



2021 J/70 North American Championship

May 9-15, 2021

Annapolis, Maryland, USA

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) and
the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA)

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>



NOTICE OF RACE (with Amendments #1-3)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) [or sailing instructions (SIs)] means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) [or sailing instructions (SIs)] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times are US Eastern time. All fees are in US dollars.

For the purposes of this NoR and RRS 92, the technical committee is an event-specific committee appointed by the OA and approved by the IJ70CA.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The International J/70 Class Association Class Rules (CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Help), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply.
- 1.3 [NP] The IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (RR) will apply.
- 1.4 [DP] The IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (ER) will apply.
- 1.5 Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V will apply and are stated in full in NoR Attachment A.
- 1.6 [DP] Competitors are advised that Federal, State, County and Local pandemic-related regulations may apply, especially to those planning to travel to the event. The OA will attempt to provide links to these regulations on the notice board.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13209>.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 2.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international VHF channels.
- 2.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 class subject to the restriction that the person entering the boat shall be a member of the crew (see also 4.7).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13209> and paying the required fee by 1700 on April 12, 2021.
Entry fees are payable in full upon registering.

- 4.3 Entries will be limited to the first 70 boats that enter. However, AYC and partner clubs (Eastport Yacht Club and Severn Sailing Association) will be unable to safely provide launching and boat storage for all boats (see NoR 0 and 0). If pandemic-related restrictions are eased, the OA may increase this limit.
- 4.4 After the entry limit in NoR 4.3 has been reached, additional entries that have paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 4.5 Entries received between 1700 on April 12 and 1700 on April 26 will be subject to a late fee of \$100. Entries will not be accepted after 1700 on April 26, 2021.
- 4.6 Boats that have entered and withdrawn in writing by 1700 on April 12, 2021 will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of \$100. Boats withdrawing after that will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list. If pandemic-related regulations change after a boat has entered and as a result the boat is unable to attend, the OA may waive the processing fee.
- 4.7 If the person entering the boat is unable to be part of the crew and boats remain on the waiting list, then the entry is invalid and shall be withdrawn. If the entry is withdrawn prior to 1700 on March 19 then the entry fee will be refunded in full. If the entry is withdrawn after that time, then NoR 1.6 will apply.

5 CATEGORIZATION

- 5.1 For boats entering the Corinthian or One-Pro Division, the categorization requirements of CR C.3.1(b) and C.3.2 apply. Competitors seeking to compete as Corinthians shall provide proof of a valid current World Sailing Group 1 categorization during online registration (see NoR 9).
- 5.2 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Commission may be present during event check-in and may perform spot checks.

6 FEES

- 6.1 For all boats, the entry fee includes:
 - (a) Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA
 - (b) Four race days
 - (c) Awards and prizes
- 6.2 For boats that are launched and stored at AYC and its partner clubs, the entry fee is \$400 and includes (in addition to NoR 6.1):
 - (a) Launch and haul out
 - (b) In-water berthing from completion of equipment inspection through Sunday, May 15
 - (c) On-site or off-site trailer storage from Saturday, May 8 through Monday May 16
- 6.3 For boats that are not launched and stored at AYC or its partner clubs, the entry fee is \$200.
- 6.4 Social events and fees. Due to unpredictable social restrictions due to the pandemic, AYC is unable to commit to a social schedule or fees at this time. Information about social events and ticket prices will be posted on the notice board.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 All boats shall race as one (1) fleet.
- 7.2 Eleven races are scheduled. A maximum of three races may be sailed in a day.

8 SCHEDULE

	Day	Time	Action	
	Sunday	May 09	1200 – 1700	Event check-in and equipment inspection
	Monday	May 10	0900 – 1800	Event check-in and equipment inspection

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Tuesday	May 11	1300	Practice racing (details in the sailing instructions)
		1830	All boats must be inspected and afloat
		1830	Competitors' Meeting
Wednesday	May 12	1100	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Thursday	May 13	1100	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Friday	May 14	1100	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Saturday	May 15	1100	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		1700	No warning signal shall be made after this time

9 [DP] PRE-EVENT ONLINE REGISTRATION

- 9.1 All online registration steps shall be completed no later than 1700 on Monday, May 3, 2021, unless the event technical committee grants an extension in writing. The required forms and/or links will be posted to the notice board approximately three weeks prior to the start of event check-in.
- 9.2 Each boat shall complete the following online registration steps:
- Provide evidence of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration
 - Provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 23
- 9.3 All competitors (skippers and crew) shall complete the following online registration steps:
- Be listed on the event's online entry list and members in good standing of the IJ70CA if required under CR C.3 (Crew)
 - Sign an online waiver provided by the OA
 - For corinthian competitors in the Corinthian and One-pro Divisions, provide proof of a valid and current World Sailing Group 1 categorization
 - If under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration provided by the OA.
 - [Deleted per NoR Amendment 3]

10 [DP] EVENT CHECK-IN

- 10.1 All skippers and crew members shall register onsite with the OA by the end of the event check-in period.
- 10.2 Forms and/or links required for event check-in will be posted to the notice board prior to the beginning of the event check-in period.
- 10.3 By the end of the event check-in period, each boat shall:
- provide a completed IJ70CA Compliance Declaration Form signed by the person in charge. See ER 7.
 - complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the event technical committee.

11 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 If a boat does not have a current and valid J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration, then the boat **shall** contact the OA (Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964) no later than **1700 on April 26** to schedule a full inspection and weighing.
- 11.2 The OA intends to conduct equipment inspections that includes inspecting required equipment and performing sail inspections. The event technical committee may, at its discretion, perform any other measurement or inspection of a boat and its equipment for compliance with class rules.
- 11.3 [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned and supplied by the OA. The OA will affix the bow numbers during the event check-in period. Each boat shall retain the bow numbers on both sides of the hull throughout the event.
- 11.4 Equipment Inspection must be completed by the end of the event check-in period, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the event technical committee.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately one week prior to the first scheduled racing day.

13 VENUE

- 13.1 The event venue will be the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center, 510 Severn Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- 13.2 The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River as shown in NoR Attachment B.

14 THE COURSES

- 14.1 Courses will be windward/leeward courses in accordance with RR 5.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.
- 15.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.
- 15.3 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the SI.
- 15.4 An international jury (jury) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 15.5 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other RRS non-Part 2 rules other than breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Five (5) races must be completed to constitute a championship.
- 16.2 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 CR I.3 (Outside Help) applies.
- 17.2 Support person vessels shall not be launched or docked at AYC. Support persons are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements.

18 [DP] BERTHING

- 18.1 A limited number of boats may be stored at AYC and its partner clubs (Eastport Yacht Club and Severn Sailing Association). Reservation is required. Automatic reservations are given to boats that were entered prior to 1700 on March 12. For these boats:
- (a) Boats and trailers may be stored at AYC or partner sites from Saturday, May 8 through Monday May 16.
 - (b) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 18.2 Bert Jabin's Yacht Yard (www.bjyy.com, 410.268.9967), has a limited number of places available for launching, haul-out, in-water boat storage and trailer storage. Information on additional storage and launching options may be posted on the notice board.
- 18.3 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the end of the event check-in period until the end of the event.

19 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 See ER 4 and 10.

20 [DP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the end of the event check-in period until the end of the event.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 boats. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 Corinthian and the top 5 One-Pro boats.
- 21.2 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 21.3 Details about the awards ceremony will be posted on the notice board.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each competing boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 US per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied as part of online registration.

24 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 24.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

25 [DP] CONDUCT

- 25.1 All competitors shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support persons and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event official.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1 Non-AYC members may organize guest cards during event check-in.
- 26.2 For more information contact:
- (a) AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964
 - (b) Event Chair: Marty McKenna, marty.k.mckenna@gmail.com

NOR ATTACHMENT A - Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

After rule 60.3 add:

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Appendix V, Alternative Penalties

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 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.'

V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

NOR ATTACHMENT B - Racing Area

