



NOTICE OF RACE

2017 J/Fest New England

Sail Newport

Check In: Friday 1500-1930 August 11th, 2017

North Sails Local Knowledge and Weather Briefing: Friday 1830 August 11th, 2017

Skipper's Meeting: Friday 1930 August 11th, 2017

Racing: Saturday August 12th, 2017

Cocktails/Dinner: Saturday 1800/1900 August 12th, 2017

Racing/Awards: Sunday August 13th, 2017

1. RULES

- a. The organizing authority is Sail Newport.
- b. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- c. The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ for breaking of a rule of part 2, which may include a warning. This changes rule 64.1.
- d. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- e. Boats shall conform to the US Safety Equipment Requirements published by US Sailing for the "US Nearshore" racing category.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The regatta is open to all J/Boats. Expected one-design classes include J/22, J/24, J/29, J/30, J/35, J/40, J/44, J/70, J/80, J/88, J/92/S, J/100, J/105, J/109, J/111, J/120, J/122, J/PHRF Spin (Symmetrical), J/PHRF Spin (Asymmetrical), and J/Cruise.
- b. One design classes require a minimum of 5 boats. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- c. All one design classes without the sufficient number of boats are invited to participate in the J/PHRF (W/L) or J/Cruise (Distance) classes. Boats racing in these classes will require a current PHRF-NB rating certificate. To obtain a PHRF-NB rating please visit www.phrf-nb.org

- d. This is a J/109 Class "weight limited event per Class Rule 6.2" as part of the East Coast Regatta Series Championship.
- e. This is the J/70 Class Youth Championship. Refer to a separate NOR issued by J/Boats with the details at the following link: <http://www.jboats.com/j70-youth-championship>

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

- a. Participants must register online at http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eID=3025
- b. A website with additional details and convenient links maybe found at <https://jfestnewengland.com>
- c. Registration opens January 13th, 2017.
- d. Regular registration deadline is 1700 hours on July 14th, 2017 for all classes except J/70 Youth Championship which is 1700 hours on August 7th 2017. Late registration deadline is 1700 hours on August 7th, 2017
- e. The Entry Fee is \$200 for J/22s, \$1,000 for J/70 Youth Championship and \$250 for all other classes, which must be paid by the regular registration deadline. Payments made after the regular registration deadline will be subject to the late entry fee.
 - i. The Late Entry fee is \$50 in addition to the regular entry fee.
 - ii. There will be no refunds once Late Registration begins.
 - iii. The Entry Fee is payable on yachtscoring.com.
- f. Entry fees may be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race Committee of the withdrawal prior to the Late Registration Deadline.

4. EVENT HEADQUARTERS

Event Headquarters will be Sail Newport, Fort Adams State Park, Newport, Rhode Island.

5. SCHEDULE

- a. A skipper's meeting will be held at a location posted on the website at 1930 Friday, August 11th.
- b. First warning at all circles will be 1100 Saturday and Sunday, August 12th and 13th.
- c. No warning for a new start after 1500 Sunday, August 13th.
- d. The Sunday award presentation will begin at 1700, or 30 minutes after the last race committee boat returns to dock, whichever is earlier.

6. RACING

- a. The intended format for J/Fest New England is multiple races each day running from race circles in Rhode Island Sound and Narragansett Bay. The location of the circles will be assigned by the Organizing Authority based on weather conditions. An announcement will be made at 0900 on Saturday and Sunday with the location of the race circles via the VHF radio channel designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. Regarding J/22 racing, limited NON Class Legal J/22 charters are available from Sail Newport to sail in PHRF division or cruising division. Please refer to their website for additional details.
- c. Racing in all circles will include drop mark and government mark courses. A 16-20 mile distance race may be sailed on one of the two days.
- d. Classes with a dedicated start or scored as a one design class may also have rules specific to that class.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the skipper's meeting and will be posted on the regatta website Monday, August 7th, 2017.

8. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board of Sail Newport and will be posted on the regatta website

9. SCORING

- a. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores and no scores will be excluded. This modifies rule A2 and A4.
- b. Awards will be presented to the top third of each class, up to five. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring.
- c. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants by sponsors and may be based on criteria other than the competition at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.

10. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND MEDIA

- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities and other sponsors 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.
- b. Each competitor participating in the regatta shall submit an online Liability and Media Waiver (a part of the online registration process) prior to racing.
- c. Failure to submit a waiver will result in the entry being incomplete and the boat will not be considered to be participating in the event.
- d. Competitors grant, at no cost, Sail Newport the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (including television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 2017 J-Fest New England and the competitor's participation in the event.

11. SPECTATOR BOATS

The organizing committee expects to have spectator boats available to those participating in the regatta but not racing. Details will be provided separately.

12. ADVERTISING

As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Sail Newport premises without prior written permission of the organizing committee.

13. DOCKAGE & MOORINGS

There is dockage available via Sail Newport. Early registration is recommended to secure a spot. Contact the Sail Newport offices for information. Additional slips and moorings are available commercially in the immediate area with information available under the *Logistics* menu on the regatta website. Sail Newport offers a 3 ton and 2 ton hoist for boats with single point lifting capacity and has a deep water boat ramp.

14. ACCOMMODATIONS & LODGING

Numerous options for accommodations are available in the area. Information regarding accommodations, lodging and local transportation is provided under the *Logistics* menu on the regatta website.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. Further information may be found at the Sail Newport Website <http://www.sailnewport.org/> and the J/Fest New England Website <http://jfestnewengland.com>
- b. Sail Newport may be contacted at (401) 846-1983
- c. The 2017 J/Fest NE organizing committee may be contacted via jfest@j109.org.

- d. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use Race Qs at www.raceqs.com to self-report your race. A free account for your boat is required. A free iOS or Android app is required. A “J/Fest New England” site hosted by RaceQs will be available to upload data and view a participant replay.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR GENEROUS RACE SPONSORS INCLUDING:

