



## 2025 J/80 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB  
NEW ORLEANS, LA USA  
OCTOBER 7-12, 2025**



Organized by Southern Yacht Club,  
The International J/80 Class Association and  
The U.S. J/80 Class Association

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Posted October 5, 2025

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the J/80 Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI's), and any amendments. In the event of a conflict the SI's shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.2 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violation of the NoR, the SI's, the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2, RRS 2, 28 and 31.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply except the prescriptions to the following rules: 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble of Part 5, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), and 76.1. These will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 [NP]Bow numbers are required and shall be affixed as instructed at registration; crew weigh-in is required at registration.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at [Regatta Network](#) and on the notice board located in the Grill of Southern Yacht Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by the Regatta Desk.
- 2.2 On the water the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 72.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Any questions regarding these SI's shall be submitted, in writing, to the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The questions, and any answers, will be in writing and posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SI's will be posted 60 minutes prior to the start of the first race of the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to a SI may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) by displaying flag L with one sound followed by a broadcast hail of the change.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the A-Frame located in the SYC west harbor front, near the SYC hoists.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed onshore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Registration/weigh-in	1200-1700
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025	Registration/weigh-in Practice Starts and Race Racers' Welcome and Skipper's Meeting	0900-1700 1400 1800
Thursday, October 9, 2025	Competitors' briefing Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow Dockside keg/chalk talk	0815 1000 ≈ 1600
Friday, October 10, 2025	Competitors' briefing Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race - additional races to follow Dockside keg/chalk talk	0815 1000 ≈1600
Saturday, October 11, 2025	Competitors' briefing Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow Dockside keg/chalk talk Sailor Soiree	0815 1000  1830-2130
Sunday, October 12, 2025	Competitors' briefing Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow Time after which no races will be started Awards	0815 1000 1400 ≈1600

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1 The Class flag is a white flag with the J/80 insignia.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain north of the SYC Club House.

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI's Attachment #1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (2P/2S). If the gate is not present, Mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned to windward of the starting line at a distance at the discretion of the RC. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The Starting marks will be 2 RC vessels.
- 9.2 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2 Marks 2S/2P (leeward gate) will be green tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 Offset mark 1a and finishing mark F will be an orange sphere.
- 9.4 New marks per SI 11 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting vessels.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her start shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5`.
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her bow number on VHF channel 72. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.
- 11.2 The RC may tweak the course during a race to maintain course configuration, of no more than 0.1nm or 10 degrees without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the nearby mark. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Appendix T will apply.
- 13.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: *A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules 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 Except if 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. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 13.4 If a member of the Protest Committee witnesses a breach of RRS 42 or class Rule C.6.2(a) or C.8.3(b) they may indicate their observation by making a sound signal and hailing the sail or bow number and displaying a red flag. A boat shall exonerate itself by taking a one-turn penalty as in RRS 44.2. If they fail to take the penalty, they shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes NoR 14.2. Judge boats will fly a judges or “J” flag.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within thirty (30) minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 The Time Limit for the race is ninety (90) minutes
- 14.3 Boats still sailing and failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two (2) more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 60.5(b), A4, A5 and A10. The RC will lower the orange line flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

## **15. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Regatta Desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the RC boat docks or after the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Notice Board located in the Grill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Parties are responsible for bringing their witnesses to the hearing.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place in the SYC Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the RC, TC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Scoring will be per Appendix A except as modified by A2.1 so that:
  - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race cores excluding her worst score.
- 16.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled. One race is required to constitute a series.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 [NP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.2 [NP] Before the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal vessel displaying the code flag L, hail her bow number and be acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.3 Boats failing to comply with SI 17.1 or 17.2 will receive a 20% penalty (as calculated per RRS 44.3(c) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 61.4(b), A4 and A5.1.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Chief Judge or Technical Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Chief Judge or Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NoR and SI's .

## **20. TRASH HANDLING**

- [NP] Competitors shall follow RRS 47 at all times.

## **21. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in NoR 24.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## **ATTACHMENT #1**

NOTE: If the gate (mark 2p and mark 2s) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2s and 2p, and shall be rounded to port. 2s/2p in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by 2.

Course diagram is for illustration purposes only. Mark colors and descriptions are described in SI 9

