

# J/105 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

October 30-November 3, 2013

Annapolis, MD USA

Hosted by Annapolis Yacht Club

The Organizing Authority is the Annapolis Yacht Club and the J/105 Class Association (OA)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 The modifications approved by the J/105 Executive Committee to class rule (CR) 6.1 dealing with NAC sails will apply. The modifications are listed in notice of race 1.3.
- 1.4 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."

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the 1<sup>st</sup> deck of the AYC clubhouse outside of the Skipjack Lounge.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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 mast at the AYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means: "Races not started are postponed." Before lowering flag AP, with one sound signal, the approximate time of the warning signal will be posted and will be no less than 90 minutes after flag AP is lowered, except the warning signal may be made earlier if all boats eligible to race have checked in. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Flag L over numeral pennant "#" with one sound signal means: "Notice to competitors number #" has been posted." This changes RRS Race Signals.

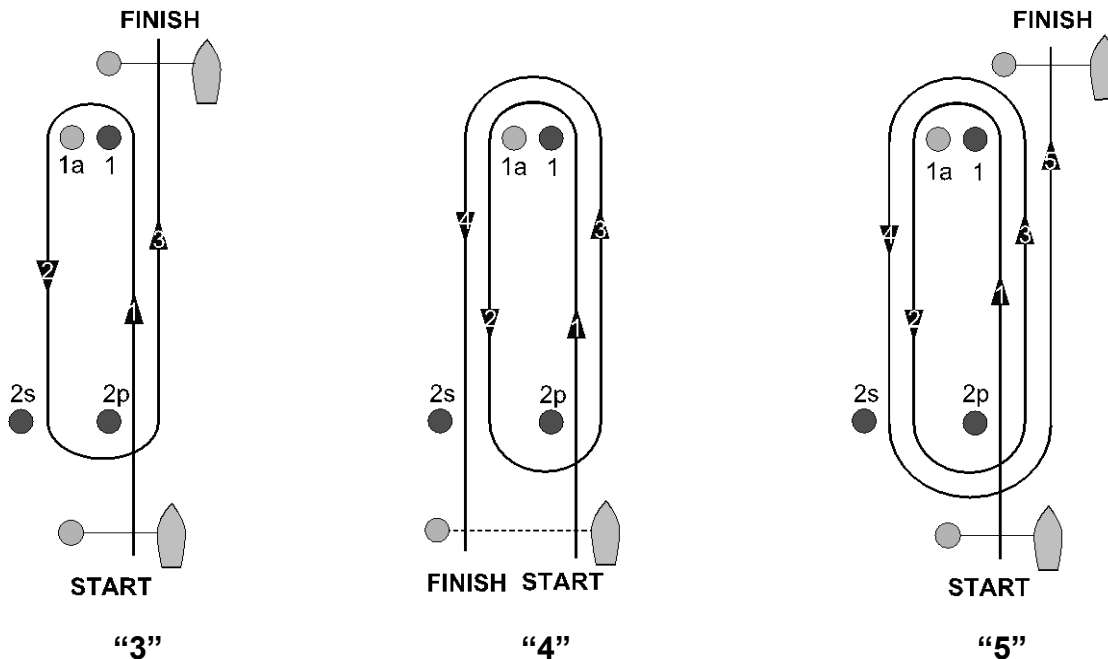
### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Ten races are scheduled. Three races are scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. One race is scheduled on Sunday. Races not completed on the day scheduled will be added to the next day's schedule. No more than three races may be sailed Sunday. No start signal may be made after 1400 on Sunday. Races not completed on Sunday will not be sailed.
- 5.2 The race committee will rendezvous with the fleet at Severn River R"2" at 1000 each day. The committee will display flag L and proceed to the starting area.
- 5.3 The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for 1100.

**6 CLASS FLAG** - The class flag will be flag V. Competitors are not required to fly the class flag.

**7 RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. See Attachment 1, Race Area.

**8 COURSES** - The courses will be as shown in the diagrams and description below.



Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1/1a, Finish Downwind

Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1/1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward mark and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark will be shown with numbers on a board.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Starting, finishing and offset, marks will be lime green cylinders. All other original marks will be orange cylinders.
- 9.2 New marks when used in accordance with RRS 33 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band. When a new mark is replaced in a subsequent change, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 9.3 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat, and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

**10 THE START**

- 10.1 Before the first warning signal of the first race a boat sails each day, each boat shall pass the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee.
- 10.2 A boat that starts more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4 The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting sail or bow number over VHF Channel 69. RRS 62 is changed so that failure to hear or receive such transmission, or the order of bow or sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff of the orange flag displayed on the race committee boat and course side of the nearby finishing mark.
- 11.2 Flag R (yellow cross on a red field) displayed at the finish means another race is to follow. Flag A displayed at the finish means no more racing today.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take either a Turns Penalty or a Scoring Penalty as listed below:
  - a) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
  - b) A boat may take a Scoring Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.
    - (i) RRS 44.3 is changed to allow flag I to be used as the yellow flag.
    - (ii) A boat that complies all of the requirements of RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) will receive, without a hearing, a 20% Scoring Penalty unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the Scoring Penalty shall be 30% of the boats entered. This changes RRS 44.3 and RRS 63.1. RRS 44.1 (a) and (b) will apply.
    - (iii) A boat that complies with some but not all of the requirements of RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) will receive a 30% Scoring Penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 12.2 RRS/US Appendix T Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will apply except that a boat may take a 30% Scoring Penalty after racing and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. This replaces RRS/US Appendix T2.2 (a) and (b).

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The race committee will abandon a race if no boat has rounded the first mark within 40 minutes after the start.
- 13.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is two hours (2).
- 13.3 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat in the race finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SI 16.1 Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 20 minute period expires. This changes RRS 35.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding: "A boat displaying a red flag and intending to protest is requested to inform the race committee as soon as practical after finishing by hail until acknowledged. The hail shall include the sail or bow number of the protested boat. The hail may be made on VHF Channel 69."
- 14.2 The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest forms are available at the AYC Front Desk. The end of protest time and a list of protest notifications received by the race committee on the water will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of arbitration meetings and protest hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the AYC Clubhouse as soon as possible, approximately in the order received.
- 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress based on a protest committee decision, shall be delivered to the protest committee within 30 minutes of the posting of the decision on the official notice board. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

14.5 The penalty for breaking sailing instruction 10.1 or 17 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

## **15 ARBITRATION**

15.1 RRS/US Appendix T Section D will apply as modified below.

15.2 RRS/US Appendix T5.3 is replaced by: "During a meeting a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty of 30% by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing."

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing, except that she shall not be scored worse than last place. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

16.2 RRS 44.3(c) is replaced by: "The boat's penalty score shall be her race score prior to applying the penalty made worse by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to either 20% or 30% (as appropriate) of the number of boats entered, except that she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score."

16.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.4 Five completed races are required to constitute a championship.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels 9, 13, 16, 69, 71, 72, 73 and 78.

17.2 RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy), but not its US prescription, is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4 Boats shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a freighter, tug or other commercial vessel. In a protest hearing under this rule, the burden of proof is on the boat allegedly interfering with the freighter, tug or other commercial vessel. Competitors must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. RRS 60.2 is changed to add "If the race committee receives a report of an incident where a boat(s) may have interfered with commercial traffic it may protest any boat involved."

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

18.1 Changes or substitution of sails listed as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made with the written consent of the race committee.

18.2 Additions, changes or substitution of crew may only be made with the written consent of the race committee. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during Crew Weigh-in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the official notice board.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

19.1 Support boats shall be marked with boat's name or sail number clearly visible on each side.

19.2 Support boats (tenders) will not be allowed on the race course and must comply with CR 7.10.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

20.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of SI 20.3.

20.2 Boats shall be berthed in their assigned places.

20.3 Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee, after consultation with the Class Measurer or his designee.

- 21 PLASTIC POOLS** - From 1800 on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 until the end of the regatta, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used or around boats that are sailing in the regatta.
- 22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
- 22.1 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the race committee, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats from the time a boat leaves the dock until the conclusion of the day's racing. This restriction also applies to race related information via mobile telephones. This restriction does not apply to transmission of Kattack tracking data.
- 22.2 The race committee intends to use VHF Channel 69 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts. Failure to hear or receive such transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 23 PRIZES** - Prizes will be given to the skipper and crew of the overall 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers. Daily prizes will also be awarded.
- 24 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 Annapolis Yacht Club. The Annapolis Yacht Club, the J/105 Class Association, J/105 Fleet 3, 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.
- 25 INSURANCE** - 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. Proof of Insurance shall be considered as part of the Entry Form and must be submitted in writing prior to 1800 on October 28, 2013 in order for an entry to be complete.

**ATTACHMENT 1 - SAILING AREA**

