



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

Notice of Race(NoR)

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.

The Invitational Regatta goal is to promote racing competition among J/105 owners from outside Houston area (guests) with Fleet 17 J/105 owners. Boats from Houston will be shared with guest drivers in a six-race series. Houston owners sail in the GOLD fleet, outside Houston owners sail in the PLATINIUM Fleet. Gold fleet owners will bring two crew, Platinum fleet owners will bring two crew. Each boat will sail with six on board. Each owner will drive three (3) races, the guest skipper will drive the other three (3) races. The owner and his two crew will sail with the three guest crews in all six races.

An owner of a J/105 is allowed to drive the boat in the race. Class dues are a requirement of the driver.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will not apply, Part 5 Section B, 48.2 (Substitution of crew),
- 1.3 J/105 Class Rules available at <https://www.J105.org> will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on or before March 15, 2025 on the event website at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29206>

3. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at the event site https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=29206



3.2. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard USA VHF channels and be switched on and operational during the event. Communication from the Race Committee via VHF is official communication.

3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.4. The race committee will monitor a designated VHF channel for fleet communications and emergency transmissions. This channel will be published in the SIs.

3.5. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” This changes RRS Race Signals. 3 4.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. All owner/drivers must be dues paying members of J/105 Class Association.

4.1.1 The event is open to all boats of J/105 Fleet 17 that comply with the Class rules.

4.2 N/A

4.3 N/A

4.4 N/A

4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Regatta Network, entering their crew list, and paying required Guest skippers do not pay registration fees, but their names and crew will be entered on the entry form.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29206

4.6. Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 17:00 EDT. Entry requests after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman.

5. FEES

5.1. Early entry Fees \$125 USD. The early entry deadline is 22:00 on March 10, 2025. The Entry fee after that will be \$150 USD until March 22, 2025.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply.

6.2. Definition: *Guest Skipper*– Anyone who does not normally race on Galveston Bay



6.3. Substitution of competitors is allowed without the prior written approval of the Organizing Authority, Chief Judge or Principal Race Officer.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

March 22	Check In	0800-1000 0800-0900
March 22	Competitors Briefing	9:30- 1000 0900-0930
March 22	First Warning Signal	1200 1100. Four races are scheduled
March 22	Dockside party/social	Will follow racing
March 23	Warning signal	1200 1100 Two races are scheduled
March 23	No Start After 1500	
March 23	Awards Reception	Following Racing

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 There is no equipment inspection at the event.

10 VENUE

10.1. The racing area will be Galveston Bay within the bounds of Red Bluff, Eagle Point and the Houston Ship Channel. Racers will avoid entering the Houston Shipping Channel. Further details will be provided in the SIs.

11. COURSES

11.1. Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The Marks to be used will be moveable marks, Further details will be provided in the SIs.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification, for a violation of the RRS other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.

12.2 RRS Appendix V, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES shall apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 N/A



13.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute this event.

13.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No races will be excluded. This changes Appendix A2.1

14. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1. On-the- water coaching is not permitted.

15.CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

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16. [DP] [NP] BERTHING

17.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places while berthed in the harbor.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19.2. Each competitor is required to submit a signed waiver of liability as a condition of entry. For competitors under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed by their parent or guardian. The waivers should be read and understood in advance of registration and payment. The waivers are available at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29219

Completed waivers may be viewed at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=29219&custom_report_id=33



20. INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

21. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

21.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

22. PRIZES

22.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top 3 boats overall
- Top 3 Skippers of the Gold Fleet (Fleet 17 skippers living in the Houston area)
- Top 3 Skippers of the Platinum Fleet (*Guest skippers*)

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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