

J/105 Class Midwinter Championship

March 6-9, 2014

Hosted by the Lakewood Yacht Club and J/105 Fleet 17

Organizing Authority : Bay Access

Seabrook, Texas USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the U.S. J/105 Class Association Rules (CR).
- 1.2. The regatta is designated by the J/105 Executive Committee as an International Class Event and is categorized as Level A in accordance with CR 3.6.
- 1.3. US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4. Rule 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Subject to CR 2.8 and ISAF Regulation 20, ISAF Advertising Code, including ISAF Regulation 20.5.6(a), no advertising shall be permitted on boats. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/105 Class that conform to the CR.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form available via www.j105mw.com and paying the required fee. Entry closes at 2300 hrs on Friday, February 14, 2014.
- 3.3. Late entries will be accepted until 1800 hrs on March 4, 2014 under the following conditions: Completion of the Entry Form and its delivery along with payment of the entry fee and the late registration entry fee together with all required documentation, including but not limited to a copy of the boat's weight certificate, the list of sails and sail tag numbers that will be used and the crew list in the regatta entered into the Regatta Module, and the Proof of Insurance required in paragraph 21 below.
- 3.4. Entries will not be accepted after 1800 hrs on March 4, 2014.
- 3.5. Information required during the registration process must be submitted in the Regatta Module prior to 1800 hrs on March 4, 2014 in order for an entry to be complete and to avoid a late processing charge of \$100.
 - 3.5.1. A copy of the boat's weight certificate
 - 3.5.2. The list of sails and sail tag numbers that will be used in the regatta
 - 3.5.3. The crew list
 - 3.5.4. Proof of Insurance (See SI 21) below

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply. See www.isaf.org/isafsailor.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The required entry fee is US\$400 for entries received by 2300, Friday February 14, 2014.
- 5.2. Entries received after Friday, February 14 but received prior to 1800 hrs on March 4, 2013 will be assessed an additional late registration entry fee of US\$100.
- 5.3. Entries that do not submit the required documentation set forth in 3.5 above prior to 1800 hrs on March 4, 2014 will be assessed a late processing charge of \$100.
- 5.4. Other fees: The entry fee includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and invitations for 5 crew members to social events. Additional social packages for crew or family members will be available for purchase at registration.
- 5.5. For out of town boats, rafting will be available at LYC docks at no charge from 0900 hrs on February 28, 2014 through 1200 hrs on March 12, 2014.
- 5.6. For out-of-town boats who have registered and paid to participate in the Bay Cup I race, rafting will be available at LYC docks at no charge.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. If there are 60 or more entries, the regatta may consist of a qualifying series and a final series. If there are 59 or fewer entries, there will be one final series only. Qualifying series scores will be carried forward into the final series.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 0900-1200 hrs and late registration from 1600-1800 hrs at the Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586.
- 7.2. The Competitors Briefing will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 1900 hrs in the Lakewood Yacht Club Ball room.
- 7.3. Free launching and retrieval will be available for travelling boats. Launching will be Thursday morning before the regatta and retrieval Monday morning after the regatta. If a competitor needs to launch at a different time, they should contact Uzi Ozeri at uzio@hotmail.com.
- 7.4. Racing is scheduled to begin on Friday, March 7 and continue through Sunday, March 9. The harbor start is suggested for 0930 hrs each day (Friday through Sunday). Scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1030 hrs.
- 7.5. A maximum of 9 races are scheduled. No race will be started after 1400 hrs on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1. Boats and sails to be inspected will be selected and conducted by the Class Measurer or his designee beginning at 0800 hrs on Thursday, March 6, 2014 and continuing until completed. Boats and sails must be available for inspection beginning on Thursday March 6, 2014 at 0800 hrs.

- 8.2. Crew weigh-in will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 0900-1800 hrs. Late crew weigh-in will be available from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Lakewood Yacht Club. Failure to weigh in within the prescribed time limit may result in a boat being scored DNC for all races sailed any day(s) a crew member(s) has not weighed in.
- 8.3. In addition to the inspections and measurements listed elsewhere, any boat, its content and sails may be inspected or measured at any time during the regatta and until 1600 hrs on Sunday, March 9, 2014 as the result of a protest or upon the initiative of the Class Measurer or his designee or request of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.
- 8.4. 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
- 8.5. 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 located at the Lakewood Yacht Club. Alternate crew is allowed provided the crew has been listed, signed the waiver and weighed in.
- 8.6. Bow numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee and given to each participating boat at Registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the organizing authority or in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1200 hrs on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at LYC, and may be published online at www.j105mw.com.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Attachment A shows the location of the club and the racing area in the Galveston Bay.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward - leeward. The Race Committee may utilize a weather offset mark and leeward gate marks.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. After a hearing and a finding of a violation by the Protest Committee, a boat's failure to comply with the crew weight limitation set forth in CR 7.1 or the provisions set forth above in Paragraph 8.2 will result in the boat being scored DNC in each race for the day(s) in which the infraction occurred.
- 12.2. The penalty for failure to obtain written permission from the Race Committee prior to making a professional repair of a damaged sail will result in the boat being scored DNC for the next race.
- 12.3. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2 when the boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 of RRS (other than RRS 14 when there is damage or injury) while racing, unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1.

Alternatively a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3. The Scoring Penalty shall be 20% of the boats entered unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the scoring penalty shall be 40% of the boats entered. This changes RRS 44.3.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring system is the Low Point System. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A5.
- 13.2. Nine or more races are scheduled, weather permitting. Three completed races are required to constitute the series.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall be marked with boat's name or sail number clearly visible on each side.
- 14.2. Support boats (tenders) will not be allowed on the race course and must comply with CR 7.10.
- 14.3. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats so as to not interfere with the conduct of the regatta. Competitors are reminded of RRS 41.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the marina.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. All boats shall be afloat by 1900 hrs on Thursday, March 7, 2013 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of 16.1 above.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. From 1900 hrs on Thursday, March 6, 2014 until the end of the regatta, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used or around boats that are sailing in the regatta.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. This restriction does not apply to transmission of Kattack tracking data.
- 18.2. The Race Committee intends to use VHF Channel 69 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts. These may be more fully described in the Sailing Instructions along with the applicable channels. All boats must carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on US channels 9, 16, 69, 71, 72, 73 and 78.
- 18.3. A boat shall not receive Kattack live tracking data, or replay races on Kattack while on the race course.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be given to the skipper and crew of the overall first through fourth place finishers. Daily prizes will also be awarded.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. 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/105 Class Association, J/105 Fleet 17, 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

- 21.1. 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 hrs on March 5, 2013 in order for an entry to be complete.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information, please contact Event Chair Bill Lakenmacher:
e) bill@lockeprotective or p) 832-419-6181
- 22.2. LYC Harbor Office Manager, Lynda Hall:
e) LHALL@lakewoodyachtclub.com or p) 281-474-2511
- 22.3. An Entry Form and additional information can also be found at the regatta website at www.J105mw.com
- 22.4. Boats are encouraged to attend the GBCA Spring Regatta and HYC Elissa Regatta. Separate entry fees are required, and refreshments will be available at the conclusion of racing. More information can be found at www.gbca.org and www.houstonyachtclub.com.

Attachment A

