



J/80
NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
2015



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2425 Nasa Parkway

Seabrook, TX 77586 USA

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club and J/80

Fleet 2

The Organizing Authority is Bay Access and the J/80 USA Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta is a "Member" event in accordance with J/80 Class Rule (CR) C.3.
- 1.3 No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except:
 - (a) RRS/US 61.4
 - (b) the prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1
 - (c) RRS/US Appendix R
 - (d) RRS/US Appendix T Section A, B and D
- 1.4 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus 2 without hearing.
- 1.5 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time on the last day of racing for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be re-opened.
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 is 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."
- 1.7 For boats chartered or loaned for this event, RRS G3 concerning national letters and sail numbers will apply.
- 1.8 RRS 41 and the preamble to RRS Part 4 is changed to prohibit any outside assistance from the time a boat leaves her mooring and/or dock-slip for the first race of the day until she concludes racing for the day, except from other competitors, organizing authority boats, and registered support boats as permitted in NOR 13.3.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will also be posted on the official Notice Board located at the west end of the pool area.

3 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at the LYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing schedule is as follows:

Racing Day	Scheduled time of first warning signal	Targeted number of races
Friday, Oct 9	1000	5
Saturday, Oct 10	1000	4
Sunday, Oct 11	1000	3

- 5.2 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.3 On Friday Oct 9 and Saturday Oct 10, no races will be started after 1600 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with a blue J/80 insignia.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in Galveston Bay, approximately 1 - 1½ miles south/southeast of Clear Lake Channel Marker #1. See Attachment 1 - Race Area.

8 COURSES & MARKS

- 8.1 The courses will be windward-leeward courses. The original windward mark will be an 8' Orange tetrahedron. The leeward gate will be 4' Orange tetrahedrons. With the exception of the leeward gate, all marks shall be rounded to port. In the event one of the gate marks is not in place, round the remaining leeward gate mark to port.
- 8.2 The Course Number (pennant) indicates the number of legs to be sailed (windward mark to an offset mark is not a leg of the course for this purpose). Odd number courses finish to windward, even numbered courses will finish to leeward.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the approximate distance to marks 1, and the approximate magnetic bearing of the first leg.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end, and either the course-side of an orange buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC Mark Boat at the port end.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than 8 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10 RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS or BFD over VHF Channel 68. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Course changes for Windward Marks will be made in accordance with RRS 33 with an Orange original mark being replaced by a Yellow mark, and a Yellow original mark being replaced by an Orange mark. If a subsequent course change is made, an original mark will be used. If a course change for the Leeward mark/gate is made, the original mark will be moved to a new location. This modifies RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

Except in the event of a Shortened course, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and:

- a) When sailing Courses 2 & 4, the course-side of an orange buoy on the opposite side from the starting line. The RC Signal boat shall be left to Starboard.
- b) When sailing Courses 3 & 5, the course-side of an orange buoy approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS/US Appendix T, Sections A (Penalties While Racing), B (Post-Race Penalties) and D (Arbitration) will apply.
- 13.2 In accordance with RRS Appendix T section A, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 will be 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".
- 13.3 Penalty acceptance forms are available at the protest desk. Penalty acceptance requests shall be delivered there.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.
- 14.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will be scored 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available in the foyer of the LYC Clubhouse, the Ballroom foyer, and at the Power Squadron building. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
 - 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boats docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
 - 15.3 The race committee will post a list of boats with given starting or finishing penalties no later than the protest time limit.
 - 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
 - 15.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Power Squadron Building, on the east end of the LYC Clubhouse, behind the tennis courts.
 - 15.6 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.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply, except that if six (6) or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes Appendix A4.
- 16.2 Twelve races are scheduled. One completed race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on US channels 9, 13, 16, 69, 71, 72, 73 and 78.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for this SI 17 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution after the competitor's meeting will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the overall 1st through 5th place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 Lakewood Yacht Club. The Lakewood Yacht Club, the J/80 Class Association, J/80 Fleet 10, and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$US 100,000 per event or the equivalent.

22 BOW NUMBERS

22.1 Bow numbers will be provided by the organizing authority and must be displayed on the leading edge of both the starboard and port bows. The top of the numbers shall sit no lower than four (4) inches from the sheer line of the hull and the leading edge of the bow numbers shall sit no further than ten (10) inches from the bow of the boat.

22.2 It is the responsibility of each competing boat to ensure that that bow numbers are affixed in a manner that ensures they remain in place throughout the regatta.

Attachment 1 – Race Area

