



## **J Class World Championship**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 ORGANIZATION**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. (NYYC RA) in collaboration with the J Class Association (JCA) and the International Maxi Association (IMA).
- 1.2 The host is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).
- 1.3 The regatta website can be found at [www.jclassyachts.com](http://www.jclassyachts.com).

#### **2 VENUE AND DATES**

- 2.1 The J Class World Championship will be sailed in the waters surrounding Newport, RI, from 21-26 August, 2017. The race office will be situated at the Newport Shipyard.

#### **3 RULES**

- 3.1 The regatta will be governed by:
  - a) The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) modified for Class Rules and event specific requirements, specifically:
    - i) RRS 47.2 is changed, see class rule C.1.1 (d);
    - ii) RRS 50.4 does not apply, see class rule C.1.1 (a);
    - iii) RRS 77 does not apply, see class rule A.19.1
  - b) The prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Notice of Race Addendum A. These will be posted on the regatta website;
  - c) The 2017 J Class Rules (J Class Rules) and interpretations. Please note the J Class Safety Requirements can be found in J Class Rules Appendix A;
  - d) Modified Addendum Q (version J Class 2017) as approved by World Sailing;
  - e) A J Class inclining as detailed in Appendix C of the J Class Rules after 1 September, 2016.
- 3.2 The official language of the event shall be English.
- 3.3 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This modifies RRS 63.7.

#### **4 ADVERTISING**

- 4.1 World Sailing (WS) Advertising Code, Regulation 20, applies.
- 4.2 As per WS Advertising Code, Regulation 20.4, all boats may be required to display event-provided flags during the event. Any requirements will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 5.1 The regatta is open to any boat of the J Class with a valid JCA rating certificate that is owned by a fully paid up member of the J Class Association.

- 5.2 All entries shall be made in writing using the entry form that will be emailed to the JCA members and shall be submitted fully completed by email to the JCA ([louise.morton@jclassyachts.com](mailto:louise.morton@jclassyachts.com)) before 17.00 EST on Friday, 27 May, 2017.
- 5.3 The application for the JCA rating certificate under which the boat will race shall be received by the OA no later than 16.00 hours on Tuesday, 1 August, 2017. Boats that do not comply with this deadline will be subject to a 1% penalty added to the elapsed time for all races. From 16.00 hours on Tuesday, 1 August, 2017, certificates may only be amended in accordance with class rule A.20.1.
- 5.4 On-site registration shall be completed prior to 18.00 on Monday, 21 August, 2017. Not later than the end of registration, boats shall submit to the race office:
- a) a valid JCA rating certificate;
  - b) a completed crew list form available from the JCA (which shall be updated, as necessary, each day of racing prior to leaving the dock);
  - c) a completed waiver form for each crew member. Any crew member added to the crew list shall complete the waiver prior to leaving the dock.
- 5.5 Registration will not be accepted if any of the requirements or deadlines in NOR 5.4 and NOR 6, have not been met. This modifies RRS 78.2.
- 5.6 The Sailing Instructions will be available once the on-site registration has been completed. A draft version may be posted online on the regatta website prior to registration. Entrants will be advised by email.

## 6 FEES

The entry fee is US\$5,000 to be paid to the JCA at the time of written entry. Payment details are on the entry form.

## 7 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 7.1 A maximum of ten races for the event and two races per day shall be sailed. Courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will include both windward-leeward and government mark courses, with the type and number of races to be announced no later than 19.00 hours on the previous day.
- 7.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 8 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8.1 Pre-event measurement checks will take place on Saturday through Monday, 19-21 August, at Newport Shipyard. The schedule shall be agreed by each boat with the Class Measurer.

8.2	Monday, August 21	12.00	Practice Racing – First Warning Signal
		15.00-18.00	Registration – NYYC Sailing Center
		18.00-18.30	Competitor briefing – NYYC Sailing Center
		18.30-20.00	Opening Reception hosted by Rolex – NYYC
	Tuesday, August 22	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
	Wednesday, August 23	11.00	Race Day 2 - First Warning Signal
	Thursday, August 24	11.00	Race Day 3 - First Warning Signal
	Friday, August 25	11.00	Race Day 4 - First Warning Signal
	Saturday, August 26	11.00	Race Day 5 - First Warning Signal
		18.00	Prize giving - NYYC

- 8.2 There will be a short skippers meeting each day at 08.30 hours at the Newport Shipyard to confirm the intentions for the day, followed by the umpires' meeting.
- 8.3 There will be a skippers meeting at the Newport Shipyard each day after racing, followed by the umpires' meeting.

## **9 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION**

- 9.1 Boat and sail measurements and inspections may be made by the JCA throughout the event. A boat shall provide ample persons to assist with the checks.
- 9.2 J Class rating certificates will be distributed by email to the boats no later than 18.00 hours on Sunday, 20 August, 2017. Class rating certification may be protested till 12.00 hours on Monday, 21 August, 2017, except relating to changes made during the event.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2 All races will be weighted equally.

## **11 JURY, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be constituted in accordance with WS Appendix N. All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.4.
- 11.2 Umpiring: all races will be umpired using a modified WS Addendum Q. If the umpires are not able to make the call on the water due to insufficient information, the potential infringement shall be the object of a hearing.
- 11.3 In addition to the penalties described in Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing, the Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the class rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1. Additional details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

All on-course support boats shall be registered with the OA and shall display a flag supplied by the JCA for identification.

## **13 BERTHING**

Boats shall be berthed at the Newport Shipyard from August 20 through August 26, inclusive.

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the World Championship.
- 14.2 Additional prizes will be awarded.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND DRONES**

- 15.1 Each boat shall carry a working marine VHF radio capable of operating in “US mode” on the United States VHF Frequency Band.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency or for safety issues, a boat shall neither make/receive radio transmissions nor phone calls (mobile, computer or satellite) while racing.
- 15.3 The Organizing Authority may place static cameras onboard one or more boats during racing and may switch them to another boat between races or days.
- 15.4 No team, individual or event media shall fly drones within 2 miles of the boats during the event unless authorized by the OA and in full compliance with local law.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 **Liability & Media Waivers:** Each competitor shall sign the online Liability & Media Waiver and submit it no later than registration or as noted in NOR 5.4(c).
- 16.2 Rule 4, Decision to Race, states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.”

- 16.3 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. The Organizing Authority (NYYC RA, JCA and IMA), host Club (NYYC), sponsors, affiliated companies, their representatives, staff and their agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

## **17 MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 17.1 Competitors grant to the OA, the JCA, and any party to which either may delegate this right, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media of, or relating to, the event.
- 17.2 Competitors may be required for interviews during the event.

## **18 INSURANCE**

Each Entrant shall obtain and maintain, in force throughout the Event, with a reputable insurer, insurance which provides coverage for loss or damage to or caused by the Participating Yacht and which has the following minimum levels of coverage: (a) comprehensive marine general liability with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$15 million annual aggregate; (b) marine P&I insurance for the Vessel with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$50 million annual aggregate; and (c) hull insurance for the Vessel with an each occurrence limit of not less than the value of the Vessel.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 19.1 For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the JCA or the NYYC Sailing Office.

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