



## J/70 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

February 20 – 23, 2020

Hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC) and the US J/70 Class Association.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI'S) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), and be less than disqualification.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 82 shall apply as stated in full in Attachment B.
- 1.3 The IJ70CA Class Rules shall apply, including CR I.3 (Outside Help) and I.4 (Corinthian Division). These rules are available at <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/> and stated in full in Attachment C.
- 1.4 The IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (ER) will apply. [DP]  
(Available at: <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>)
- 1.5 The IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (RR) will apply. (Available at: <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>)
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 On-the-Water Judging will be in accordance with Attachment U of these SI's.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.9 All required bow numbers and sponsor or event identification stickers, decals and flags shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the bow numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary. [DP]
- 1.10 Bow numbers will be supplied by the OA and applied in accordance with the OA's instructions and Appendix A of the ER. [DP]
- 1.11 Sponsor stickers, decals and flags may be placed on the bow or boom, in the cockpit or on a shroud or stay as directed by the OA. If required to be placed on the bow, event identification stickers shall be placed immediately aft of the bow numbers. [DP]

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at [https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm](https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm)
- 2.2 Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast on VHF **channel 71**.
- 2.3 Any questions regarding the SI's shall be submitted in writing to the RC. The questions and any answers will be posted on the ONB.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted on the ONB not later than 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CRYC flag pole. 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 Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE

Thursday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	0900- 1700 Inspectors available for consultation; boats may be randomly inspected. 0900-1730 check in at CRYC. 1800 Competitors Meeting at CRYC
Friday February 21 <sup>st</sup>	0900 Competitors Briefing 1130 first warning additional races to follow
Saturday February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0900 Competitors Briefing 1130 first warning additional races to follow
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	0900 Competitors Briefing 1130 first warning additional races to follow 1400 No warning signal displayed after this time ASAP Haul out after racing and awards at CRYC

- 5.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled. The RC will intend to sail up to three (3) races per day, subject to wind and weather conditions. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed per day to maintain the overall regatta schedule, at the discretion of the RC. When more than one (1) race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The RC will advise competitors of the timings via VHF **channel 71**.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange line flags will be displayed on the RC boats marking the line (with one long sound signal) for a minimum of five (5) minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the J/70 class insignia.

## 7 RACING AREA

Races will be on Biscayne Bay in an area from 1 to 3 nm south of Dinner Key Channel Marker "1" (FLG 4sec 16ft 5M).

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course, 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 RC will signal on a board the approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg. It may be announced by VHF on **channel 71**.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Description of the marks

	Original Marks	New Mark per SI 11
Mark 1	Yellow Cylinder	Orange Cylinder
Mark 1a (offset)	Yellow Cylinder	Orange Cylinder
Mark 2 s ( Gate)	Yellow Cylinder	Orange Cylinder
Mark 2 p ( Gate)	Yellow Cylinder	Orange Cylinder
Starting Marks	RC boats*	RC boats*
Finish Marks	RC boats*	RC boats*

- 9.2 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2s/2p).  
 (a) If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark to port.  
 (b) Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned to windward of the start line; the distance is at the discretion of the RC.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC boat.
- 10.2 The RC may broadcast starting information and countdowns.
- 10.3 Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 29.1 the RC will attempt to broadcast on the VHF **channel 71** using sail numbers or bow numbers as a courtesy. The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the boats that are OCS; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.

- 10.4 The third sentence of RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is modified so that in the event of a General Recall during the start or abandonment after the start, the RC shall display her sail or bow number before the next warning signal.
- 10.5 The RC as a courtesy will attempt to broadcast the bow/sail numbers of boats that broke RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 after the start of the race.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 10.7 The RC will attempt to make the broadcasts described in SI 10.2, 10.3 and 10.5. However, the timing of such a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcasts or the failure to make or hear the broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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. See also RR 9.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC boats.

## 13 PENALTIES

- 13.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 13.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg(s) shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 13.3 Judge or Technical Committee (TC) boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.4 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the protest desk within the protest time limit.
- 13.5 The PC may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This section 13.5 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31. This changes RRS 64.1. (DP)

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes.
- 14.2 The target time for each race is 60-75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored time limit expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score for TLE will be the number of finishers plus two (2) points, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 The RC will lower the finish line orange flags with one sound to indicate that the finish time limit has expired

## 15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk in the lobby of the CRYC. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit of 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted on the ONB within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and intended time of hearings will be provided.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the RC, Event Technical Committee (TC) or PC will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.4 Breaches of SI 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 21, 24, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides [DP].
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from the PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will be used as follows: When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. After five (5) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 16.2 One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 16.4 To request correction of a scoring error, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at the protest desk.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC signal boat. Each boat shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's bow number.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3. A boat not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.4. Boats that break a rule in section 17 shall receive a 30% scoring penalty without a hearing.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the TC. [DP]
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be according to the process in ER 10. Substitution forms are available from the TC. [DP]

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Prior to check-in each boat must complete a J/70 Class Rules Compliance Form, which will be provided to competitors by email in advance of the regatta. This form must be signed by the skipper and turned in at check-in to complete registration. See ER 7.
- 19.2 Pursuant to ER 4, a boat, sails or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Event Equipment Rules. On the water any boat may be instructed by the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]

## 20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:  
Race Committee – blue flag with RC letters  
Judges – US Sailing Judges flag  
Event Technical Committee – blue flag with RC letters

## 21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support boats, including coach, press, private and spectator boats shall register at the Race Office during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee. Support boats will be issued an identity flag, which shall 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 check-in form, and may pay the applicable fee on behalf of the support boat.
- 21.2 Support drivers shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent.
- 21.3 Support boats shall display identifying flags issued by the OA and adhere to J/70 Class Rule I.3 (Outside Help). [DP]
- 21.4 Except when participating in rescue operations all coach and support boats shall stay at least 150m away from any boat racing and outside the race area. During the start sequence coach and support boats shall be to leeward of the starting area. [DP]
- 21.5 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start and finish lines and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 150m from all these points. [DP]

## 22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash shall be placed in the appropriate containers when the boats return to harbor.

**23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

- 23.1 Boats shall not be hauled out of the water from 1800 on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> until the completion of the final race, except with prior permission of the RC or by request of the TC for inspection purposes. [DP]
- 23.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 23.3 Boats shall not use dehumidifiers from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta.
- 23.4 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of check-in and the end of the regatta.

**24 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 24.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels, including at least the VHF channels 16, 68 and 71.
- 24.2 Except as provided below, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 24.3 Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency.
- 24.4 The RC will use the VHF **channel 71** to communicate with the fleet.

**25 PRIZES**

See NOR 18.

**26 DISCLAIMER, WAIVERS AND RISK STATEMENT**

See NOR 19.

**27 INSURANCE**

See NOR 20

**28. MEDIA RIGHTS**

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.

**29. CONDUCT**

All competitors shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the RRS, World Sailing Regulations and principles of sportsmanship. 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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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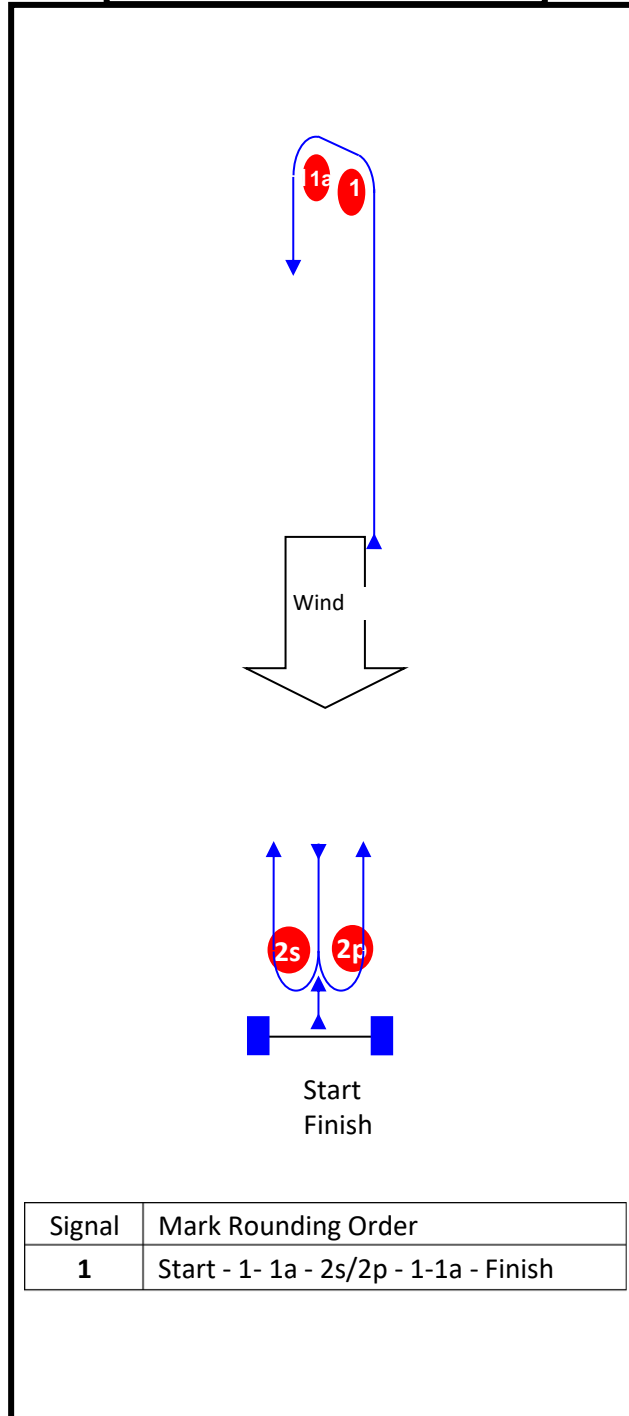
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### Attachment A

#### Course 1



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>1</b>	Start - 1- 1a - 2s/2p - 1-1a - Finish



## Attachment B Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

**Rule 40** Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

After rule 40 add

***US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to [ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the 'PFD' link for more information.***

**Rule 61.4** Add rule 61.4

**61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress**

***US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.***

**Rule 67** After rule 67 add

***US Sailing prescribes that:***

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.***
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.***
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.***

**Rule 76.1** After rule 76.1 add

***US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.***

**Rule 82** Add rule 82

**82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS**

***US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to [ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.***



## Attachment C

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### EVENT CLASS RULES

#### I.3. **OUTSIDE HELP**

A **boat** shall receive no *outside help* or outside assistance from the time the **boat** leaves its dock or mooring until the **boat** has returned to the dock or mooring each day, including being towed. Exceptions to this rule are:

(a) as provided for in RRS 41; or

(b) the transfer of late arriving **crew**, food or drink prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of the day and the transfer of **crew**, food or drink after the **boat** has *finished* or retired from its last race of the day; or

(c) assistance reasonably necessary for the safety of the **crew** or **boat** in the event of an emergency after the **boat** has *finished* or retired from its last race of the day, including emergencies due to weather, equipment failure or other causes.

#### I.4. **CORINTHIAN DIVISION**

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Corinthian division. To be considered as a Corinthian team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 categorization at the time of registration. The Corinthian division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.



## Attachment U On-the-Water Judging

**U1** - Members of the Protest Committee (Judges) may be afloat in boats which will be identified by a US Sailing Judges flag. Judges will observe racing, and may give evidence in a protest, impose penalties and protest boats as described below.

A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a judge under a rule of this Addendum unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule. This changes rule 62.1(a).

The absence of a signal by a judge does not imply that no rule has been broken, it is the responsibility of competitors to protest if they believe another boat has infringed a rule.

**U2** - When a Judge sees a boat breaking one of the following:

J/70 Class Rule C.3.3 (Crew Positioning).

J/70 Class Rule C.9.4 (b) (Bowsprit Use).

RRS Rule 42 (Propulsion), as modified by J/70 Class Rule C.1.1 (b).

They may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a red flag at her and hailing her sail or bow number, even if she is no longer *racing*. This changes RRS 63.

A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under the rules specified above for the same incident.

Her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**U3** - A judge may protest a boat under RRS 60.3(a) if he/she believes that she broke a rule of Part 2, including:

If she broke RRS 31 and did not take a penalty.

If she deliberately broke a rule of Part 2 and gained an advantage.

If she deliberately hindered another boat, as described in WS case 78, circumstance (d).