



J/70 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

October 9th to 15th, 2017
Rye, NY, USA hosted by American Yacht Club
Website: www.j70nac.com

The Organizing Authority ("OA") is the American Yacht Club and the J/70 Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Except for breaches of RRS 28, RRS31 and RRS 2 the jury may impose suitable penalties (DPI), other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules of RRS. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3. The international J/70 Class Rules will apply. Class rules I.3 and I.4 of part III are invoked.
- 1.4. Bow numbers will be supplied and installed by OA and shall be displayed as forward as possible on both sides of the first 20% of the hull. (60 cm maximum from the bow).
- 1.5. Sponsor decals will be placed on the boom or in the cockpit as directed by the OA. If provided, flags / stickers / decals shall be displayed from 11 October 6:00pm through 15 October.
- 1.6. Only the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and added rules 61.4 and 82 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment C.
- 1.7. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.8. RRS 30.4 – the third sentence is modified so that in the event a General Recall is signaled during a Black Flag start, "...the RC shall display her bow number before the next warning signal for that race,..."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located to the left of the main entrance of the club on the front porch.
- 2.2. Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast on VHF on channel "69". Call sign 'Race Committee'.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the southern tip of the club property immediately east of the docking area.



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- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signal.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore and/or on the Signal Boat, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Eleven (11) races are scheduled with 3 per day except the last day when 2 are scheduled. If we are behind schedule no more than 4 races shall be raced on one day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	October 9th	0900 - 1700	Check-In and Inspection
Tuesday	October 10th	0900 – 1700	Check-In and Inspection
Wednesday	October 11th	0900 – 1700	Check-In and Inspection
		1200	All Boats On Site
		1300	Practice Race – First Signal
		1800	All Boats Afloat
		1800	Competitors Meeting
		1800	Opening Ceremony
Thursday	October 12th	0900	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event



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Friday	October 13th	0900	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing – First Signal Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Saturday	October 14th	0900	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing – First Signal Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Sunday	October 15th	0900	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing – First Signal Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1430	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Haul out
		1800	Closing Ceremony and Awards

5.2. When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The finishing vessel may display code flags 'AP over A' to indicate the intention of the Race Committee (RC) to conduct no more races on that day.

5.3. For all races, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange line flags will be displayed on the RC boats marking the line (with one long sound signal) for a minimum of 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.



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6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. Numeral pennant one will be the class flag for the event.

7. RACE AREA

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area and harbor location.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment B shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the signal boat will signal on a board the course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Description of the marks:
- Mark 1 and 2s/2p will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
 - The Offset mark (OS) will be an Orange ball.
 - New mark(s), as provided in SI 11, will be orange inflatable tetrahedron buoy(s).
 - The starting marks will be two RC Boats.
 - The finishing line will be either two RC boats or an inflatable buoy and a RC Boat.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting line boat.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3. Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 or 30.4 may be broadcast on the VHF channel using sail numbers or bow numbers. This is an addition to and changes RRS 29.1, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 10.4. Individual and General Recall flags may also be displayed by the port end starting line boat.
- 10.5. Failure of the RC to make or boats to receive or hear a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed shall not be grounds for granting a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



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11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. If a change of course is made at mark OS or if one of the marks is no longer in position forming a gate, marks 2s/2p may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be either between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark as indicated in the course chart.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule 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. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken as soon as practicable on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 13.3. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury desk within the protest time limit.
- 13.4. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 13.4.1, 13.4.2 and 13.4.3.
 - 13.4.1 Rule P1.2 is changed by deleting and replacing it by: "An observer (member of International Jury) appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking RRS 42, 49, Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning), Class Rule C9.4 (b)(1) (Bowsprit Use) may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing."
 - 13.4.2 When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty under Rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. If the observer signals a penalty after a boat has finished her penalty shall be a 10% scoring penalty calculated per Rule 44.3(c)
 - 13.4.3 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty
- 13.5. Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 13.6. Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply



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14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for each race is 60-75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3. The RC will lower the orange flag with one sound to indicate that the finish line is closed.
- 14.4. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is two hours.
- 14.5. If no boat has passed the first mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. The jury desk will be located in the main lobby of the American Yacht Club and protests will be heard in the adjacent Trustee Room.
- 15.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms will be available at the jury desk.
- 15.3. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms shall be delivered to the jury desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.4. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.6. Notices of protests by the RC or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRs 61.1(b).
- 15.7. Breaches of SI 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.8. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.9. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2, except that if at least five (5) races have been completed each boat's worst score shall be excluded from the series score. This changes A2.
- 16.2. Three (3) completed races during the Series are required to constitute the championship.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with Class Rules.
- 17.2. Boats that retire from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3. Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the RC.



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- 17.4. Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC located in the starting area and displaying the Code Flag L. Boats shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's bow number.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the RC prior to racing on that day.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC prior to racing on that day. If the substitution occurs after the first race of the day, the RC shall be informed of the equipment substitution before racing again that day and shall have the equipment substitutions form presented to the RC before end of protest time.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a measurer or RC equipment inspector displaying an "Official" flag to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee Boats	Blue RC Flag
Jury Boats	Code Flag J
Measurer	Blue Flag with white "Official"
Press Boats	Doyle Corporate Symbol flag
Coach and Support Boats	Green Flag with blue number
Safety and Rescue	Orange with black numbers

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Support, including coach, press, private and spectator boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period and be issued with an identity flag, such flag to be prominently displayed at all times when afloat. The person in charge of the competing boat(s) to which support boats are attached shall acknowledge the presence of a support boat on his registration form and pay any fee for the support boat decided by the OA.



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- 21.2. Class rule Part III, Section I, I.3 (Support boats) will apply.
- 21.3. Violation of CR I.3 shall be considered a breach of rule 41. This changes rule 41.
- 21.4. Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 100 meters to leeward of the starting line, leeward marks and from any racing boats while racing.
- 21.5. Support boats shall comply with 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 and in addition with any direction given by the OA, the RC or the Jury including requests for assisting with rescues. Failure to comply may result in the accreditation being withdrawn and all access to the club facilities, grounds and access to the docks to be denied.
- 21.6. Support boats must be on call on VHF channel 69 at all times.

22. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1. Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Wednesday, May 18.
- 23.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.
- 23.3. Boats shall not use dehumidifiers during the regatta between 1800 Wednesday, October 11 and 1430 Sunday, October 15.
- 23.4. Boats shall not remove their rudder during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 24.2. The RC will use VHF channel 69 to communicate with the fleet. It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving additional channels 16 and 68.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 25.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.



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26. LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. The OA 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.
- 26.2. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall complete the online liability & media waiver available on the regatta website.

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. Each participating crew shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$300,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

28. RACE OFFICIALS

Jury Chairman: Warren Nethercote – IJ CAN (Chief Judge)
Race Committee PRO: Mark Foster (IRO-USA)

29. FURTHER INFORMATION

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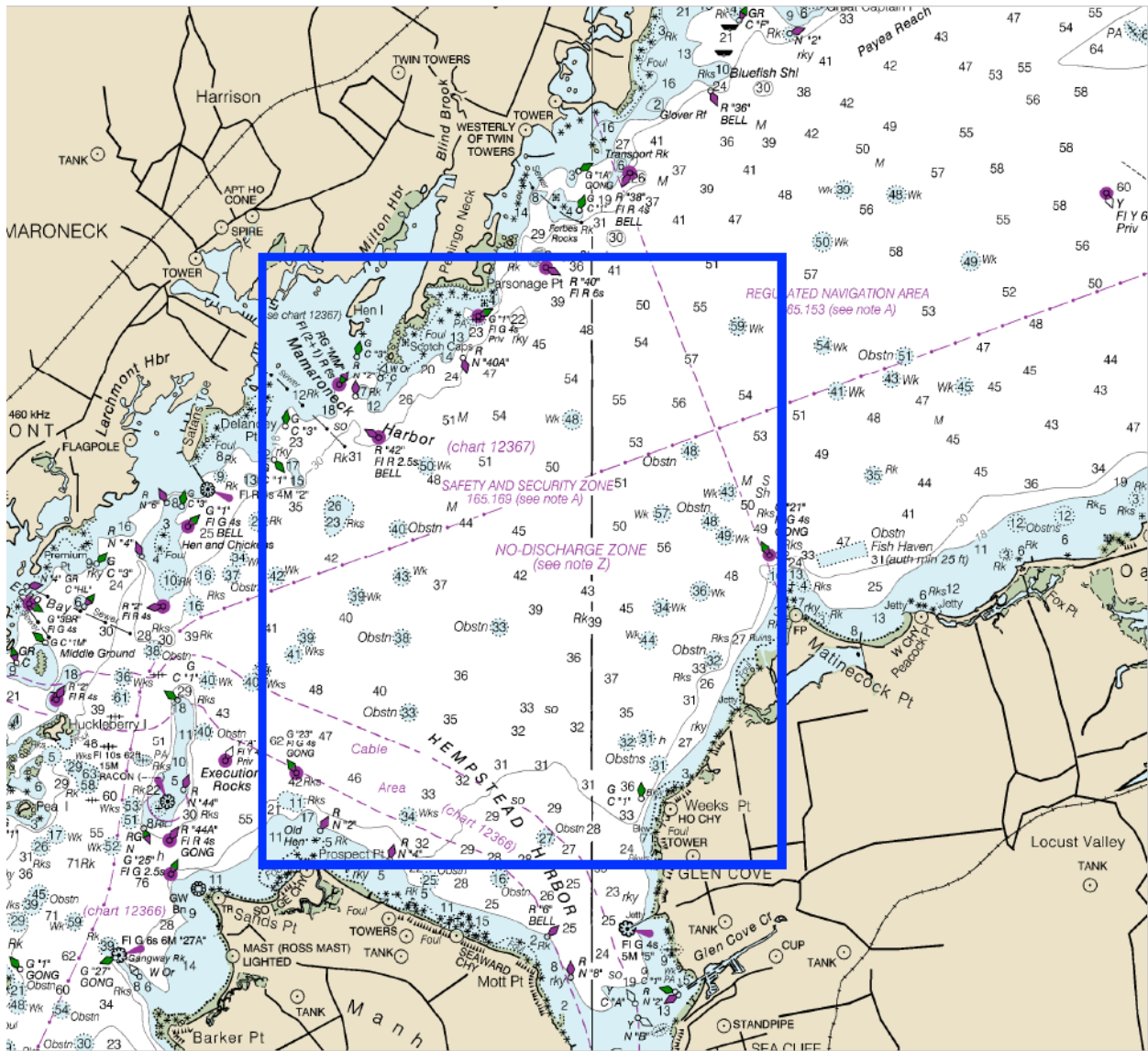
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Attachment A Race Area



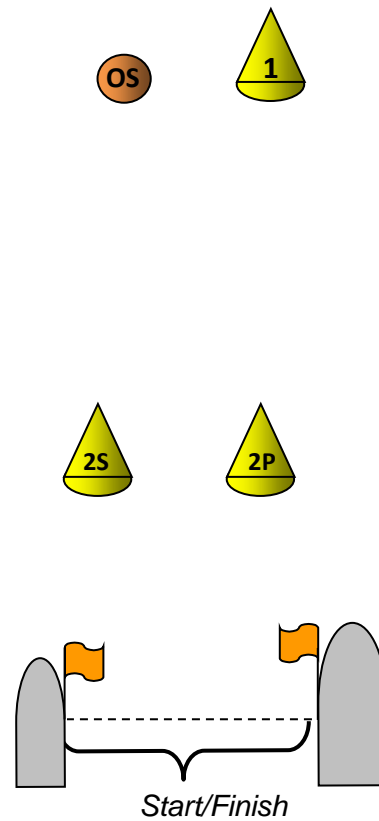
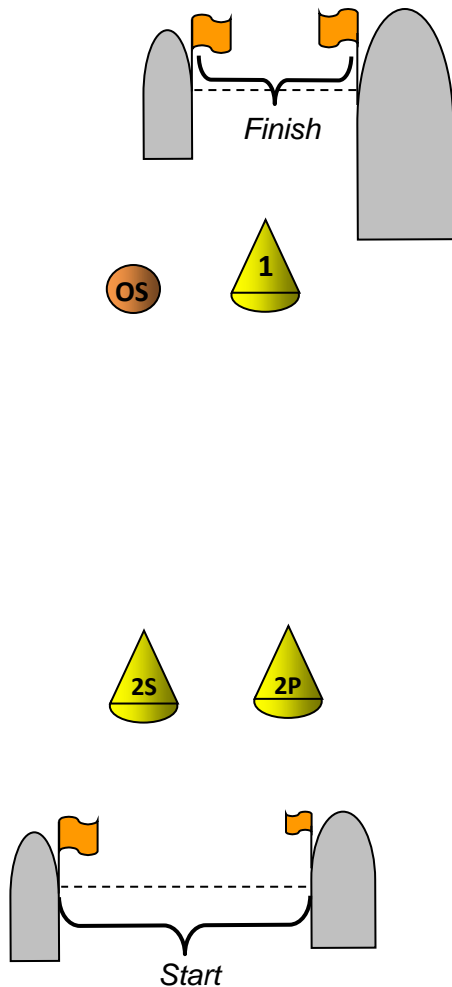


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Attachment B Course Chart

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
1	Start, 1, OS, 2P/2S, 1, OS, 2P/2S, Upwind Finish	2	Start, 1, OS, 2P/2S, 1, OS, Downwind Finish

Marks of the course shall be left to port





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Attachment C Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

Rule 40 Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

After rule 40 add

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.

Rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*



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Rule 70.5(a) after 70.5(a) add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required . Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 82 Add rule 82

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.