

4th Annual J/70 Fall Brawl & East Coast Championships



Saturday-Sunday, 24-25 October 2015

Hosted by
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

With Amendment No. 1

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the J/70 Class Rules, the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SIs), and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs (or amendments thereto), the SIs as amended shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 J/70 Class Rules (CR) I.1 (Spare Gennaker) and I.3 (Support Boats) will apply.

2 ENTRIES

The regatta is open to competitors racing J/70s. Eligible crews may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee prior to 1900 hours on Friday, 23 October, 2015.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside, near the ground floor rear entryway doors and "Sparky's Shed" on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of events is:
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| Wed, 21 October | 2000 | Sailing Instructions posted to EYC website, Official Notice Board |
| Fri, 23 October | 1200-1800 | Out of town competitors set up & launch |
| | 1800 | Entry & registration closes |
| | 1900 | Competitors meeting; free keg of beer & cash bar |
| Sat, 24 October | 0930 | Rendezvous, Annapolis Harbor Lighted Buoy R2 (FL R 2.5s) |
| | 1030 | Warning Signal for first race |
| | | Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee |
| | 1800 | Competitors dinner, no charge; two free kegs of beer & cash bar |
| Sun, 25 October | 0900 | Rendezvous, Annapolis Harbor Lighted Buoy R2 (FL R 2.5s) |
| | 1000 | Warning Signal for first race |
| | | Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee |
| | | NO Warning signal after 1400 hours |
| | | Awards party after racing; free keg of beer & cash bar |
- 6.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.3 Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Annapolis Harbor Lighted Buoy R2 (FL R 2.5s), as shown in Attachment 1, one (1) hour prior to the scheduled Warning Signal.

6.4 Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The J/70 class flag will be the “J/70” flag, a white flag with a red J/70 logo.

8 RACING AREA

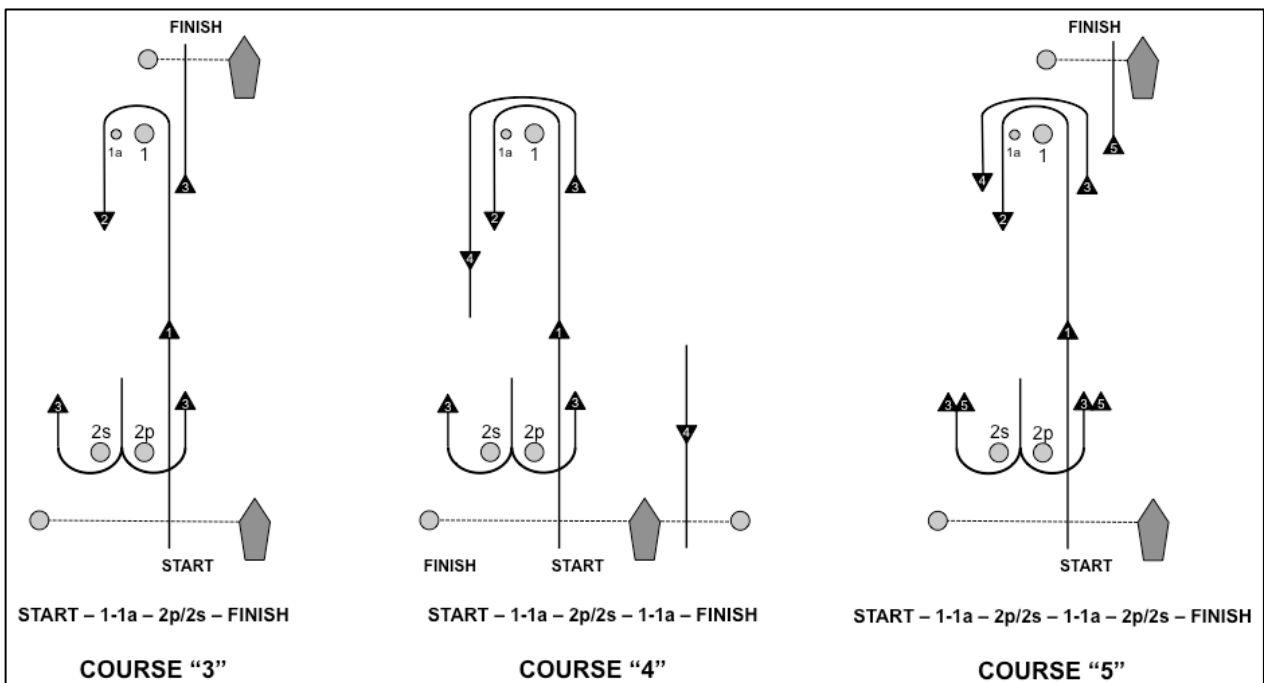
The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

9 CHECK IN

Prior to starting, all contestants shall check in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat, hail their sail number, and be acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10 COURSES

10.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to Port.



10.2 The course to be sailed, approximate heading, and distance to the first mark will be designated by placards on the side of the Signal Boat opposite the start line.

10.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag “C” will be displayed by the Signal Boat before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

11 MARKS

11.1 The start and finish pins will be orange tetrahedrons. Leeward and windward marks will be 5-foot orange cylinders. The windward mark may have an offset mark, which shall be a 4-foot orange cylinder.

11.2 The first change mark shall be a yellow tetrahedron. A subsequent change mark will revert to the previous type of mark.

11.3 All marks display “EYC” in black block lettering.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the following addition: An attention signal consisting of a series of short horn blasts will be given approximately one (1) minute before the Warning signal of each race.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and either the course side of the port end starting mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end.

12.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

13 RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 73. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timing of the hail, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

14 CHANGES TO 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.

15 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between the staff or halyard on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying a blue flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is replaced by: "A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty:

- (a) at the time of the incident, by taking a Two Turns Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2.
- (b) after racing and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident, by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty. However, if the boat caused serious damage or gained significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 If no boat in a class reaches the first Windward mark within thirty (30) minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 17.2 If no boat in a class sails the course and finishes within two (2) hours of the start of a race, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 17.3 Boats still racing fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing, and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points, but not worse than the number of starters. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 RRS/US Appendix T, Section D (Arbitration), will apply.
- 18.2 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention either by hail or by radio on VHF channel 73. She shall include the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 18.3 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat dock time. The list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1b and 63.2.
- 18.4 Breaches of instructions 9, 18, 19.1, 20, and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 18.5 Protest forms will be available at the jury desk, located next to the EYC RC Office, and shall be filed with the jury secretary.
- 18.6 Hearings will begin as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest notices will be posted and will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The parties and their witnesses shall remain in the area of the protest hearings.
- 18.7 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board and the Protest Board before the end of the Protest Time Limit.
- 18.8 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

19 SAFETY

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73.
- 19.2 A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The U.S. Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 19.3 The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 18.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and RRS 61.3.
- 19.4 RRS 42.3 (Propulsion - Exceptions) is changed by adding: "(j) A boat that is unavoidably without way in a ship channel may use any means of propulsion to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic provided that, when becoming clear of the commercial traffic, the boat has not improved their position as a result of this action. A boat claiming this exception shall report the incident in writing to the protest committee within the protest time limit, with all the facts necessary to substantiate the boat's speed and change of position during the incident."
- 19.5 RRS 62.1 (Redress) is changed by adding: "(e) clearing a ship channel in compliance with SI 19.4."

20 SCORING

- 20.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply.
- 20.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 20.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points, but not worse than the number of starters, by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be launched by 1000 hours on Saturday, 24 October 2015. A boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta. A written request for an exception must be submitted to the RC and be in accordance with the J/70 Class Rules.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions, other than communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channel 73, while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.
- 22.2 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.
- 22.3 RRS 41 (Outside Help) is modified such that monitoring VHF weather channels or Race Committee communications on VHF channel 73 does not break RRS 41.

23 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are encouraged not to use disposable water bottles. Racers should refrain from throwing trash in the water and recycle all appropriate items. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority or any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any responsibility or liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustain in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

26 SOCIAL

- 26.1 A competitors meeting is scheduled at EYC on Friday, 23 October 2015, beginning at 1900 hours.
- 26.2 A dinner for all skippers and crew is planned at EYC on Saturday, 24 October 2015, after racing concludes. The dinner is provided at no cost to competitors; a cash bar will be available.
- 26.3 An awards party will be held at EYC will begin on Sunday, 25 October 2015, after racing concludes. All skippers and crew are invited.

