



NOTICE OF RACE

TORQEEDO J/70 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

16-22 May 2016

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Seabrook, TX

Organizing Authority – Lakewood Yacht Club and J/70 Class Association

Website - www.j70nac.com



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 – 2016) (RRS).
- 1.2. J/70 Class Rules (CR) I.1 (Spare Gennaker) and I.3 (support boats) shall apply.
- 1.3. Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1 and added Rules 61.4 and 82 shall apply.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.6. The International Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than Disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or RRS Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA), in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20. If provided, flags / stickers / decals shall be displayed from 18 May 6:00pm through 22 May.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=11301

- 3.3. The entry deadline is 2300, 13 May 2016. Entries will not be accepted after the entry deadline
- 3.4. A maximum of 120 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form and required fees are received. Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- 3.5. Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing prior to 2300 15 April 2016, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 15 April 2016 will receive this refund less a \$200 processing fee.
- 3.6. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 3.7. To complete the advanced registration process, the following required information must be entered online via the regatta website:
 - The crew list with valid ISAF Sailor ID and ISAF Classification for drivers and all crew for boats wishing to be eligible for Corinthian Awards,
 - Insurance information per NOR 20.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. As per RRS 79, ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply. Reference CR C.3.2.
- 4.2. For Corinthian Awards, all drivers and all crew shall be current ISAF Group 1 competitors and shall register their ISAF Sailor ID and classification via the regatta website by the end of check-in.
- 4.3. A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee shall be:
 - US \$550 for entries received before 2300 15 April 2016
 - US \$650 for entries received after 2300 15 April 2016 and before 2300 13 May 2016
- 5.2. The entry fee includes:
 - Invitation to all social events for the Owner / Charterer and up to three crew members
 - Launch and haul out on LYC premises
 - Measurement, as directed by the J/70 Class
 - In water dockage from start of registration until the end of the regatta (See NOR 14)
 - On-site and off-site trailer storage between 7 May 2016 and May 24 2016 (See NOR 14)
 - One on-site parking pass
 - One practice race day
 - Four regatta race days
 - Awards and prizes
 - Social events, including beverages, 5 evenings, 18 May 2016 thru 22 May 2016
 - Dinner for a team of 4 on each of three evenings (Additional tickets may be purchased)

- Full guest privileges at Lakewood Yacht Club, including all on site dining and bar services. LYC guest cards will be available.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1. All boats shall sail as one fleet.
- 6.2. The Race Committee may use a 3 boat starting line as further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3. Three races per day are planned, with two races planned for the final day of racing – 11 races total are planned.

7. SCHEDULE

Competitors should be aware that Lakewood Yacht Club will host the *LYC Shoe Regatta* on the weekend prior to the J/70 NAC regatta week (5/14-15). A J/70 start is planned for this event. This is a separate regatta which may be used as a warm-up event. Participation is not part of the J/70 North American Championship. Registration for the Shoe Regatta will be available separately through the LYC website www.lakewoodyachtclub.com and on Regatta Network.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 16 May	0900 - 1700	Registration, Measurement
Tue 17 May	0900 – 1700	Registration, Measurement
Wed 18 May	0900 – 1700	Registration, Measurement
	1200	All Boats On-Site
	1800	All Boats Afloat
	1300	Practice Race – First Signal
	1800	Competitors Meeting
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Thu 19 May	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1100	Racing – First Signal
		Subsequent Races – 5 min after drop of the “B” flag
	1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Fri 20 May	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1100	Racing – First Signal
		Subsequent Races – 5 min after drop of the “B” flag
	1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Sat 21 May	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1100	Racing – First Signal (additional races to follow)
		Subsequent Races – 5 min after drop of the “B” flag
	1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Sun 22 May	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1100	Racing – First Signal
		Subsequent Races – 5 min after drop of the “B” flag
	1330	No warning signal after this time
	ASAP after ashore	Haul out after racing
	1800	Closing Ceremony and Awards

8. ON SITE CHECK IN, INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall complete on site forms and waivers during check in hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than 16 Apr 2016.
- 8.2. Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be presented at the on site check in (See NOR 20).
- 8.3. Boats and sails are subject to inspection and measurement at the discretion of the event equipment inspector. Additional details will be published on the regatta website no later than 16 Apr 2016.
- 8.4. Changes or substitution of sails shall be in accordance with CR C.10 and will require the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 8.5. Changes or substitution of crew, including changes to the number of crew, will require prior written consent of the Race Committee.
- 8.6. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during check in. Changes to crew lists, including changes to the number of crew, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.7. Bow numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee and supplied to each participating boat at the completion of check in. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 0900 on Monday 16 May 2016 at Lakewood Yacht Club and online at the regatta website.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Attachment A shows the location of Lakewood Yacht Club and the racing area in Galveston Bay.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.2. 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. SCORING

- 13.1. In accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2, the Sailing Instructions will provide for scoring as per Appendix A2, except that no scores will be excluded. This changes Appendix A2.
- 13.2. Three (3) completed races during the series are required to constitute a Championship.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall comply with CR I.3.
- 14.2. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.
- 14.3. Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check in.
- 14.4. While on the water support boats shall display prominently the flag supplied by the OA.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA and RC when either afloat or ashore.
- 15.2. The use of dehumidifiers of any type is prohibited.

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1800 Wednesday 18 May 2016.
- 16.2. Boats shall not be hauled out until after a boat finishes their regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other device capable of sending and receiving any type of communication with the exception of GPS devices.
- 17.2. The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on the VHF radio. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, the failure to make the hails, or for the competitor to hear such an announcement shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. For the J/70 North American Championship event, prizes will be given to the top fifteen (15) percent of finishers overall and the top fifteen (15) percent of finishers in the Corinthian Division (see NOR 4.2). Daily prizes will also be awarded. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVERS

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2. 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 and release of liability at or before on-site registration and check-in. Lakewood Yacht Club, the J/70 Class Association and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or the participation of any boat.
- 19.3. Skippers' waivers are submitted with the on-line entry form. Crew waivers are submitted on-line at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=11391

- 19.4. A link to the crew waivers is also available on the 2016 J/70 NAC website at www.j70nac.com. A link to the list of all crew who have submitted waivers is also provided.

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=11391&custom_report_id=70

- 19.5. It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage is current through the end of the regatta shall be supplied as part of completing check in.

21. RACE OFFICIALS

Jury Chairman: Leo Reise, IJ-CAN

Principal Race Officer: Jim Tichenor, IRO-US

ATTACHMENT A

Racing Area and Harbor Location

