6 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 after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

14. Scoring

14.1 Scoring shall be according to the Low Point Scoring System of RRS A2 and A4 as follows:

- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. Support Person

15.1 Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery, and berthing arrangements with Shake a Leg, or any of the waterfront locations.

15.2 SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA (see separate details on event website).

15.3 Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15.4 All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. SPV operators' attention is drawn to RRS 37.

15.5 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

16. Haul-Out Restrictions

16.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the first warning signal of the event and will not be hauled-out until the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the principal race officer or protest committee.

17. Launching – Berthing – Hauling – Trailer Storage

17.1 All launching, berthing, hauling, and trailer storage will be primarily conducted at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM) unless competitors have made other arrangements on their own.

17.2 Storage fees for each event will be included in the entry fees to streamline the registration and storage application process for competitors. Five (5) storage days will be included in the entry fees. If competitors plan to stay beyond these days, they will need to pay an additional storage fee. Additional storage fees can be paid at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/242493903764161>

17.3 For in-between storage between regattas and seasonal storage arrangements, please email sara@bacardiinvitational.com Each request will be presented to Shake-A-Leg Miami and reviewed depending on space availability.

18. Risk Statement

18.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among others, these risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent

in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

19. Waiver of Liability

19.1 Prior to participating in the event, every owner(s), competitor, and support person shall sign the waiver of liability available on yachtscoring.com: (New Link)

20. Insurance

20.1 A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$100,000/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please send to info@bacardiinvitational.com.

21. Prizes

- J70 Midwinter Championship Overall prizes will be given for overall first, second, and third place.
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- For each event, trophies will be awarded to the top Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- Additional prizes may be awarded.

22. Conduct

22.1 All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with 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, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.

22.2 Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel, and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities.

22.3 Failure to comply with NOR 22.1 and 22.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

23. Media Rights

23.1 Competitors give absolute right for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

24. Event Management and Further Information

- Event Director: Sara Zanobini (sara@bacardiinvitational.com)
- Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus (mwpincus@aol.com)
- J/70 Class PRO: Mark Foster (mfooster@gmail.com)
- J/70 Class Representative: Chris Howell (howell@j70office.com)