



September 8-13, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The International J/70 Class Association, in conjunction with the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, welcomes competitors to the inaugural World Championship in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, with racing from September 9 to September 13, 2014. The official regatta website is <http://www.j70worlds.com>.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in NOR Addendum A shall apply and will be posted on the official regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum A.
- 1.3 The International J/70 Class Rules will apply. Class Rules I.1 and I.3 of PART III are invoked.
- 1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) Part I shall apply.
- 1.5 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules of RRS. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 **Crew Above Deck** – Except for momentary sail handling and/or repair needs, or illness, crew shall remain above deck while racing.

2 BOW NUMBERS/ EVENT IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

Boats shall display the provided bow numbers and event bow stickers in the position as directed by the OA. They shall be displayed on both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the tent next to the Sail Newport Waterfront Center at Fort Adams.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding the sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the race committee. The question(s) and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change 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 1800 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the Sail Newport Waterfront Center.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Signals designating the rendezvous location, as described in SI Attachment A, will be displayed at 0900 each morning of racing from the flagpole. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the location at that time over VHF Channel 72.

6 SCHEDULE & FORMAT

- | Day | Date | Time | Event |
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| Saturday | Sept. 6 | 0900-1700 | Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport |
| Sunday | Sept. 7 | 0900-1700 | Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport |
| Monday | Sept. 8 | 0900-1200 | Measurement and Registration at Sail Newport |
| | | 1030 | Skippers' Meeting in the Regatta Tent at Sail Newport |
| | | 1300 | Warning signal for the Practice Race |
| | | 1800-1930 | Opening Reception at NYYC |
| Tuesday | Sept. 9 | 1100 | Day 1 – Qualifying Series – First Warning Signal |
| Wednesday | Sept. 10 | 1100 | Day 2 – Qualifying Series – First Warning Signal |
| | | After sailing | Regatta BBQ at NYYC |
| Thursday | Sept. 11 | 1100 | Day 3 – Final Series – First Warning Signal |
| Friday | Sept. 12 | 1100 | Day 4 – Final Series – First Warning Signal |
| Saturday | Sept. 13 | 1100 | Day 5 – Final Series – First Warning Signal |
| | | After sailing | Prize Giving at Sail Newport |
- 6.2 There will be a competitors' briefing in the Regatta Tent at 0830 on Tuesday through Saturday.
- 6.3 It is the intention of the OA to conduct a Qualifying Series on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 10, in order to divide the Worlds fleet into a Gold and Silver Final Series. A minimum of four races are required to be completed for each fleet as described in SI 6.4 to constitute the Qualifying Series.
- 6.4 **Qualifying Series**
- The OA will assign boats to four fleets that are as equal as possible in size and ability. Initial seeding will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the International J/70 Class. Those assignments will be posted no later than 1030 on Monday, September 8.
 - Each boat will be provided a colored streamer (red, blue, yellow, green) at registration which will identify their fleet. The streamer shall be displayed from the backstay while racing.
 - A flight is a race that includes two of the four fleets. The pairings of fleets for each flight will be determined by the race committee who will display colored flags at the warning signal identifying the two fleets that will race in that flight.
 - The race committee will run up to six races in the Qualifying Series with each fleet racing each other fleet as equal a number of times as possible.
 - If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of the first day, the fleets with fewer races will begin racing on the following day. If at the end of the Qualifying Series, some boats have more scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded from any scoring so that all boats have the same number of race scores in the Qualifying Series.
 - It is the responsibility of each competitor to race in the correct flight as designated by the race committee. The failure to start in the correct flight shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 6.5 **Final Series** - Boats will be assigned to the Final Series Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranking in the Qualifying Series. The Final Series will be divided into fleets of equal size as nearly as possible, but the Silver fleet shall not be larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best rankings in the Qualifying Series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The remaining boats will be assigned to the Silver fleet.
- 6.6 Up to six races are scheduled in the Qualifying Series. Up to eight races are scheduled in the Final Series. No more than four races may be sailed on any race day.
- 6.7 The Race Committee, in consultation with the IJCA representative and the Chief Judge, may deviate from the above schedule, including using additional days to complete the Qualifying Series as needed.
- 6.8 The warning signal for a race shall not be made after 1500 hours on Saturday, Sept. 13, unless posted by 1800 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on Friday, Sept. 12. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1500, the race committee may

display subsequent warning signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

7 CLASS FLAGS

For the Qualifying Series, colored flags matching the fleet color will be used to identify the fleets sailing in a given flight as the class flags in accordance with RRS 26. For the Final Series, a yellow flag will be the class flag for the gold fleet and a blue flag will be the class flag for the silver fleet.

8 RACE AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters of Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay. See SI 5.3 and SI Attachment A.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
- 9.2 Offset marks will be used at the weather mark. The leeward mark will be a gate.
- 9.3 Approximately five minutes prior to the warning signal for each race, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation, the magnetic bearing to the windward mark and the distance in nautical miles and tenths to the windward mark, as shown below, and broadcast this information on VHF channel 72. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

W	2	1
4	1	5
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Course	Magnetic Bearing to WM	Distance to WM (e.g. 1.5 NM)

9.4 Courses:

- Course W4 Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)*
- Course W5 Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)*
- Course W6 Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)*

- 9.5 Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of mark 1.
- 9.6 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark to port.
- 9.7 Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned to windward of the RC signal boat.
- 9.8 The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 9.9 Except for when there is a change of course:
- (a) the downwind finish line for course 4 and 6 will be to leeward of the gate; and
 - (b) the upwind finish line for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.

10 MARKS

10.1 Description of the Marks:

	Original Marks	New Marks per SI 13
Mark 1	Pink inflatable mark	Green inflatable mark
Mark 1A	Red inflatable mark	Red inflatable mark
Gate (2P/2S)	Yellow inflatable marks	Orange inflatable marks
Start	RC boats	RC boats
Finish	RC boats and red inflatable mark	RC boats and red inflatable mark

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas that are obstructions

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 12.2 A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting line boat.
- 12.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and stay behind the starting line.
- 12.5 Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
- 12.6 Individual and General Recall flags may also be displayed by the port end starting line boat.
- 12.7 After a general recall for a start that used starting penalty RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule), the RC will attempt to broadcast the bow/sail numbers of boats that are observed to be ZFP.
- 12.8 Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed will not be grounds for granting a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark. The finishing line will be located to leeward of the leeward gate.
- 14.2 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark. The finishing line will be located to windward of the windward mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Penalties at the time of the 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 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.’

- 15.2 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 possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 15.3 Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 15.4 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury office or complete the [online form](#) within the protest time limit.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The target time for each race is 70-75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “TLE” Time Limit Expired without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the blue flag with one sound to indicate that the finish line is closed.

16.3 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is two hours. If no boat has passed the first mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 The jury desk and jury room will be located in the Sail Newport Waterfront Center adjacent to Fort Adams. On Wednesday evening, the jury office may be moved to the New York Yacht Club Sailing Center and competitors will be so notified by a regatta notice.

17.2 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms will be available at the jury desk.

17.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury desk within the appropriate time limit.

17.4 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.

17.5 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.

17.6 Notices of protests by the RC or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.7 Breaches of SI 1.7, 2, 15.4, 19, 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.

17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

17.9 On the last scheduled 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.

17.10 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

18 SCORING

18.1. The regatta will be scored as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System except as changed below. This changes RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

18.2. In the Qualifying Series, each race is comprised of two flights, the scores in each flight will be combined to produce a single scoring for that race, including two firsts, two seconds, etc., which are not ties to be broken by rule A7.

18.3 Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores in the qualifying series are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest flight.

18.4 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series.

18.5 Except for scores excluded under SI 18.7, a boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from both the Qualifying Series and the Final Series.

18.6 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.7 When from five to fourteen races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Note that if five or more races are completed in the Qualifying Series, a boat can exclude her worst score for the purposes of fleet placement for the Final Series. If subsequently a boat has a worse score in the Final Series, that worst score will be excluded.

18.8 Each Final Series fleet will be scored separately and different Final Series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the overall regatta standings than the boats assigned to the Silver fleet.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Boats that retire from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Boats that leave the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the RC.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 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 to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.2 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

RC signal and pin boats



RC mark boats



Jury boats



23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Support boats shall comply with **CR L3 SUPPORT BOATS** :

Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including:

- (i) communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, visual signalling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or different colors of clothing) or
- (ii) the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring each day until the boat has finished racing for the day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) late arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat prior to the first race of the day, and (ii) crew may be transferred in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency. Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty to the boat associated with the support boat. Such penalty may be either penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee or jury.

- 23.2 Support Boats and operators shall register with the OA during registration.
- 23.3 Support Boats, including coach and spectator boats, shall clearly display the flag provided by the OA. These boats shall stay below the starting line during the starting sequence, shall stay outside the racing area, and at least 100 yards from any boat that is racing. In addition, support boats shall not cause a wake that disturbs any racing boat.

24 BERTHING

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

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1600 on Monday, September 8.
- 25.2 Boats shall not be hauled out 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 1600 on September 8 and 1000 on September 13.
- 25.4 Underwater breathing apparatus or their equivalent shall not be used.
- 25.5 Boats shall not remove their rudder during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

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 race committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on VHF channel 72. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, or the failure to make, or for the competitor to hear, such an announcement shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 26.3 The RC will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with the fleet.
- 26.4 It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving channels 16 and 72.

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 LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

- 28.1 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.
- 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 boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, and shall be maintained during the period of racing with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per incident.
- 29.2 Evidence of insurance, as described in NOR 20.1, shall be provided at registration.

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHMENT A – Racing Areas

