

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2022

J/109 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

OCTOBER 11-15, 2022

PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT



*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## 1. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the regatta Yachtscore website before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

## 2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the regatta Yachtscore website. Copies of notices may be posted on the notice board located on the Pequot Yacht Club Senior Porch. Any discrepancies between what is posted on the ONB and the PYC Senior Porch will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.2. The Race Desk will be on the Pequot Yacht Club Senior Porch. Copies of these sailing instructions and the Notice of Race will be available at the Race Desk. Other regatta related information is also available at the Race Desk.
- 2.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 05A.
- 2.4. Each boat shall carry an operating VHF capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard VHF channels.
- 2.5. [DP] While racing, 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.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Pequot Yacht Club flag pole.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The schedule for racing and associated requirements is provided below. A separate social events schedule will be provided on the regatta website and at check-in.
- 4.2. The regatta will have a maximum of 12 races.

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Tue, Oct 11	0900-1800	Check-in, crew weigh in
	0830-1400	Boat Measurement/Inspection
	1500-1630	Optional organized practice starts. Boats are free to practice at any time on their own.
	1830	Sailor's Meeting
Wed, Oct 12	0800-0930	Initial crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Thu, Oct 13, Fri, Oct 14, Sat, Oct 15	0800-0930	Substitute crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sat, Oct 15	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

## 5. RACING AREA

The racing area will be located approximately two miles south of the Southport Harbor entrance.

## 6. COURSES

- 6.1. See Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams for a description of the possible courses and the order and side the marks are to be rounded or passed.
- 6.2. The RC shall display on course boards
- 6.2.1. One of three courses (4, 5 or 6) per Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams
  - 6.2.2. Approximate bearing to the windward mark
  - 6.2.3. Approximate distance to the windward mark
- 6.3. An offset mark will be set at the windward mark. The windward and offset marks are rounding marks.
- 6.4. The “leeward mark” will be a gate approximately 0.10 NM to windward of the starting line. If no gate is set, boats shall round the single leeward mark to port. (See Attachment 1 - Course Diagrams).
- 6.5. The RC has the option to select “Long Finish” for the last race of the day. A “Long Finish” course will be signaled by adding the letter “L” to the course board. The last leg of the race will extend significantly past the windward mark or gate marks to a finishing line between a race committee boat and the finishing mark near the entrance of the Southport Harbor channel.
- 6.6. When a “Long Finish” is used with an even number of legs, the gate marks must be passed on

their correct sides before sailing to the finishing line. When used with an odd number of legs, the windward mark on the last leg does not have a required side.

#### 6.6.1. Long Finish Examples:

- Course 5L, 355 degrees at 1.2 miles is a windward/leeward/windward/leeward/long windward leg to the finishing line located near the Southport Harbor entrance well beyond the windward mark.
- Course 4L, 180 degrees at 1.4 miles is a windward/leeward/windward/long leeward leg through the gate marks to the finishing line located near the Southport Harbor entrance.

## 7. MARKS

- 7.1. The starting mark, the windward mark, and the gate marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 7.2. The offset mark will be a bright pink hippity-hop mark.
- 7.3. The change mark and the finish mark will be yellow inflatable marks. In the event of a subsequent change, an original mark will be used.

## 8. THE START

- 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 8.2. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number on the designated regatta VHF channel. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear the broadcast, or the order in which boat numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.
- 9.2. An offset mark will not be set when the windward mark is changed.
- 9.3. The RC will attempt to broadcast course changes on the designated regatta VHF channel as a courtesy. The timing of such broadcasts or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.4. The RC may make minor changes to the orientation, but not the location, of the gate or finishing line without signaling a change of course provided boats are not on the second half of the leg they end.

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 10.2. Flag A displayed on the RC boat at the finishing line means 'no more racing today.'

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing prescriptions Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident and Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, Post-Race Penalties, apply.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 12.2. The Finishing Window is thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. 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.

## 13. WIND LIMITS

- 13.1. This section is intended to inform competitors and provide guidance for the organizing authorities, and the RC. Breaches of any condition within this section are not grounds for protest or redress.
- 13.2. (NP) The pre-start wind speed ranges will be no less than 6 knots and no more than 25 knots in accordance with section 13.4.
- 13.3. Wind reading instruments shall be between 2 and 5 meters above the surface of the water with a minimum of 4 meters of free space surrounding the wind instruments. The wind reading shall be taken in an unobstructed area in the racing area by a RC boat. The wind sampling period is five minutes.
- 13.4. Any wind sampling shall be performed prior to the warning signal of a race. If during the sampling period the average wind speed is more than 25 knots or less than 6 knots, the race may be postponed. If frequent heavy gusts exceed 30 knots during the sampling period, the RC may decide not to start the race. Wind sampling does not consider sea state or other environmental conditions.

## 14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress is requested to notify the race committee on the regatta VHF radio channel of its intention after completing the race in question, and identify the protested boat or boats.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat has docked at the Pequot Yacht Club.

- 14.3. Protest forms will be available at the Race Desk.
- 14.4. Protests, requests for redress, requests for a reopening, or a scoring inquiry must be submitted in writing at the Race Desk within the appropriate time limits.
- 14.5. Notices will be posted on the online ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. A courtesy copy of the notices will be posted on the notice board located on the Pequot Yacht Club Senior Porch.

## 15. ARBITRATION

Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add:  
(c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A2.1.
- 16.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Prior to the first race of the day, each boat shall check-in by sailing astern of the RC Signal boat and hailing her sail number.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity on the regatta VHF radio channel.
- 17.3. A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity on the regatta VHF radio channel.
- 17.4. A boat that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF radio shall call the Pequot Yacht Club General Manager at 203-644-2741(mobile) and leave a message for the event PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The J/109 Class North American Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first overall.
- 18.2. The J/109 Class Corinthian North American Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded in accordance with the prize criteria.
- 18.3. Prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing first through fifth overall.
- 18.4. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Additional event information is available on the event website [www.j109nac22.org](http://www.j109nac22.org).

Regatta Yachtscoring website for Official Notice Board and other regatta information:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=15047>

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### Event Principals and their contact information:

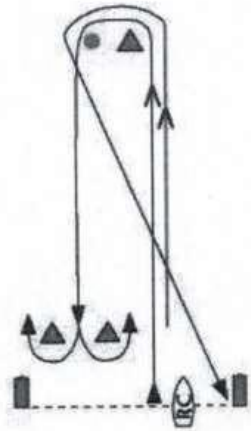
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of the Clubhouse and harbor to participants during the regatta.

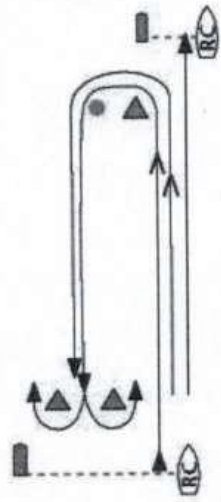
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# Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams

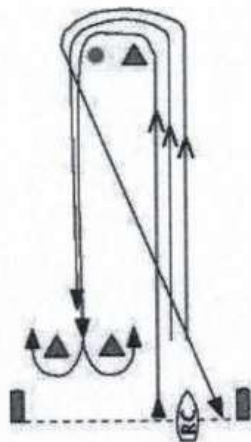
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