



J/70 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



July 14-20, 2014

Rochester, NY USA

Hosted by Rochester Yacht Club

Website: www.j70nac.com

The Organizing Authority is the Rochester Yacht Club and the J/70
Class Association (OA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. J/70 Class Rules (CR) 1.1 (Spare Gennaker) and 1.3 (Support Boats) will apply.
- 1.3. Only the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1 and added rules 61.4 and 82 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment B.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. RRS/US prescription Appendix T Section A (Penalties at the time of the Incident), Section B (Post-Race Penalties) and Section D (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.6. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply
- 1.7. The international jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1(a)

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20. If provided, flags and/or stickers or decals shall be displayed beginning Wednesday July 16 through Sunday, July 20, 2014.

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.
- 3.3. The entry deadline will be 2300 July 9, 2014. 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 June 9, 2014, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after June 9 will only receive this refund if boats remain on the waiting list.
- 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:
 - 3.7.1. The crew list with valid ISAF sailor ID and ISAF classification for drivers and, for boats

- wishing to be eligible for Corinthian awards, all crew.
- 3.7.2. Insurance information per NOR 20.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 As per RRS 79, ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply. See 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 registration.
- 4.3 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is as follows:
- 5.1.1. US \$550 for entries received before 2300 June 9
 - 5.1.2. US \$650 for entries received between 2300 June 9 and 2300 July 9.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes:
- 5.2.1. Invitation to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and up to three crew members
 - 5.2.2. Launch and haulout on RYC premises.
 - 5.2.3. Measurement, as directed by the J/70 Class.
 - 5.2.4. In water dockage from the start of registration until the end of the regatta (see NOR 14)
 - 5.2.5. Trailer storage between July 14 and July 20
 - 5.2.6. On site car parking
 - 5.2.7. 1 Practice race day
 - 5.2.8. 4 Regatta race days
 - 5.2.9. Awards and prizes
 - 5.2.10. Social events, including beverages, 5 evenings, Wednesday July 16 thru Sunday July 20.
 - 5.2.11. Dinner for a team of 4 on each of two evenings. (Additional tickets may be purchased).
 - 5.2.12. Full guest privileges at Rochester Yacht Club, including all on site dining and bar services. RYC guest cards will be provided.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES and FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. The Qualifying Series will be scored in accordance with RRS A2, except that no race will be excluded. The Final Series will be scored in accordance with RRS A2, except that no race shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 6.2. The scores of the Qualifying Series will not carry forward to the Final Series for either Gold or Silver fleets.
- 6.3. The race committee will, based on the Qualifying Series, divide the fleet in two for the Final Series.
- 6.3.1. A maximum of 4 races on any day may be sailed, with a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.
 - 6.3.2. The regatta will consist of a qualifying series of 3 races, followed by a final series of a maximum of 9 races.
 - 6.3.3. For the qualifying series, the Race Committee will divide the competitors into four groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations.
 - 6.3.4. Based on results of the qualifying series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the Final Series.
 - 6.3.5. Competitors will be informed in which group they will sail their qualifying series by the

close of registration.

6.4. During the Qualifying Series and the Final Series, both fleets will be sailing on the same race course area.

7. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time
Mon	14 July	Registration and Measurement	0900-1700
Tues	15 July	Registration and Measurement	0900-1700
Wed	16 July	Registration and Measurement All boats shall be on site before 1200 Practice Starts and Practice Racing Social Event Competitors Meeting Opening Ceremonies All Boats Afloat	0900-1800 1200 first warning at 1300 1800 1800 1800 1800
Thurs	17 July	Skipper's Briefing Racing Daily Awards/Social event Dinner at Rochester Yacht Club	0830 first warning at 1030 15 minutes after drop of "B" flag
Fri	18 July	Skipper's Briefing Racing Daily Awards/Social Event	0830 first warning at 1030 15 minutes after drop of "B" flag
Sat	19 July	Skipper's Briefing Racing Daily Awards/Social Event Dinner at Rochester Yacht Club	0830 first warning at 1030 15 minutes after drop of "B" flag
Sun	20 July	Skipper's Briefing Racing No warning signal after Closing Ceremonies and Awards Haul Out after Racing	0830 first warning at 1030 1430 15 minutes after drop of "B" flag

8. ON-SITE REGISTRATION, INSPECTION and MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall complete on-site forms and waivers during registration hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than July 1.
- 8.2. Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be presented at on-site registration.
- 8.3. Boats and sails are subject to inspection and measurement at the discretion of the event equipment inspector. Additional details will be published in the regatta website no later than July 1.
- 8.4. Changes of 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 substitutions 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 registration. Changes to crew lists 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 registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 0900 on Monday, July 14, at Rochester Yacht Club and online at the regatta website.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Attachment A shows the location of Rochester Yacht Club, and the racing area on Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Genesee River.

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.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's Final Series score will be the total of all her race scores in the Final Series in her respective fleet, either Gold or Silver. No scores from the Final Series will be excluded. No scores from the Qualifying Series will be included in scoring for the Final Series.
- 13.2. Up to twelve races are scheduled, including both Qualifying and Final Series.
- 13.3. Three (3) completed races during the Final Series are required to constitute the championship.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall comply with CR 1.3
- 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 registration.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA/RC when either afloat or ashore.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1800 Wednesday July 16.
- 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 communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 17.2. The race committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on VHF radio. 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).

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be given to (a) the first through tenth place finishers for the Gold Fleet, (b) the first through tenth place finishers for the Silver Fleet, and (c) the overall first through fifth place Corinthian boats (see NOR 4.2). Daily prizes will also be awarded. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Rochester Yacht Club. The Rochester Yacht Club, the J/70 Class Association and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or of the participation of any boat.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with 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 that such coverage is current through the end of the regatta shall be supplied as part of completing registration.

21. RACE OFFICIALS

21.1. Jury Chairman: Leo Reise (IJ-CAN)
21.2. Race Committee PRO: Hank Stuart (IRO-USA)

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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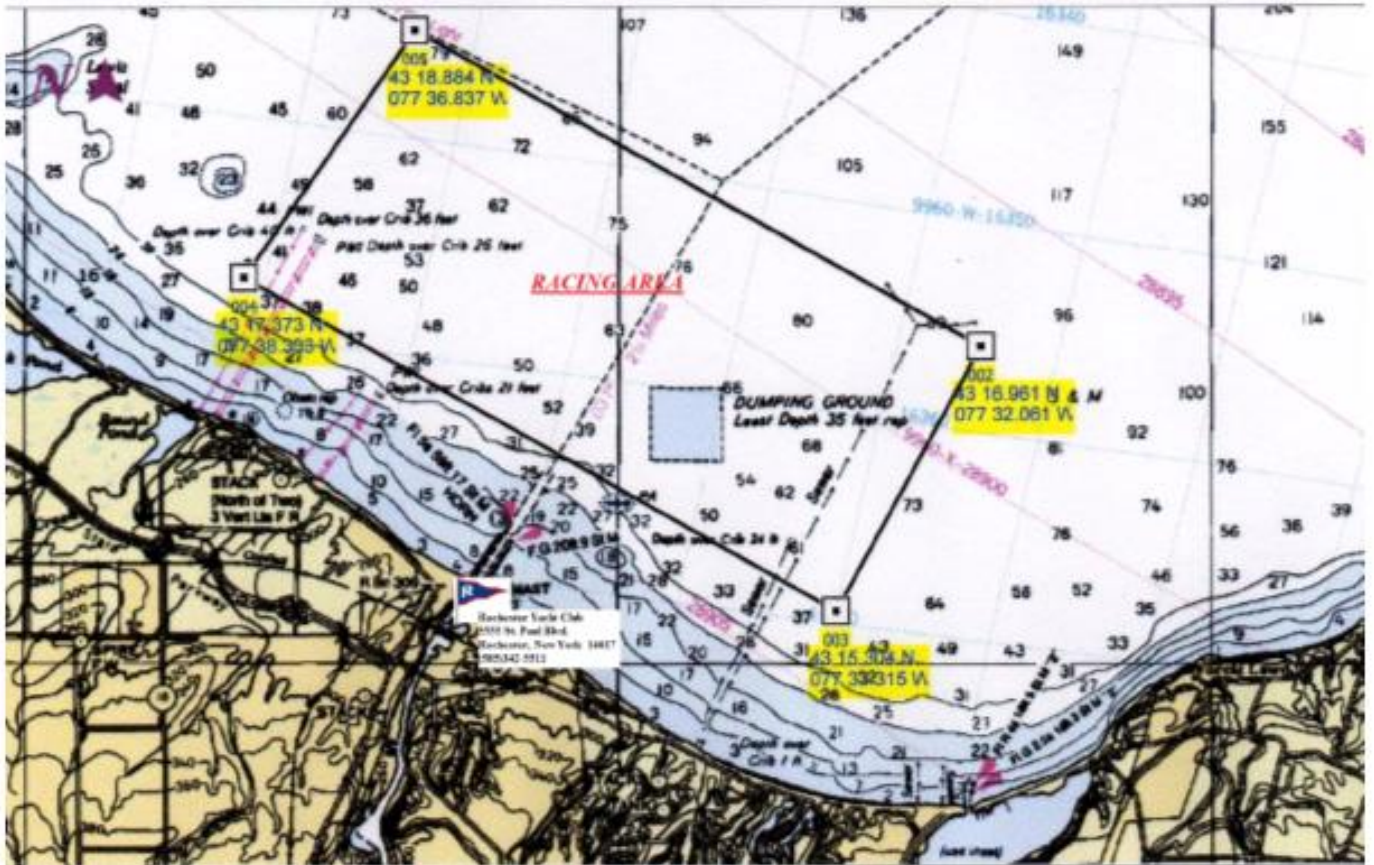
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An entry form and additional information can also be found at the regatta website at www.i70nac.com

ATTACHMENT A

RACING AREA and HARBOR LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

ATTACHMENT B

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply:

1. Rule 40 – US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.
2. Rule 61.4 – US Sailing prescribes that no fee shall be charged for protest or request for redress.
3. Rule 67 – 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.
4. Rule 76.1 – US Sailing prescribes that an OA or RC 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.
5. Rule 82 – Indemnification or hold harmless agreements
 - a) 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 www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click on the "indemnification" link for more information.