



J/70 EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club

September 29 – October 1, 2017

The notation "DP" in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than DSQ.

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The J/70 CR I. I.1 (Spare Gennaker) and I. 1.3 (Support Boats) will apply.
- 1.3** Only the following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply: RRS 67, 76.1, and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties).
- 1.4** RRS 63.7 is replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the NOR and S.I.s, the S.I.s shall apply.
- 1.5** A Corinthian Class will be offered in accordance with NOR Section 4.

2 REGISTRATION, INSPECTION, AND MEASUREMENT

In accordance with NOR Section 7.

3 CLASSIFICATION

In accordance with NOR Section 4.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in front of the main clubhouse.

5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1** Any change to the S.I.s will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2** Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the day before it will take effect:
 - On Friday, within 15 minutes after the end of the Skippers Meeting.
 - On Saturday, within 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag halyard on *Mr Roberts* at her Jackson Creek dock.

6.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes"

In RRS Race Signals "AP". This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

7 SCHEDULE

Friday, September 29

1330	Practice Race
1600-1745	Registration & Check-In
1800	Mandatory Skippers Meeting (Main Clubhouse)
1830	Social w/ food & drink

Saturday, September 30

0800	Continental Breakfast
1100	Warning Signal
1700	Cocktails at Ric's Place
1830	Dinner & Awards

Sunday, October 1

0800	Continental Breakfast
1100	Warning Signal
	Awards & Social ASAP after Racing

**** Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, as boats are finishing means, "No more racing today".**

**** No sequence may begin Sunday after 1415. In the case of a General Recall, the RC may display another Warning Signal after 1415. This does not apply to postponements or abandonments.**

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-In/Registration and may be posted on Yacht Scoring prior to the regatta.

9 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted just east of Stove Point in the vicinity of Piankatank Fl G 4s 19ft 4M "3" (Green Dolphin). Racing may be moved inside Fishing Bay if weather so dictates.

10 RACING PROGRAM AND COURSES

10.1 Multiple races will be attempted each day. Four races are intended on Saturday and three on Sunday.

10.2 Courses will be windward/leeward, twice around. See Appendix A.

- A weather offset mark will be used. There may not be an offset mark used with the change mark.
- A leeward gate will be used. If only one leeward mark is present, boats shall round it to PORT.
- The gate may be adjusted at any time without signal.

10.3 Prior to the Warning Signal, the RC Signal Boat will display the approx. bearing and distance from it to Mark 1.

10.4 As per class guidelines, courses may not be shortened using Flag "S".

11 MARKS

- Weather Mark = Orange Cylinder
- Change Mark = Yellow Tet
- Start/Finish Pin = Orange Cylinder
- Weather Offset = Orange Cylinder
- Leeward Gate = (2) Yellow Cylinders

12 CHECK-IN

Prior to her first race of the day, each boat shall pass by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail her boat name and/or sail number until acknowledged by the RC. **(DP)**

13 THE START

13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified in Instruction 13.3 below.

13.2 The class flag will be a blue flag with a white J/70 logo.

13.3 To alert competitors that a new sequence is about to begin, an Attention Signal of several short sounds will be made approximately one (1) minute prior to the Warning Signal for each race. This is not a timed signal.

13.4 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable mark at the port end.

13.5 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

14 RECALLS

14.1 Individual recalls will be made as per RRS 29.1.

14.2 In addition, the RC will attempt to hail premature starters via **VHF-72**. Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, or the position of a boat in the sequence of notifications shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

15 COURSE CHANGE AFTER START

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a yellow change mark and remove the original orange marks as soon as practicable. There may not be an offset mark used with the change mark.

15.2 Changes in bearing will be signaled as per RRS 33(a)(2), i.e. a red or green flag.

15.3 A mark may be adjusted up to five (5) degrees and/or 0.15 nm without a signal being made.

16 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at one end of the line and an inflatable mark at the other.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) is in effect:

- V1 – Penalty at the Time of An Incident

- V2 – Penalty Taken After a Race

17.2 If a boat collides with any RC boat and causes injury or serious damage on either vessel, her penalty shall be to retire.

18 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

18.1 The target time for each race is 60 mins. Failure of a race to meet this target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

18.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 105 mins.

18.3 Boats still racing but not finished within (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored one (1) point more than the number of boats who sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

19 RETIREMENTS

Any boat that retires from a race shall promptly notify an RC vessel and be acknowledged before leaving the racing area. This may be done via VHF-72. **(DP)**

20 PROTESTS

20.1 A boat intending to protest another boat or request redress from an incident in the racing area must so notify the RC Finish Boat immediately upon finishing or retiring. This notification must include the protested boat's name and/or sail number and must be continued until acknowledged by the RC.

20.2 Written protests must be delivered to the Chief Judge within one (1) hour of *Mr Roberts* docking.

20.3 A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time. This posting constitutes the notice required for Race Committee and/or Protest Committee protests under RRS 61.1(b). This changes RRS 61.1(b).

20.4 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or UFP before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on the

posted score shall be made no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the end of protest time. This changes RRS 62.2.

20.5 On Sunday, a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered to the Chief Judge no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the decision is posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

21 SCORING

21.1 Scoring will be as per the Appendix A Low Point Scoring System except that, if five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

21.2 One complete race is necessary to constitute a regatta.

22 RADIOS

22.1 The RC will make radio transmissions to the fleet via **VHF-72**. RC broadcasts of its intentions are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC flags and signals.

22.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other devices capable of sending or receiving any type of communication or connecting it to the internet.

22.3 As per Instruction 14.2, the RC will attempt to hail premature starters via **VHF-72**.

22.4 The RC will not respond to transmissions except for emergencies or to acknowledge retirements or protests.

23 HAULING OF BOATS

Boats shall be in the water by 0930 on Saturday, September 30, and may not be removed from the water without prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

24.1 Coach and support boats shall comply with CR I 1.3.

24.2 Coach and support boats must register with the OA at Registration/Check-In.

24.3 Coach and support boats shall monitor **VHF-72** and respond immediately to transmissions from the RC.

25 PRIZES

Appropriate awards will be given to both the Championship and Corinthian Fleets.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

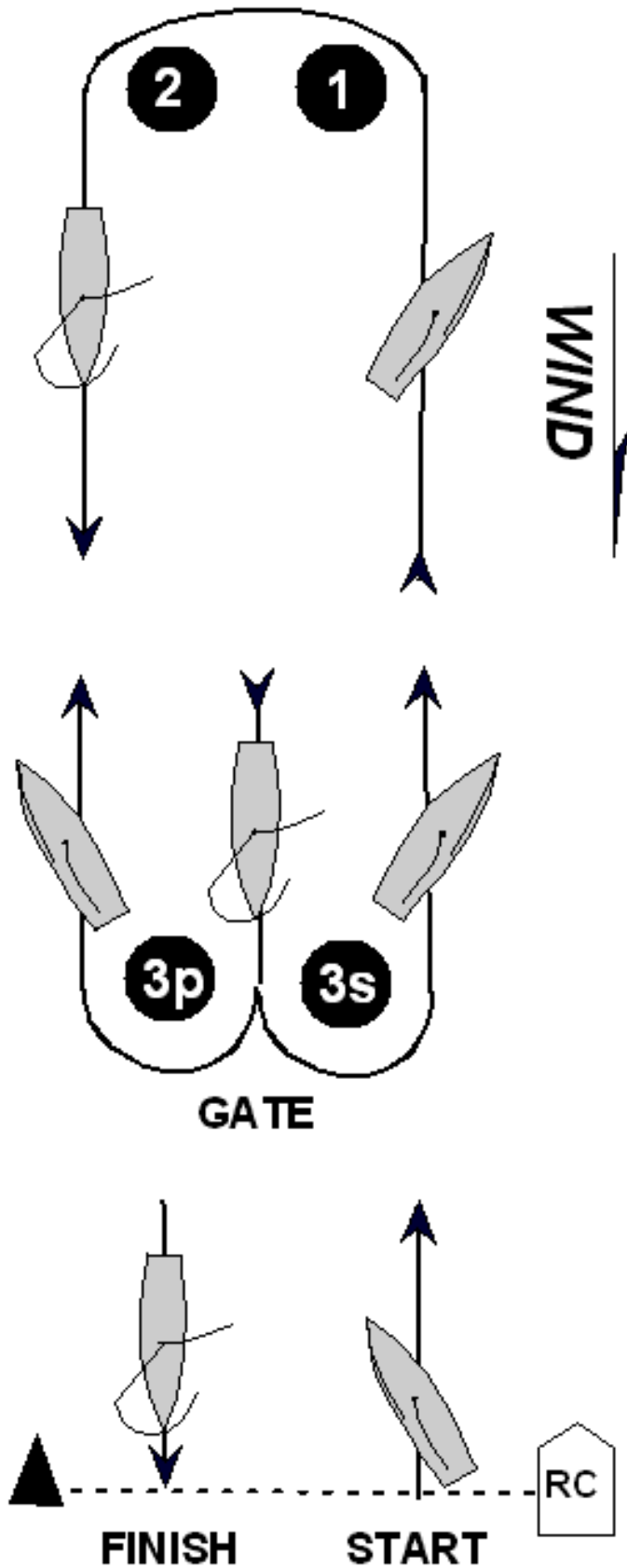
Competitors compete in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 CONTACTS

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Principal Race Officer John McCarthy (757) 850-4225 (Home) (757) 814-7593 (Cell)

APPENDIX A - COURSE



***Course = Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – Finish**

***Marks 1 and 2 are left to PORT**

***Bearing and distance from RC to Mark 1 will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal.**