

J/105 Class North American Championship  
September 14 – September 19, 2010  
Hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club and J/105 Fleet 5  
Chicago, Illinois USA

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the U.S. J/105 Class Association Rules (CR). The regatta is designated by the J/105 Executive Committee as an International Class Event and all races sailed in this regatta are categorized as Level A in accordance with CR 3.6. All times are Central Daylight Time.

1.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING will apply. See [www.ussailing.org/rules/pfd](http://www.ussailing.org/rules/pfd) for more information.

1.3 Racing rule(s) 35, 44, 61.3, 62.2 and 66 will be changed as follows:

Rule 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 without a hearing. In addition, all scores will be included in the series scoring as set forth in Paragraph 13 below.

Rule 44 will be changed as set forth in Paragraph 12 below.

Rule 61.3 will be changed to permit protests to be filed by a competitor against another competitor for failure to comply with the CR. Such protest(s) must be filed prior to the end of the protest period for the race day during which the failure to comply is alleged to have occurred and the protest must describe or list the number(s) of the CR involved. This change does not limit the authority of the Fleet 5 Measurer (or his designee) to file a protest at any time regarding a failure to comply with the CR or an infraction of a specific CR. The top 3 finishers in each race will be inspected at the end of that day of racing.

Rule 61.3 will also be changed to permit a protest of the ISAF classification of any crew member as set forth in Part D of Paragraph 7.2 below.

Rule 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time on the last day of racing for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be re-opened. The foregoing changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Instructions and additional information may be included at Registration or in the sailing instructions. Otherwise, pursuant to CR 2.8 and ISAF Regulation 20, ISAF Advertising Code, including ISAF Regulation 20.5.6(a), no advertising shall be permitted on boats.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/105 Class that conform to the CR and whose Owner(s) or Charterer have submitted an entry form and paid all the required fees and have completed Registration as set forth in this Notice of Race within the time periods prescribed, including but

not limited to those of Paragraph 7.1, the Measurement and Inspection set forth in Paragraph 7.2, and supplied the written Proof of Insurance set forth in Paragraph 21. Owners and Charterers who are competitors aboard boats entered in the regatta must be Active Members of the J/105 Class Association. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Chicago Yacht Club as further described in Paragraph 20.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form (available on the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC) web site at [www.chicagoyachtclub.com](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.com) or at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and paying the required fee(s) to Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60603. The entry closing date is 2300 hrs on Friday, August 20, 2010. A copy of the boat's weight certificate, the list of sails and sail tag numbers that will be used in the regatta, the crew list and the Proof of Insurance required in paragraph 21 below must be submitted in writing prior to 1800 hrs on September 6, 2010 in order for an entry to be complete and to avoid a late processing charge of \$100. The list of sails and sail tag numbers and the crew list may be required by the organizing authority to be submitted electronically.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted until 1800 hrs on September 13, 2010 under the following conditions: Completion of the Entry Form and its delivery along with payment of the entry fee and the late registration entry fee together with all required documentation, including but not limited to a copy of the boat's weight certificate, the list of sails and sail tag numbers that will be used in the regatta, the crew list and the Proof of Insurance required in paragraph 21 below. Entries will not be accepted after September 13, 2010.
- 3.4 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply. If there are 60 or more entries, the Race Committee may elect to split the entrants into fleets, in which case, one or more qualifying series and a final series will be sailed. Qualifying series scores will be carried forward into the final series.

#### **4 CLASSIFICATION**

The ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply.

#### **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The required entry fee is US\$750 for entries received by the entry closing date. An additional late registration entry fee of US\$300 is required for entries submitted thereafter but received prior to the late entry deadline of 1800 hrs on September 13, 2010. Boats that register on or before 2300 hrs on May 14, 2010 will receive a discount of US\$100 for early registration. Boats that do not submit the required documentation set forth in 3.2 above prior to 1800 hrs on September 6, 2010 will be assessed a late processing charge of \$100.
- 5.2 Other fees: The entry fee includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and invitations for 5 crew members to social events not restricted to Owners/Charterers only. Additional social packages for crew members will be available for purchase at registration. For out of town boats, rafting will be available at CYC docks at no charge from 0900 hrs on September 13, 2010 through 1200 hrs on Monday, September 20, 2010. For out of town boats who have registered to participate in the CYC Sheldon Clark regatta (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) and paid a separate regatta entry fee of US\$45 to CYC, rafting will be available at CYC docks at no charge beginning at 1200 hrs on Thursday, September 9, 2010.

## 6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

If there are 60 or more entries, the regatta may consist of a qualifying series and a final series. If there are 59 or fewer entries, there will be one final series only. Qualifying series scores will be carried forward into the final series.

## 7 SCHEDULE

### 7.1. Registration:

Registration will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 from 0900 hr to 1800 hrs at the Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe, Chicago, Illinois.

### 7.2 Measurement and Inspection:

As part of the Entry Form, a boat shall submit a working cell phone number that is available and answered beginning at 0900 hrs on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and continuing until the boat has completed all Measurement and Inspection requirements. Thereafter a boat shall periodically monitor the cell phone number in the event the race committee seeks to contact it. Boats and sails to be inspected will be selected by the Fleet 5 Measurer or his designee. Inspections not completed on Tuesday will be conducted beginning at 0900 hrs on Wednesday, September 15 and continuing until completed. The following inspections may be required for one or all of the boats entered.

(A) Boats may be weighed on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 0900 to 1800 hrs or prior to then by appointment but not earlier than Friday, August 27, 2010. A boat's weighing is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or other logistical difficulties.

(B) Boats must be available for inspection beginning on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 0900 hrs to ensure compliance with CR 5 and that boat's Class Weight Certificate and CR 7.3. A copy of the boat's Class Weight Certificate shall be considered as part of the Entry Form and must be submitted in writing prior to 1800 hrs on September 6, 2010 in order for an entry to be complete.

(C) Boats must be available for inspection beginning on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 0900 hrs to ensure compliance with CR 6. A comprehensive list of a boat's complete sail inventory and the corresponding sail tag numbers shall be considered as part of the Entry Form and must be submitted in writing prior to 1600 hrs on September 1, 2010 in order for an entry to be complete. In addition, the sail tag numbers of the five sails (mainsail, two jibs and two spinnakers) that are intended to be used in the regatta shall be identified and considered as part of the Entry Form and must be submitted in writing prior to 1800 hrs on September 6, 2010 in order for an entry to be complete. Sails to be measured will be selected by the Fleet 5 Measurer or his designee. Updates and changes to the list of sails and sail tags numbers may be made (without incurring a late entry registration fee) if in writing and received prior to 1800 hrs on Monday, September 6, 2010. Thereafter, changes or substitution of sails may only be made with the written consent of the Fleet 5 Measurer or his designee for sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed. Sails that do not have sail tags (inscribed with the serial number registered with J/105 Class Secretary) permanently affixed are not permitted, except as provided in CR 6.9.

**NOTE:** If a sail is damaged or destroyed during the regatta, a competitor must make a written request to the Race Committee for it to be professionally repaired. The request must include the sail tag number and a description of the damage sustained. The Fleet 5 Measurer or his designee will inspect the damaged sail and determine if it requires professional repair. Upon his approval, the Race Committee will issue written permission for the repair. Written permission from the

Race Committee must be obtained for the repair to be permitted. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the boat being scored DNC for the next race.

(D) All boats must comply with CR 3 (crew) and CR 7.1 (maximum crew weight). Each Owner or Charterer, as part of the Entry Form, must submit a list containing the names and home addresses of all persons racing on board the boat during the regatta (including substitute crew members) and the unexpired ISAF Classification Code of each person. For each day of the regatta, the crew list must identify the Owner or Charterer, the Driver and each member from the crew list who will race on board. Updates and changes to the list of persons racing and ISAF classification code ruling(s) for each person may be made (without incurring a late registration entry fee) if in writing and received prior to 1800 hrs on Monday, September 6, 2010. Thereafter, additions, changes or substitution of crew may only be made with the written consent of the Race Committee, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld. Each person racing on board a boat must sign a waiver form. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during Crew Weigh-in on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and during Registration on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe, Chicago, IL and at other times by appointment scheduled by request thru the Race Committee. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Chicago Yacht Club. Crew lists, additions, changes or substitution of crew and copies thereof may also be made available on-line.

**NOTE:** Protests involving the ISAF Classification Code of a crew member must be filed prior to the end of the protest period for the race day that such crew member raced on board a boat.

(E) Crew Weigh-in is required by all persons racing on board a boat in the regatta, including substitute (new) crew members. An Owner, or Charterer who is an Owner, who is the sole Driver on board a boat may elect a weight of 220 lbs, in which case he or she shall not be subject to weigh-in. Such election by the Owner or Charterer (as sole Driver) shall be submitted as part of the crew list included with the Entry Form. Crew Weigh-in will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 1200 hr to 1800 hrs and on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 from 0900 hrs to 1800 hrs and will be located at or near Registration at the Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe, Chicago, Illinois.

Late crew weigh-in will be available from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at the Chicago Yacht Club or dockside in Monroe Harbor. A crew member that has not weighed in **MUST** do so on the day of sailing prior to racing, otherwise the Owner or Charterer must receive permission from the Race Committee that permits such crew person(s) to weigh in at the end of the racing day prior to 1800 hrs or within 1 hour of the docking of the Race Committee, whichever is later. Failure to weigh in within the prescribed time limit may result in a boat being scored DNC for all races sailed any day(s) a crew member(s) has not weighed in.

- 7.3 Dates of racing: The series is scheduled to commence on Thursday, September 16th and continue on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on Sunday, September 19th.
- 7.4 Number of races: A total of 11 races are scheduled to be sailed, with three races scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Races not completed on the day scheduled will be added to the

following day's schedule. Races not completed on Sunday will not be sailed. No race will be started after 1300 hrs on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

- 7.5 The harbor start is schedule for 0900 each day (Thursday thru Sunday). Scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1030.

## **8 MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid J/105 Class weight certificate. In addition to the inspections and measurements listed elsewhere, any boat, its content and sails may be inspected or measured at any time during the regatta and until 1600 hrs on Sunday, September 19, 2010 as the result of a protest or upon the initiative of the Fleet 5 Measurer or request of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.
- 8.2 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters (if any) that are indicated on its Entry Form.
- 8.3 Bow numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee and given to each participating boat at Registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the organizing authority or in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1200 hr on Monday, September 13, 2010 at Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois and may be published online at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org) . Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station, 400 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

## **10 VENUE**

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor in Chicago, Illinois.
- 10.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing area in Lake Michigan, east of Chicago, Illinois.

## **11 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be windward - leeward. The Race Committee may utilize a weather offset mark and leeward gate marks.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The penalties are as set forth in the RRS and the CR except as noted in 12.2. and 12.3 below.
- 12.2 After a hearing and a finding of a violation by the Protest Committee, a boat's failure to comply with the crew weight limitation set forth in CR 7.1 or the provisions set forth above in Paragraph 7.2 will result in the boat being scored DNC in each race for the day(s) in which the infraction occurred, except for a failure to obtain written permission from the Race Committee prior to a making a professional repair of a damaged sail. The penalty for failure to obtain written permission from the Race Committee prior to making a professional repair of a damaged sail will result in the boat being scored DNC for the next race.
- 12.3 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2 when the boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 of RRS (other than RRS 14 when there is damage or injury) while racing, unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1. Alternatively a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3. The Scoring Penalty shall be 20% of

the boats entered unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the scoring penalty shall be 40% of the boats entered. This changes RRS 44.3.

### **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System and each boat's series score will be the total of that boat's scores in all the races. This changes RRS 35.
- 13.2 Two races are required to be completed in the final series to constitute the series.

### **14 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall be marked with boat's name or sail number clearly visible on each side. Support boats (tenders) will not be allowed on the race course and must comply with CR 7.10. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats so as to not interfere with the conduct of the regatta. Competitors are reminded of RSS 41.

### **15 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbor(s).

### **16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee, after consultation with the Fleet 5 Measurer or his designee.
- 16.2 Except boats that are to be weighed pursuant to Paragraph 7.2 above, all boats shall be floated by 1200 hrs on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of 16.1, above.

### **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used or around boats that are sailing in the regatta.

### **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts. These may be more fully described in the Sailing Instructions along with the applicable channels. All boats must carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on US channels 9, 16, 71, 72, 73 and 78.

### **19 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the skipper and crew of the overall first through 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers. Daily prizes will also be awarded.

### **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. Each person racing

on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Chicago Yacht Club. The Chicago Yacht Club, the J/105 Class Association, J/105 Fleet 5, and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of Insurance shall be considered as part of the Entry Form and must be submitted in writing prior to 1800 hrs on September 6, 2010 in order for an entry to be complete.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1 For further information please contact Blane Shea, Fleet Captain, J/105 Fleet 5 at 312-515-7858 or [blaneshea@strikingyachtracing.com](mailto:blaneshea@strikingyachtracing.com) via email. An Entry Form and additional information can also be found at the Chicago Yacht Club web site at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org)
- 22.2 Boats are encourage but not required to enter the Sheldon Clark regatta to be held on September 11 and 12, 2010 at the Chicago Yacht Club. A separate entry fee of \$45 is required. There will be a designated section and separate start for the J/105 fleet. More information can be found at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org) or contact Amanda at Chicago Yacht Club by calling 312-861-7777.