



J/70 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2018
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
February 22 – 25, 2018
Organizing Authority
Coral Reef Yacht Club & J/70 Class Association



1. RULES:
 - 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2. Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, Appendix R, and Appendix V shall apply (See Attachment III). This changes NOR 1.4.
 - 1.3. US Sailing Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
 - 1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
 - 1.5. RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7.
 - 1.6. J/70 CR I.3 (Support Boats) shall apply.
 - 1.7. J/70 CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) shall apply.
 - 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:
 - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be located on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4500>.
 - 2.2. Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcasted on VHF on channel “71”.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at CRYC.
 - 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 signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:
 - 5.1. Racing is scheduled Friday February 23rd through Sunday February 25th.
 - 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Friday February 23rd and Saturday February 24th is 1100 hours.
 - 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday February 25th is 1000 hours.
 - 5.4. Nine (9) races are scheduled with no more than 3 races per day unless the event falls behind schedule.

- 5.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
 - 5.6. On the last day of the regatta, no initial warning signal for a race will be made after 1400 hrs.
6. CLASS FLAG:
 - 6.1. The Class flag will be the J/70 logo on a white flag.
7. RACE AREA:
 - 7.1. Attachment I shows the location of the racing area.
8. COURSES:
 - 8.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment II 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 race committee boat will display on a board the course to be sailed including the approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.
9. MARKS:
 - 9.1. Mark 1 and 2s/2p will be inflatable Orange Cylinders.
 - 9.2. The Offset mark (OS) will be an Orange Three (3) Foot Tomato.
 - 9.3. Marks for the start and/or finish shall be yellow inflatable cylinders and/or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat.
10. START:
 - 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee mark boat at the port end, or
 - 10.2. The starting lines will be:
 - 10.2.1. Between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC mid-line boat; and,
 - 10.2.2. Between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC mid-line boat and the staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC pin boat. These are two separate starting lines.
 - 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
 - 10.4. Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 and 30.4 may be broadcast on the VHF channel 71 using sail and/or bow numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1, 30.3 and 30.4.
 - 10.5. Failure of the RC to make or boats to receive 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).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. If a change of course is made at mark OS, marks 2s/2p may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.

12. THE FINISH:

- 12.1. The finishing line for course 4 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end of the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee mark boat at the starboard end.
- 12.2. The finishing line for course 5 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of a Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the port end of a Race Committee mark boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 13.1. US Sailing Appendix T for Arbitration and Appendix V for Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 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 may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 13.3. If a member of the jury witnesses and infringement of Class Rule C3.3 (crew positioning), RRS 49, or Class Rule C9.4(b)(1) (bowsprit use), he/she may indicate his/her observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boats sail or bow number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a one-turn penalty. Action or lack of action by the jury under this instruction shall not be ground for redress. This changes Rule 62.1 (a).
- 13.4. The penalty for breaking class rules or RRS other than Part 2 or 31 will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES:

- 14.1. The target time for each race is 55-65 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 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3. 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 and jury room will be located in the CRYC Lobby.
- 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 race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by

the race committee 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. The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.7. Notices of protests by the RC or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.8. Breaches of SI 1.4, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches will be at the discretion of the jury (DPI: Discretionary Penalty Imposed).
- 15.9. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the information was posted, or the protest deadline, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING:

- 16.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2.
- 16.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a championship.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

- 17.1. Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with the International J/70 Class Rules.
- 17.2. Boats that retire from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3. Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the Race Committee .

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

- 18.1. Substitution or change in number of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Class Representative. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and/or sailing instructions.
- 19.2. 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. EVENT ADVERTISING:

20.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA), in accordance with RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS:

21.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee Boats	Blue RC Flag
Jury Boats	Judge Flag
Coach and Support Boats	White Flag

22. SUPPORT PERSONS:

22.1. 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.

22.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 100 meters to leeward of the starting line, leeward marks and 100 meters away from any racing boats at all times.

22.3. Any support boats entering the restricted area or impeding a competitor or the Race Committee shall be liable to a discretionary penalty imposed by the Jury on their competing boat for breach of this SI.

22.4. At all times, support boats shall comply with the directions given by the Race Committee. In particular this includes assisting with rescues when requested to do so.

22.5. Support boats shall monitor and be on call on VHF channel 71 at all times.

23. BERTHING:

23.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned place as directed by the OA and RC when either afloat or ashore.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL:

24.1. Trash may be placed on board support or official boats or be placed in trash cans at the CRYC.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

25.1. Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday February 22nd 2018.

25.2. Boats shall not be hauled out and rudders shall remain in the water during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

25.3. Boats shall not use dehumidifiers during the regatta between 1800 Thursday February 22nd and the end of racing on Sunday February 25th.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

26.1. 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.

26.2. The RC will use VHF channel 71 to communicate with the fleet. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board.

27. PRIZES:

27.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

27.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER:

28.1. Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Coral Reef Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, judges, officers and board of directors of CRYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after this regatta.

28.2. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall complete the online liability & media waiver available on the regatta website.

29. INSURANCE:

29.1. 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.

30. RACE OFFICIALS:

Jury Chairman (Chief Judge)	Stephen B. Jeffries
Race Committee PRO	Jaime A. Ramon
Event Chair	Christopher Lanza

31. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Attachment II – Course Diagrams

Course 4	Course 5
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), finish</p>	<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p>

Attachment III – US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS which apply:

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 rules.ussailing.org 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 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.

Rule 70.5(a) After rule 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 rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.

APPENDIX R PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule R7.1(a).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST **R1.1** Send appeals, requests and the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form (see rule R2.2) by email to the US Sailing Race Administration Director at

submitappeal@ussailing.org. For more information about submitting appeal documents, call US Sailing at 1 (800) US SAIL 1.

R1.2 Except as provided in rule R1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee, an appeal under rule 70.1(b) or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.

R1.3 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of rules to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R1.4 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST
R2.1 To appeal, (a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; (b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a protest or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or (c) when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. If a copy of the protest or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.

R2.2 The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form. To obtain the form, go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Information Form' link. The form requests all of the following documents and information available: (a) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress; (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee and the appeal to the association appeals committee; (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks; (2) the course to the next mark and its required side; (3) the speed and direction of the wind; (4) any relevant mark, obstruction or zone; and (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current; (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them; (e) the names, postal addresses and email addresses of the parties to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and (f) any other relevant documents.

R2.3 To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall, no later than 15 days after making its decision, send to US Sailing a copy of its decision, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form, and all relevant documents and comments (see rule R2.2).

R2.4 To request an interpretation of the rules, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing.

R3 FEES **R3.1** *If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see rule R1.2), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which case the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.*

R3.2 *If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see rules R1.3 and R1.4) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25. The fee is \$75 for all others.*

R3.3 *A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for such a request from a US Sailing committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision. There is no fee for an appeal under rule 70.1(b).*

R3.4 *If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to 'US Sailing' or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.*

R4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED *Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule R2.2 not supplied by the appellant.*

R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES **R5.1 Protest Committee** *A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule R4 and any facts or other information requested under rule R5.4. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the protest or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.*

R5.2 Association Appeals Committee *(a) The association appeals committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee. (b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all parties to the hearing and the protest committee. (c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.*

R5.3 US Sailing Appeals Committee *The US Sailing Appeals Committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.*

R5.4 Inadequate Facts; Reopening *An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information in writing, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts in writing, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.*

R6 COMMENTS *The parties to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in rule R2.2, and on any clarifications received under rule R7.2(d). Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the party or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments.*

R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RULES 70 AND 71 **R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction** (a) A party to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee's decision. (b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule R2.3).

R7.2 Other Provisions (a) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US Sailing Appeals Committee. (b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats. (c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide. (d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of rules governing the event from organizations that are not parties to the hearing.

R7.3 Withdrawing an Appeal With the consent of the appeals committee, an appellant may withdraw an appeal before it is decided.

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS An expedited appeals system, which can only be used at US Sailing Protected Competitions (see US Sailing Regulation 12.03), can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Expedited Appeals' link.

APPENDIX V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state.

Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to rules@ussailing.org.

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 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 rule 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.'

V2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.