



2021 J/70 North American Championship May 9-15, 2021

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) and the
International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Annapolis, Maryland,
USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times are US Eastern time.

For the purposes of this SI and RRS 92, the technical committee is an event-specific committee appointed by the OA and approved by the IJ70CA.

Current versions of the J/70 Class Rules and Regulations referenced below can be found at <https://j70ica.org/rules>

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The International J/70 Class Association Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Help), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply.
- 1.3 [NP] The IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.4 [DP] The IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70ER) will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13209>.
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. See also J70CR I.3.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications made ashore will be posted on the notice board.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The racing schedule will be:

Day	Time	Action
Monday	May 10	1830 Quantum Sails - Local Knowledge Briefing (Virtual, details to be posted on notice board)
		1300 Practice racing. Details will be posted on the notice board
Tuesday	May 11	1830 North Sails Competitors' Meeting (Virtual, details to be posted on notice board)
Wednesday	May 12	1100 First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Thursday	May 13	1100 First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Friday	May 14	1100 First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Saturday	May 15	1100 First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		1700 No warning signal shall be made after this time

6.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled with 3 races per day. If, in the opinion of the race committee, the regatta is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, up to 4 races may be raced on one day.

6.3 Due to unpredictable social restrictions associated with the pandemic, AYC is unable to host social events. If this changes, information about social events and ticket prices will be posted on the notice board.

7 CLASS FLAGS

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

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be on the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River as shown in NoR Attachment B.

8.2 No later than 120 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will post the approximate intended location of the starting area on the notice board.

8.3 Approximately 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce the approximate location of the starting area on VHF radio. If the race committee subsequently changes location, it will announce the change on VHF radio.

9 COURSE

9.1 The course will be windward-leeward with four legs, finishing downwind. The weather mark, including after a change in course, will have an offset mark. The weather mark and offset mark will be rounded to port. The leeward mark will be a gate.

9.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

10 MARKS

10.1 The windward and leeward marks will be orange mark-bots or orange cylinders. The offset mark will be a green mark-bot or cylinder. New marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will consist of either two or three race committee vessels. The race committee will announce the line type prior to the warning signal for a race.

(a) For a 2-vessel starting line: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on race committee signal vessels at each end of the starting line.

(b) For a 3-vessel starting line: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end and the mid-line race committee signal vessel, and between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal vessel and the race committee vessel at the starboard end. The staffs on the mid-line vessel may not be on a straight line between the staffs on the starboard and port end vessels.

11.3 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 The race committee may, without signal, make minor adjustments to change the direction of a leg, adjust the length of leg, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

12.2 The race committee may, when signaled in accordance with RRS 33, 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.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and either a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee pin-end vessel, or the course side of an orange mark-bot or cylinder.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Penalties while racing:

(a) The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

(b) RRS 44.2 is changed such that penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg.

14.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, changed as follows:

(a) RRS P1.2 is changed by deleting and replacing it with: "An observer (e.g. member of protest committee) appointed under RRS P1.1 who sees a boat breaking RRS 42, RRS 49, J70CR C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or J70CR C9.4(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use) may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing."

(b) RRS P2.1 is changed by deleting and replacing it with: "When a boat is penalized under RRS P1.2 before she finishes, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. When a boat is penalized under RRS P1.2 after she finishes, her penalty shall be a 10% scoring penalty calculated per RRS 44.3(c)."

(c) RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

14.3 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

15.1 The target time for a race will be 60-70 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 The Finishing Window for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. At the end of the Finishing Window, the race committee will lower the finish line flags with one sound.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 3.2).

16.3 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.

16.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable. The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results of the scoring inquiry. Except on the last day of the event, if this time limit is after 2000 hours, it is extended to 0830 the following morning. This changes rule 62.2.

16.5 The Categorization Protest Time Limit (see World Sailing Regulation 22.5.1) is the protest time limit of the first racing day.

16.6 The protest committee will either conduct hearings at the AYC Sailing Center or via tele- / video- conferencing. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.7 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

16.8 The protest committee will post a list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42.

17 SCORING

17.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 Pursuant to J70ER 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 race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the race committee vessel displaying flag L. Each boat shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the race committee will hail the boat's bow number.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3) at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 A boat that does not intend to leave the harbor for any of the day's racing shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3) at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.4 The penalty for breaking SI 19 will be a 20% scoring penalty (calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

20 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

20.1 J70CR I.3 (Outside Help) applies.