



**2025 J/105 Invitational
Boqueron Cup
Organizing Authority: Bay Access
March 22-23, 2025
Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas, USA**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS(SI)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES shall apply
- 1.3. J/105 Class Rules available at <https://www.J105.org> will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be the glass windows on both sides of the south poolside foyer entrance at Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC).
- 2.2. The race office is located adjacent to the LYC clubhouse lobby, telephone 281-474-2511, email lyc@lakewoodyachtclub.com.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LYC Flagpole immediately south of the clubhouse and east of the swimming pool.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

March 22	Competitors Briefing	9:00-0900
March 22	First Warning Signal	1100. Four races are scheduled
March 22	Dockside party/social	Will follow racing
March 23	Warning signal	1100 Two races are scheduled
March 23	No Start After 1500	

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The J/105 Class flag is a flag with the J/105 Emblem.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Galveston Bay West of the Houston Ship channel, north of Eagle Point and south of Red Bluff. See SI Addendum 1.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in SI Addendum 2 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length is 0.75-1.5 NM.

10. MARKS

10.1. Mark(s) are orange and yellow tetrahedrons, and orange spheres

10.2. The following marks are rounding marks: orange and yellow tetrahedrons and orange spheres.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. The following area is designated as an obstruction: The Houston Ship Channel.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26

12.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. 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. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a nearby finishing mark.

14.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are as follows:

Mark 1 Time Limit	35 minutes
Race Time Limit	90 minutes
Finishing Window	20 minutes

15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the LYC Clubhouse lobby. Requests for hearing are to be filed with the race office and may also be filed electronically at the email address posted on the official notice board.

16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signals with one sound from the LYC Harbor prior to docking. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3. The protest committee will endeavour to post the notice of protests and the hearing schedule within 30 minutes after the close of the deadline for filing protests. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the LYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

17. SCORING

17.1. A boat's regatta score is the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat is required to check in by passing the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. All competitors shall be wearing or holding a Personal Flotation Device at this time.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and in compliance with J/105 Class Rules.

19.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in



writing by the race committee and in compliance with J/105 Class Rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1. The race committee signal boat will display the traditional race committee flag (red, fouled anchor on a blue field with white letters “R” and “C”, aside).

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

23. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

23.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

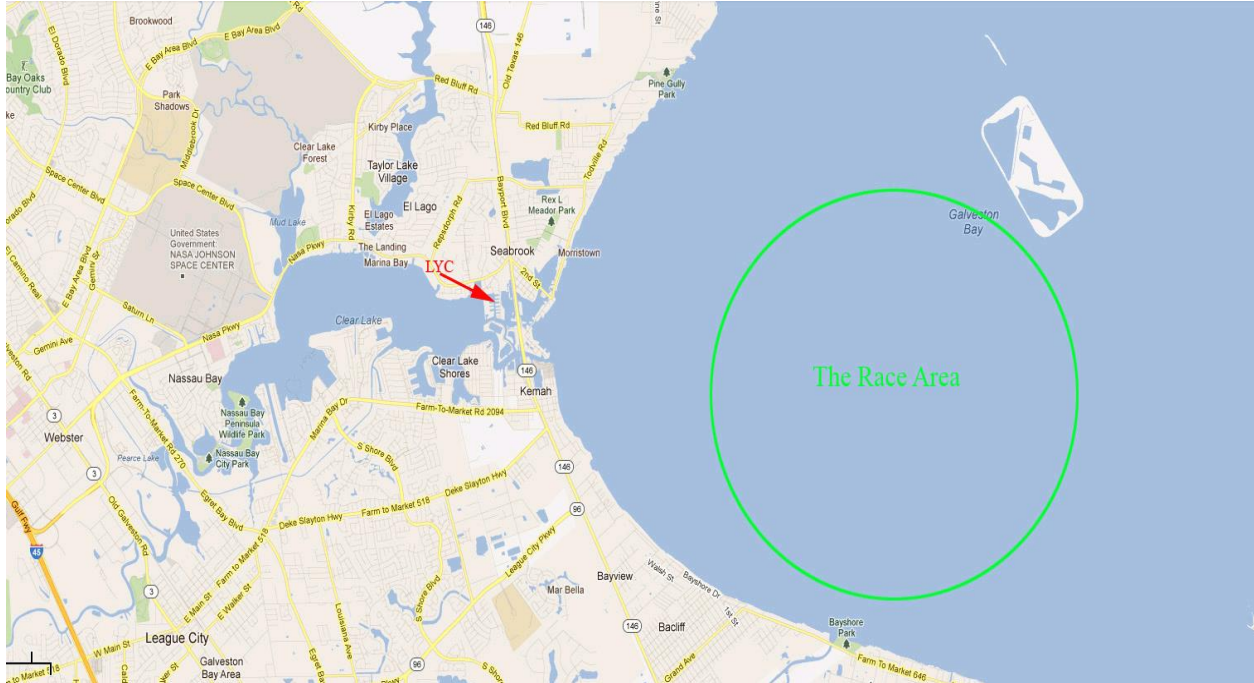
Top 3 boats overall

Top 3 Skippers of the Platinum Fleet (Guest skippers)

Top 3 Skippers of the Gold Fleet (Fleet 17 skippers living in the Houston area)

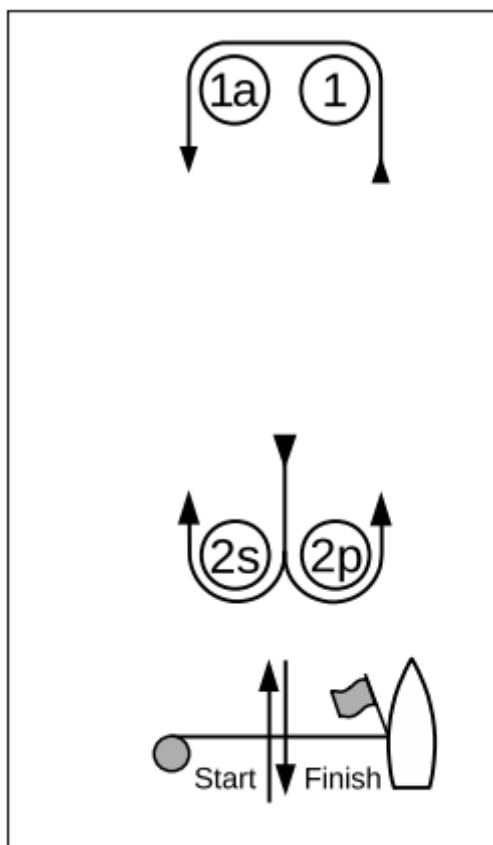


ADDENDUM #1





ADDENDUM #2



**Windward Leeward
with offset
LEEWARD Finish**

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark rounding order</i>
4	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish