



Sailing Instructions

Quantum J 70 Midwinter Championship 2016

February 24-28, 2016

St Petersburg Yacht Club

Organizing Authority- St Petersburg Yacht Club and J70 Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 1.2 Except for breaches of RRS 28 and RRS 2 the jury may impose suitable penalties (DPI), other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules of RRS. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3 The international J/70 Class Rules will apply. Class rules I.1 and I.3 of part III are invoked.
- 1.4 Bow numbers will be supplied by the organizing authority and shall be displayed as forward as possible on both sides of the first 20% of the hull. (60 cm maximum from the bow).
- 1.5 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, 76.1, 61.4, 82 and Appendix T as stated in Attachment C will apply.
- 1.6 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the St Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC).
- 2.2 Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcasted on VHF on channel "63".

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes 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 the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole on the south side of the SPSC.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signal.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore and/or on the Committee Boat, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE & FORMAT

5.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled and no more than 4 races shall be raced per day.

5.2.

Thursday 25 February	1800	Competitors Meeting-SPYC Ballroom
Friday 26 February	1000	First Warning Signal
Saturday 27 February	1000	First Warning Signal
Sunday 28 February	1000 1400	First Warning Signal No Warning Signal after this time

- 5.3 For all races, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange flags will be displayed on the committee boats marking the line (with one long sound signal) 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

'J/70' logo on a white flag will be the class flag for the event

7 RACE AREA

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment B shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display on a board the course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Description of the marks:

- Mark 1, 2 and 3s/3p will be inflatable yellow buoys.
- The Offset mark (OS) will be an Orange ball.
- New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be inflatable orange buoys.

- The starting marks will be two RC Boats.
- The finishing line will be between an inflatable green buoy and an RC Boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting line boat.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the VHF channel 63 using sail and or bow numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
- 10.4 After a general recall for a start that used starting penalty RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule), the RC will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of boats that are observed to be ZFP.
- 10.5 Failure of the RC to make or boats to receive a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed shall not be grounds for granting a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.6 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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 If a change of course is made at mark OS, marks 2s/2p may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark as indicated in the Course chart.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 US Sailing Appendix T ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION Sections A, B and D will be in effect for alleged breach of rules of RRS Part 2 or rule 31. The details of Appendix T are in SI Attachment C.

If a member of the Jury witnesses an infringement of class rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or RRS 49 or class rule C 9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), he may indicate his observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boat sail/bow number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn penalty. Action or lack of action by the Jury under this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 13.2 Appendix "P" will apply as changed by SI 13.4.
- 13.3 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 13.4 RRS P2.1 is changed to require a One-Turn penalty under 44.2.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for each race is 70-75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 The RC will lower the orange flag with one sound to indicate that the finish line is closed. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is two hours.
- 14.4 If no boat has passed the first mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 The jury desk and jury room will be located in the vicinity of the official notice board at the SPSC.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms will be available at the jury desk.
- 15.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms shall be delivered to the jury desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.4 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the RC or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.7 Breaches of SI 1.4, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches will be at the discretion of the jury (DPI: Discretionary Penalty Imposed).
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; and no later than 30 minutes after the

requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

- 15.9 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2.
16.2 When five or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
16.2 Three (3) completed races during the Series are required to constitute a championship.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with Class Rules.
17.2 Boats that retire from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
17.3 Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the RC.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution or change in number of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a measurer or RC equipment inspector displaying an "Official" flag to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICAL BOATS

- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee Boats	Blue RC Flag
Jury Boats	Blue and white flag
Measurer	Blue Flag with white "Official"
Press Boats	Red Flag with white "Press"
Coach and Support Boats	Blue flag with white number

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support, including coach, press, private and spectator boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period and be issued with an identity

flag, such flag to be prominently displayed at all times when afloat. The person in charge of the competing boat(s) to which support boats are attached shall acknowledge the presence of a support boat on his registration form and pay any fee for the support boat decided by the OA.

- 21.2 Class rule Part III, Section 1, 1.3 (Support boat) will apply.
- 21.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 100 meters to leeward of the starting line, leeward marks and from any racing boats at all times.
- 21.4 Any support boats entering the restricted area or impeding a competitor or the Race Committee shall be liable to a discretionary penalty imposed by the Jury on their competing boat for breach of this SI.
- 21.5 At all times, support boats shall comply with the directions given by the Race Committee. In particular this includes assisting with rescues when requested to do so.
- 21.5 Support boats must be on call on VHF channel 63 at all times.

22 BERTHING

- 22.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned place as directed by the OA and RC when either afloat or ashore.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed on board support or official boats or be placed in trash cans at the SPSC.

24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 24.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday February 25, 2016.
- 24.2 Boats shall not be hauled out and rudders shall remain in the water during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 24.3 Boats shall not use dehumidifiers during the regatta between 1800 Thursday February 25th and the end of racing on Sunday February 28th.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 The RC will use VHF channel 63 to communicate with the fleet. It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 26.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

27 LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

- 27.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The St Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after this regatta.
- 27.2 Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall complete the online liability & media waiver available on the regatta website.

28 INSURANCE

- 28.1 Each participating crew shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$300,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

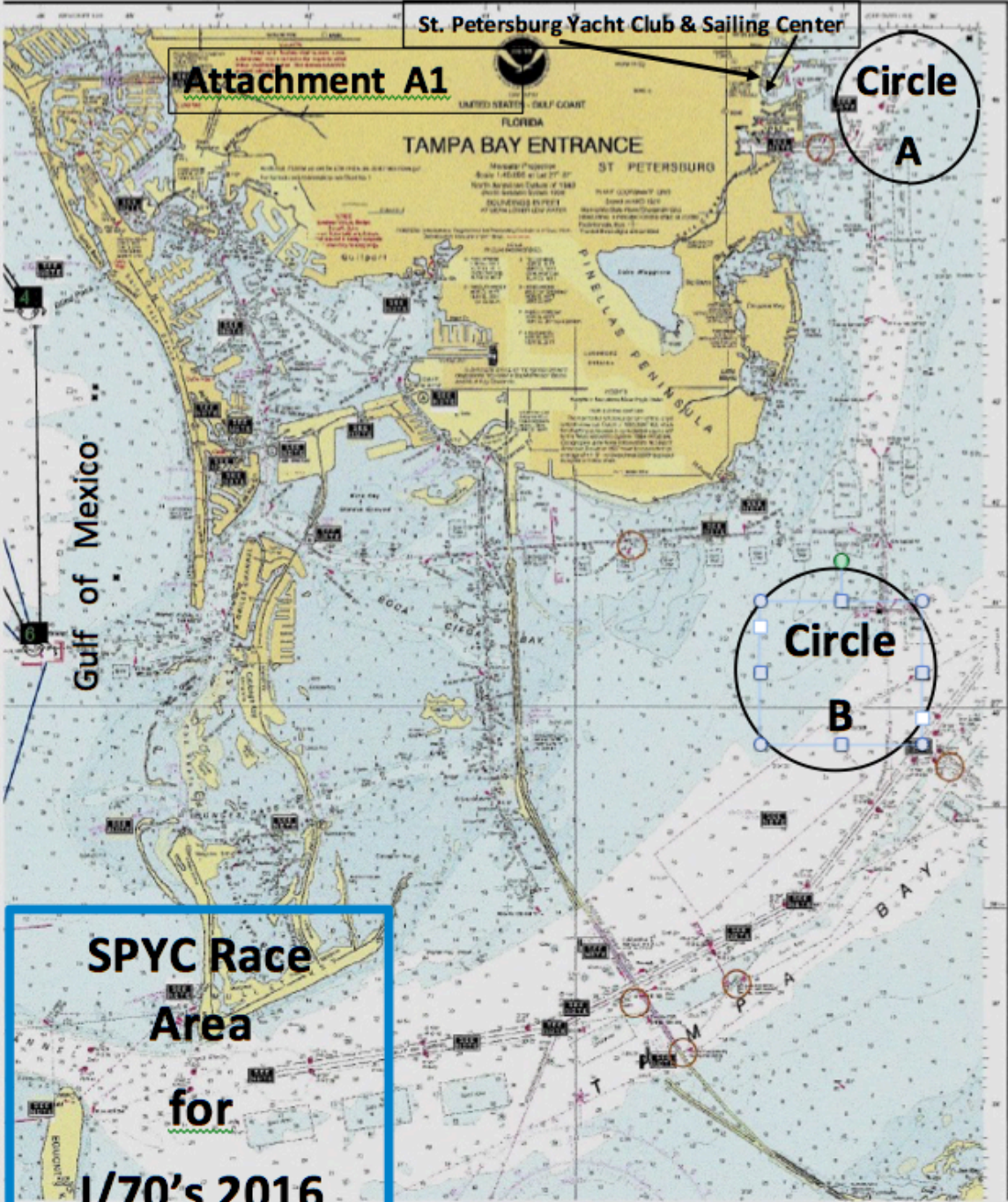
29 RACE OFFICIALS

Jury Chairman: Susan Wallace (Chief Judge)
Race Committee PRO: Todd Fedyszyn

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A1

St. Petersburg Yacht Club & Sailing Center

Circle A

Circle B

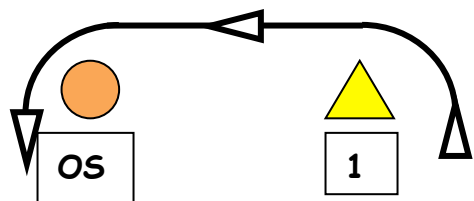
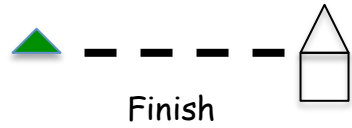
SPYC Race Area for J/70's 2016

these Areas are the approximate locations of the Sailing Area
 Not be used for Navigation

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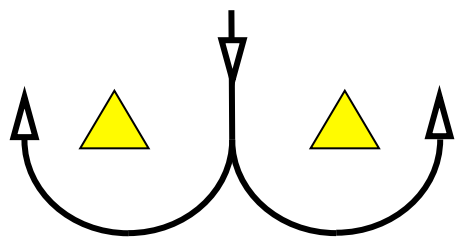
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WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM

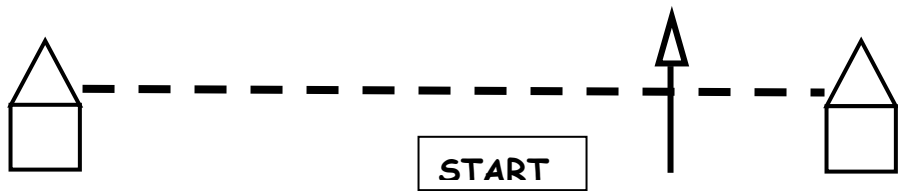
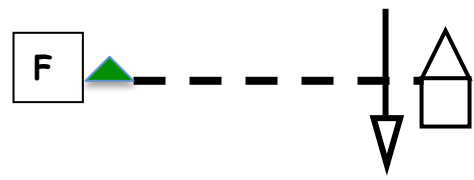


NOT TO SCALE

2G



FINISH



COURSE 4: START-1(port)-OS(port)-2G-1(port)-OS(port)-FINISH

COURSE 5: START-1(port)-OS(port)-2G-1(port)-OS(port)-2G-FINISH

Attachment C

Appendix T

SECTION A - PENALTIES WHILE RACING

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE 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 a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

SECTION B - POST-RACE PENALTIES

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1: After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2: The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

SECTION D - ARBITRATION

When Section D applies, a boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty in Section B without participating in an arbitration meeting.

T5 PROTEST ARBITRATION

T5.1: An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T5.2: Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide: (a) the protest is invalid, (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T5.3: A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section B. However, the penalty in rule T2.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

T5.4: If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.