

NOTICE OF RACE

2019 J/70 Corinthian National Championship

August 8 - 11, 2019

Hosted by Little Traverse Yacht Club Harbor Springs, Michigan, USA

The Organizing Authority ("OA") is the Little Traverse Yacht Club and the US J/70 Class Association

Event web page: ltvc.org/J70CNAT/

1. RULES

- **1.1.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), including the RRS US Sailing Prescriptions as specified in NOR 1.4.
- **1.2.** The International J/70 Class Rules ("CR") will apply, as modified by NOR 1.3.
- **1.3.** J/70 Class Rules III.I.3 (Support Boats) and III.I.5 (Corinthian Event) will apply.
- **1.4.** Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, Appendix L (Code Flag A), Appendix R (Appeals) and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.

1.5. The Sailing Instructions ("SI's") may contain changes to other rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- **2.1.** Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- **2.2.** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA), in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. If provided, flags, stickers and decals shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- **3.1.** The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class whose skipper is a current J/70 Class Member in good standing and whose crew meet the requirement of CR I.5 that all crew be classified as World Sailing Group 1 sailors at the time of registration. See CR III.I.5.
- **3.2.** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees. Registration can be found at *www.yachtscoring.com* and is also linked from the event web page: *ltyc.org/J70CNAT/*
- **3.3.** The entry deadline is Thursday, August 1, 2019. An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is fully filled-out and the entry fee paid.
- **3.4.** Late or on-site entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$100.00.
- **3.5.** A maximum of 50 entries will be accepted. In the event that this limit is reached, a waitlist will be created.
- **3.6.** Boats will not be considered fully registered and entitled to compete until the information specified in NOR 7.3 has been provided.

4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1. This is a Corinthian event. All competitors, including the owner/driver and each crew shall provide proof of their World Sailing Group 1 classification by providing their World Sailing number on the event's Yachtscoring crew list system during registration.

5. FEES

- **5.1.** The entry fee shall be \$550.00. For entries received before 1700 on Friday, May 24, 2019 the early discount fee shall be \$475.00.
- **5.2.** Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing prior to 1700 on June 24, 2019 will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$50.00 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 1700 on June 24, 2019 will not receive a refund.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 7	1200 - 1800	On-site check-in and boat inspection.
THURSDAY	AUGUST 8	0900 - 1800	On-site check-in and boat inspection.
		1400	Practice race(s) with on-water coaching, followed by a debrief
		1800	Competitors Meeting & Opening Social Event
FRIDAY	AUGUST 9	1100	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow.
		1700	Post-race debrief & social event
SATURDAY	AUGUST 10	1100	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow.
		1700	Post-race debrief & social event
SUNDAY	AUGUST 11	1100	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow.
		1630	Awards Presentation

- **6.2.** Eight (8) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.
- **6.3.** On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1400.

7. CHECK-IN AND INSPECTION

- **7.1.** All boats shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NOR 6. Boats are not fully registered and entitled to compete unless all the registration and on-site check-in formalities are completed by 1800 on Thursday August 8, 2019.
- **7.2.** Bow numbers will be assigned by the OA and supplied to each participating boat at checkin. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the regatta. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Event Technical Committee, and the Protest Committee may impose any penalty as it deems appropriate.
- **7.3.** The following documents must be completed by the end of check-in:

- **7.3.1. Waivers**. All skippers and crew members shall sign the waiver provided by the OA and available on the event's Yachtscoring site.
- **7.3.2. World Sailing ID Number and Classification**. All skippers and crew must provide their *World Sailing Sailor ID Number and Classification* on the event's Yachtscoring site. To obtain or renew a World Sailing ID, see *members.sailing.org/classification*
- **7.3.3. Insurance**. Each boat must provide valid and current written proof of the insurance required by NOR 17.3.
- **7.3.4. Manufacturer's Declaration**. Each boat must have a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration. See *j70ica.org/manufacturer-declaration/* Boats without a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration should arrange for their boat to be weighed and inspected per NOR 7.5.
- **7.3.5. IJ70CA Class Rules Certification Form**. The skipper must sign and complete this form, which will be provided by the OA shortly before and at the event site.
- **7.4.** An entry will not be considered complete and accepted until all crew members are identified (complete with their World Sailing Sailor ID showing a Group 1 classification) in the on-line registration system. To obtain or renew a World Sailing ID, see *members.sailing.org/classification*
- **7.5.** Boats without a valid and current J/70 Class **Manufacturers Declaration** must schedule a weighing and inspection time through the scheduling process provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Weighing and inspection must be completed by the end of check-in. All competitors shall be in compliance with RRS 78.1 from the end of check-in through the end of the regatta.
- **7.6.** Each boat will be required to complete an **IJ70CA Class Rules Certification Form** by the end of check-in. This form will be provided by the OA and must be signed by the skipper. Additional details may be published on the regatta website or otherwise distributed to competitors.
- **7.7.** All boats are subject to inspection for compliance with the J/70 Class Rules at any time from 1200 on August 7 to when the results are finalized. Such inspection may be on or off the water and may require the boat to be lifted out of the water.
- **7.8.** Substitution of sails shall be in accordance with Class Rule C.10 and will require the written consent of the Event Technical Committee. Sails requiring repair must be done only with the authorization of the Event Technical Committee, and such sails are subject to inspection upon completion of repairs.
- **7.9.** Substitution of crew will require prior written consent of the Event Technical Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than August 1, 2019 at the event Yachtscoring site, the regatta website (*ltyc.org/J70CNAT/*), and at regatta headquarters at check-in.

9. VENUE

9.1. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing area.

10. THE COURSES

- **10.1.** The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SIs.
- **10.2.** It is the intention of the OA that the courses will generally follow the IJ70CA's Race Management Policies for Major Championships. These can be found at *j70ica.org/class-office-rules/* Failure to observe these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- **11.1.** RRS Appendix V1 (Penalty Turns) and V2 (Penalty Taken After the Race) will apply. This changes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.3.
- **11.2.** Jury boats and OA-provided coach boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- **11.3.** The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This section does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 11.4. Certain penalties may be described in the SI's.

12. SCORING

- **12.1.** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, except that 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 race.
- **12.2.** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- **13.1.** Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3.
- **13.2.** Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check in and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA. As part of registration, support boats shall notify the OA where they will be located while ashore and where they will be docked or moored while afloat, throughout the regatta.
- **13.3.** Support drivers shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent.

- **13.4.** Support boats shall display identification flags assigned by the OA. A \$50 deposit may be required.
- **13.5.** The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.
- **13.6.** The OA may also further limit the activities of support boats.

14. ON-WATER COACHING

- **14.1.** The OA plans to provide professional on-water coaching to competitors. The coaches will be provided by and designated by the OA and will be permitted to patrol the race course as needed. The OA-provided coaches and competitors may communicate between races and the coaches may use the VHF to communicate with the fleet as a whole at their discretion. This changes RRS 41 and CR III.I.3.
- **14.2.** Only the OA-designated coaches are permitted to communicate with competitors. No other on-water coaching is permitted, and the provisions of RRS 41 and CR III.I.3 apply to all others.
- **14.3.** The intent of the on-water coaching is to improve the overall sailing level of the fleet, and the coaches will provide assistance entirely at their discretion to best implement this goal.
- **14.4.** OA-provided on-water coaching will be suspended no later than after the second race on Saturday, August 10 at the discretion of the OA.
- **14.5.** None of the activities related to NOR 14 shall be grounds for protest or redress.

15. BERTHING & HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- **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 is prohibited.
- **15.3.** All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on Thursday, August 8, 2019.
- **15.4.** 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 Event Technical Committee.

16. PRIZES

- **16.1.** Prizes will be given to the top five finishers.
- **16.2.** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

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

- **17.2.** Neither the OA, the Little Traverse Yacht Club, the IJ70CA or their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.3. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of documents establishing such coverage current through the end of the regatta shall be supplied as part of completing on-site check in.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

18.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority 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.

19. CONDUCT

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

20. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **20.1.** Launch and Haul. The LTYC does not have its own launch facilities. However, boats can be launched by ramp (100 yards from the Club) for a \$5.00 fee or Irish Boat Shop (next door to the Club) has single-point lift facilities available at a reduced rate for event participants. See the *Logistics* page linked from the regatta web site (*ltyc.org/J70CNAT/*) for more details and contact information.
- **20.2. Trailer Storage.** Trailers will be stored off-site. Irish Boat Shop and the OA will coordinate to arrange trailer storage. See the *Logistics* page linked from the regatta web site (*ltyc.org/J70CNAT/*) for more details and contact information.
- **20.3.** Lodging and Accommodations. The Harbor Springs area has many accommodations options, and the OA has arranged for special rates at local hotels and resorts. See the *Logistics* page linked from the regatta web site (*ltyc.org/J70CNAT/*) for more details and contact information. Competitors are strongly advised to plan well ahead, as the area is a popular vacation destination during August.

21. RACE OFFICIALS & CONTACT

The primary contacts for this regatta are:

- **21.1.** Regatta Chair: Blane Shea (blaneshea@sheafinancialgroup.com)
- **21.2.** Principal Race Officer: Dick Neville

Questions and requests for more information can be emailed to the Regatta Committee at J70CNAT@ltyc.org