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CHAMPIONSHIP

## NOTICE OF RACE

**J/70 2018 North American Championships**

**May 14-19, 2018**

**Hosted by Club de Vela La Peña and the J/70 Mexican Class Association**

**Valle de Bravo, México**

**The Organizing Authority (“OA”) is Club de Vela La Peña, the J/70 International Class and the J/70 Mexican Class Association.**

**Event Website: [j70vallesailingweek2018.weebly.com](http://j70vallesailingweek2018.weebly.com)**

### **1 RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020) (RRS).

1.2. RRS. Appendix T “Arbitration” shall apply.

- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. J/70 Class Rules III.I.3 (Support Boats) and III.I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.
- 1.5. The Sailing Instructions (“SI’s”) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with Regulation 20 – WORLD SAILING Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4535>
- 3.3. The entry deadline for all the participants affiliated to the Mexican Class Association is February 1, 2018. (The reason for having an earlier deadline for Mexican Associates is to facilitate logistics for chartering those Mexican boats that decide not to participate). **An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is completed and the entry paid.**
- 3.3.1 The entry deadline for all the participants NOT affiliated to the Mexican Class Association is March 30, 2018. **An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is completed and the entry paid.**
- 3.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.5. A maximum of 60 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form and required fees are received. Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- 3.6. The following information (required for check-in) can be entered in advance as part of online registration via the regatta website:
  - 3.6.1 The crew list with valid WORLD SAILING Sailor ID and WORLD SAILING Classification for drivers and all crew on boats wishing to be eligible for Corinthian Awards, as required by NOR 8.3.
  - 3.6.2 Insurance information required under NOR 21.

## 4 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. In accordance with RRS 79, the Sailor Classification Code under WORLD SAILING Regulation 22 will apply. See Class Rules C.3.2 and I.4.

4.2. A representative of the WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Commission may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

## 5 FEES

5.1. The entry fee shall be:

US \$550 for entries with payments received before:

- a) Mexican Class Associates; 0900 on January 15, 2018.
- b) International participants; 0900 on March 1st, 2018.

US \$650 for entries or payments received after:

- a) Mexican Class Associates; 0900 on January 15, 2018
- b) International participants; 0900 on March 1st, 2018.

5.2. The entry fee includes:

- Invitation to all social events for the Owner / Charterer and up to three crew members.
- Launch and haul out
- Inspection and measurement, as directed by the J/70 Class
- In water dockage from Tuesday May 15th to Saturday May 19th, 2018
- On site and off site trailer storage available between April 15th and June 15th, 2018
- One practice race day
- Four regatta race days
- Awards and prizes
- Social events
- Full guest privileges at Club de Vela La Peña, including all on site dining and bar services.

## 6 EVENT FORMAT

6.1. The OA intends to have all boats sail as a single fleet; however it may split the boats into two or more fleets.

6.2. The Race Committee (RC) may use a 3 boat starting line as further described in the SI's.

6.3. A maximum of 3 races on any day may be sailed, maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

## 7 SCHEDULE

Competitors should be aware that Club de Vela La Peña together with the J/70 Mexican Class Association will host the J/70 Mexican National Championship from Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, to which you are all cordially invited. **The entry fee for the Mexican National Championship is free if you register to this North American Championship.**

J/70 Mexican National Championship - Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>

DAY DATE TIME EVENT

Monday May 14th 0900 - 1700 Check-In and Inspection

Tuesday May 15th 0900 – 1100 Check-In and Inspection

1200 All Boats on Site

1300 Practice Race – First Signal

1800 All Boats Afloat

1800 Competitors Meeting and Opening Ceremony

Wednesday May 16th 1100 Racing – First Signal

Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible

1800 Daily Awards and Social Event

Thursday May 17th 1100 Racing – First Signal

Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible

1800 Daily Awards and Social Event

Friday May 18th 1100 Racing – First Signal

Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible

1800 Daily Awards and Social Event

Saturday May 19th 1100 Racing – First Signal

Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible

1800 Awards Dinner

**8 ON SITE CHECK IN, INSPECTION**

8.1. All competitors shall complete on site forms and documents during check in hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than 0900, May 1, 2018.

8.2. All drivers and crew on boats wishing to be considered for Corinthian Awards shall provide their World Sailing Sailor ID and Classification on the regatta yacht scoring website (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4535>).

8.3. Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be provided online or presented at the onsite check in.

8.4. Boats and sails are subject to inspection at the discretion of the Technical Committee (TC).

8.5. All boats and sails must undergo inspection before 1100 on Tuesday, May 15th in order to complete regatta onsite check-in. Each boat will be inspected for required equipment, sails will be measured and compliance with class rules will be verified. Boats which have not been previously weighed by the class will be weighed. Competitors can reference the Class Rules for all required equipment. AMENDMENT B to this NOR, which will be published later, will further explain in detail the inspection procedure.

8.6. Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the TC appointed by the OA or the Jury after a protest by the TC.

8.7. Substitution of sails shall be in accordance with Class Rule C.10 and will require the written consent of the TC.

8.8. Substitution of crew will require prior written consent of the RC.

8.9. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during check in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8.10. Bow numbers will be assigned by the RC and supplied to each participating boat at the completion of check in. They shall be affixed by representatives of the OA.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available no later than 0900 on Saturday May 12, 2018 at Club de Vela La Peña and online at the regatta website.

## **10 VENUE**

10.1. Attachment A shows the location of Club de Vela La Peña.

## **11 THE COURSES**

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SI's.

11.2. It is the intention of the OA that the courses will follow the J/70 Class's Race Management Policies for Major Championships. Failure to observe these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1. Appendix P will apply and may be modified by the SI's.

12.2. If a member of the International Jury witnesses and infringement of class rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or RSS 49 or class rule C9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), he may indicate their observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boat sail or bow number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a one-Turn penalty. Lack of action by the International Jury under this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12.3. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **13 SCORING**

13.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

13.2. When five or more races have been completed, each boat's worst score shall be excluded from her series score.

13.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **14 SUPPORT BOATS**

14.1. Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3.

14.2. Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check

14.3. The SI's may further limit the activities of support boats.

## **15 BERTHING**

15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

15.2. The use of dehumidifiers of any type is prohibited.

## **16 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

16.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.

16.2. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the TC

## **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

18.1. All boats must carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving US channels.

18.2. Except in an emergency or to notify the RC that a boat is retiring from racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other device capable of sending and receiving any type of communication or connecting with the Internet, with the exception of GPS devices.

## **19 PRIZES**

19.1. Prizes will be given to the top five finishers overall in the Open Division and the top Five finishers in the Corinthian Division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

20.2. The OA 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. The J/70 Class Association and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or 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 \$30,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the regatta, shall be supplied as part of completing registration and check in.

## **22 MEDIA RIGHTS**

22.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to 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. Competitors may be required to sign a media waiver as part of registration and check-in.

## **23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

23.1. Boat and Trailer Storage:

23.1.1. All boats and trailers competing in the event may be stored free of charge in Club de Vela La Peña mooring field and docks from April 1st until June 30th, 2018.

For details, contact Roberto Escalante [roberto.escalante@gmail.com](mailto:roberto.escalante@gmail.com) .

23.2. Accommodations. Please see the regatta website at [www.j70vallesailingweek2018.weebly.com](http://www.j70vallesailingweek2018.weebly.com) for accommodation options and/or contact Roberto Escalante [roberto.escalante@gmail.com](mailto:roberto.escalante@gmail.com) .

## **24 RACE OFFICIALS.**

The primary contacts for this regatta are:

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We are enthusiastically looking forward to this event and eager to host you at Club de Vela La Peña for what we expect will be an unforgettable championship. Thank you very much for your interest!

Sincerely

The Organizing Authority