



## J/88 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 25<sup>th</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

(OA) Organizing Authority:

J/88 Class and Macatawa Bay Yacht Club



### NOTICE OF RACE

**[NP]** The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**[DP]** The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [The J/88 Constitution](#) and the J88 Class Rules, available on the J/88 website, applies.
- 1.3 Class Rule 6.2 is in effect with permission from the Executive Committee.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

Subject to World Sailing ("WS") Regulation 20, Advertising Code, boats may be required to display advertising or bow numbers supplied by the Organizing Authority.

#### 3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Sailing instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring Regatta site, no later than 1800 Friday, Sept 13.
- 3.2 Scratch sheets will be available on Yacht Scoring Regatta site no later than 1800 Monday, Sept 23.

#### 4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in Yacht Scoring.  
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16500> Courtesy postings will be posted at the MBYC Club Patio.
- 4.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 4.4 **[DP]** No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.
- 4.5 **[DP]** All support boats must remain out of the way of Race Committee boats and boats with a Jury or Press flag at all rounding marks, and start and finish lines, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the request of the boat or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Before leaving the dock, support boats must fly the Yellow Flag until the last boat finishes for the day.

#### 5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/88 Class.
- 5.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16500>
- 5.3 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### 6 FEES

- 6.1 The early entry fee is \$1,100 if received on or before July 31, 2024.
- 6.2 The entry fee for entries received after July 31, 2024, will be \$1,250.
- 6.3 No refunds will be issued after September 1, 2024.



6.4 The entry fee includes an Event Dinner, Sailors Welcome Ashore and an Awards Presentation for Skippers and Crews.

**7 CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 7.1 Changes or substitutions of crew during the event will require the consent of the Principal Race Official. The number of crew may not be changed during the event.
- 7.2 For the Corinthian Division, all competitors must satisfy the [World Sailing Regulation 22](#) requirements for a Category 1 Competitor.
- 7.3 Before the close of registration, all competing boats must provide a complete crew list entered on the event website (<https://yachtscoring.com/xxxxx>) including current and valid World Sailing ID numbers for each crew member. All crew members must also complete the online waiver.
- 7.4 Before the close of registration, all competitors must be weighed in person to ensure compliance with Class Rule 6.2 as per NOR 1.3. Weigh-in will be available at MBYC During registration.

**8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Tues. Sept 24	0900 - 1700	Check In & Measurement – Commodore Room MBYC
Wed. Sept 25	0900 - 1700	Check In & Measurement - Commodore Room MBYC
	1300	Practice Racing
	1700	Competitors Meeting – MBYC Patio
Thurs. Sept 26	1100	First Warning Signal Sailors Welcome Ashore following racing.
Fri. Sept 27	1100	First Warning Signal Sailors Welcome Ashore following racing.
Sat. Sept 28	1100	First Warning Event Dinner - MBYC Dining room.
Sun. Sept 29	1100	First Warning
	1500	No warning signal after this time
		Awards Presentation on the front lawn of MBYC following the completion of racing.

**9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1 Boats, equipment, and sails will be inspected and measured prior to the regatta. Information about scheduling your measurement and inspection will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than September 6, 2024 prior to 2000 hours.
- 9.2 Boats, sails, or equipment may be inspected again at any time during the event by request of the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority.
- 9.3 Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 1700 on September 25 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

**10 Racing Area**

The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Michigan approximately 2 NM from the Holland Pierhead.

**11 COURSES**

The course(s) to be sailed will be windward/leeward, as described in the Sailing Instructions.



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**12 SCORING**

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.3 Maximum number of races for the regatta is 12.

**13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st through 3rd place overall.
- 13.2 A Corinthian trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat with an all-Corinthian crew.
- 13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**14 GUEST MOORING AND PRIVILEGES**

- 14.1 Information about guest moorings will be made available on Yacht Scoring no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- 14.2 Limited privileges of MBYC will be extended to skippers and crews for the event.

**15 RISK STATEMENT**

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I will declare my crew sailing the regatta on YachtScoring prior to onsite check in.
- 3) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor any volunteers will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 4) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or onshore and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. 4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

**I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.**

**I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.**

**16 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance at registration.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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