

NOTICE OF RACE

2022

J109 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. RULES

- 1.1 The J/109 North American Championship will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the Pequot Yacht Club (PYC), 669 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890, in conjunction with the J/109 Class Association.
- 1.3 The regatta is designated by the J/109 Class Association Executive Board as a “weight limited” event. J/109 Class Association rule 6.2 will apply and rule 6.1 will not. NoR 7 CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFICATION provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply, changed as follows: At the end of rule T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a *protest* is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears that *protest* but will be permitted to observe the testimony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).
- 1.5 The J/109 Class Association Technical Committee (JCTA), assisted by the Pequot Yacht Club Event Technical Committee (ETA), as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist. Effective at 1800 on October 11, 2022, after boat inspections have been completed, the JCTA will relinquish responsibilities to the ETA.
- 1.6 [NP] [DP] All applicable Fairfield, Connecticut regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, including any crew limits, and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE). If required, all competitors shall:
 - (a) employ six-foot physical distancing procedures whenever possible;
 - (b) wear face covering during racing; and
 - (c) adhere to crew limits.
- 1.7 COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should judge his or her own ability to participate in light of this health threat. Breaches of Section 1.6 of this NoR may not be protested by a competitor but may be protested by the race committee

or the organizing authority.

- 1.8 Competitors are reminded of RRS 3, Decision to Race: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the regatta Yachtscoring website no later than 0900 Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Copies will be available at the Race Desk.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located on the regatta Yachtscoring website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15047>. Copies may also be posted on the notice board located on the PYC Senior Porch. Any discrepancies between what is posted on the ONB and on the PYC Senior Porch will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.2 The regatta Yachtscoring website will list the official documents, and other regatta related information as well as links to the host club event website. The event website (www.j109nac22.org) will list local resources (like food stores, repair shops, etc), social event information, and other club information.
- 3.3 The Race Desk will be at the Pequot Yacht Club.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 The race committee intends to use VHF radio to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The assigned VHF channel will be provided in the sailing instructions and during the skippers’ meeting, with any change(s) posted on the Official Notice Board. Competitors should monitor the VHF channel designated by the race committee. Courtesy information provided by the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be limited per J/109 Class Association rule 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/109 Class that conform to the J/109 Class Association Rules. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, event requirements, and submit an entry form and pay all event fees before becoming official competitors.
- 5.2 [NP] [DP] All skippers and drivers shall be current Voting Members or Associate Members of the J/109 Class Association.

- 5.3 The Early Registration deadline is noon, September 12, 2022. Late entries will not be accepted after the Final Registration deadline which is 1800 on October 4, 2022.
- 5.4 Eligible boats and crews may enter by completing the Entry Form via the event registration site https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=15047, submitting the required documentation, and paying the required fees.
- 5.5 In accordance with World Sailing guidance regarding current hostilities in Ukraine, Russian and Belarusian teams, competitors, and officials shall not be eligible to participate in the event.

6. FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$995 for payments received by the Early Registration deadline in NoR 5.3. Competitors may register any time prior to this deadline and defer payments until this deadline without incurring a late fee. The entry fee includes entry to the regatta, moorings and dockage, launch service, admission to all social events, and dinner at the Championship Dinner event for the owner/skipper and all registered crew members. The entry fee, late fees, and administrative fees, are paid online via the registration website.
- 6.2 Entry fees received after the Early Registration deadline in NoR 5.3 incur an additional \$200 late fee payable by 1800 on October 4, 2022. All entry fees must be paid no later than the Final Registration deadline in NoR 5.3.
- 6.3 The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge a \$100 administrative processing fee for any sail declaration or crew declaration data not completed by the Final Registration deadline in NoR 5.3. Should the administrative processing fee be assessed, the competitor will be notified via email and the fee must be paid prior to racing. Should the assessed fee not be paid, the competitor shall not be entered. The OA will not charge any fees other than those described in NoR 6.1 – 6.3.
- 6.4 Additional tickets for the Friday night Championship Dinner event for non-racing guests must be purchased on the event website (www.j109nac22.org) by Friday, October 7, 2022. Drink tickets may be purchased at the Race Desk at any time during the event.
- 6.5 Only competitors who withdraw from the regatta prior to the Final Registration deadline in NoR 5.3 will be reimbursed for fees paid. No other reimbursements will be paid.

7. CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFICATION

- 7.1 The J/109 Class Association requires all crew who sail to be declared, weighed and have emergency contact information listed. The weigh-in sheet will show the declared crew sailing each day with the total crew weight by day.
- 7.2 Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current World Sailing Sailor ID Number and World Sailing Sailor Classification available at <https://www.sailing.org>, and shall meet the World Sailing eligibility requirements of J/109 Class Association rules 2.2 - 2.4.

7.3 Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:

- (a) The skipper shall declare their initial crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta and shall enter the name, World Sailing ID Number and estimated weight for each crew on the “owner’s corner” of the regatta Yachtscoring website by end of day Sunday, October 9, 2022. The declaration shall also include the names, World Sailing ID Number and estimated weights of any substitute crew that the skipper expects to use during the regatta, as well as the names of the crew to be replaced.
- (b) If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for previously undeclared substitute crew, the skipper shall:
 - (i) enter such substitute crew member’s name, crew position and World Sailing ID Number on the “owner’s corner” page of the Yachtscoring website for this event, and
 - (ii) notify the ETA Chair via email of the name, crew position, World Sailing Sailor ID Number, World Sailing Competitor Classification, and estimated weight of the substitute crew and the name of the crew to be replaced not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail.

7.4 Persons who sail as crew or driver on one boat during the regatta may not thereafter serve as crew or driver on another boat unless the first boat has withdrawn from the regatta.

7.5 Weigh-ins:

- (a) Initial crews are required to weigh in prior to 0930 on the first day of racing.
- (b) All substitute crew shall be weighed in by a ETA member or designee of the ETA:
 - (i) if practical, between 0900 - 0930 on the morning of the first day on which the substitute is to sail on the boat, and
 - (ii) in any event, prior to 0930 on the last day of racing.
- (c) [NP] If, as a result of a weigh-in after a substitute crew sails on a boat, it is found that the boat’s crew weight exceeded the limit specified in J/109 Class Association rules 6.2, the boat shall be protested by the ETA and, if found in violation of this rule, shall be disqualified from each race for which the maximum crew weight was exceeded.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 The schedule for racing and associated requirements is provided below. A separate social schedule will be provided on the regatta website and at the Race Desk.

Day & Date	Time	Activity
Tue, Oct 11	0900-1800	Check-in, initial crew weigh in
	0930-1400	Boat Measurement/Inspection

	1500-1630	Optional organized practice starts. Boats are free to practice at any time on their own.
	1745	Opening Cocktail Party & Skipper's Meeting
Wed, Oct 12	0900-0930	Initial crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Thu-Sat, Oct 13-Oct 15	0900-0930	Substitute crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sat, Oct 15	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

9. SAIL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 9.1 Sails shall be registered per J/109 Class Association Rules and shall be declared via the J/109 Class website at <https://j109.org/declare-sails/> prior to the Final Registration deadline of NoR 5.3. The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge an administrative processing fee for any sail declaration data not completed by this deadline per NoR 6.3.
- 9.2 All boats will be inspected to confirm compliance with the J/109 Class Association Rules and the Measurement Checklist (posted on the Official Notice Board). See NoR 8.1 and 10.

10. MEASUREMENTS AND INSPECTION

- 10.1 All boats must register for [an on-board inspection appointment online](#). The host club fleet may be inspected on Monday, October 11 by the Class Measurer. Boats and sails may also be inspected/measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of the ETA.
- 10.2 Subsequent to boat inspection, any changes or substitution of sails listed as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made in accordance with the J/109 Class Association Rules and with the written consent of the ETA.
- 10.3 [NP] [DP] Bow numbers may be provided to each participating boat and are available for pick up at the Race Desk. Bow numbers, if provided, shall be affixed to both sides of the hull starting no more than 8 inches from the bow and no more than 12 inches from the deck.
- 10.4 [NP] [DP] Boats must be compliant with all on-board inspection requirements as posted on Official Notice Board of the regatta website, and shall clear all identified non-compliance items prior to 1800 on October 11, 2022. Any boat not in compliance by 1800 on October 11, 2022 shall be protested by the ETA per RRS 60.4 and may be disqualified.

11. VENUE & COURSES

- 11.1 The racing area is on Long Island Sound approximately two miles due south of the Southport Harbor channel.

- 11.2 Courses will be windward / leeward. The race committee intends to use gates and offset marks for windward / leeward courses. The race committee may employ a “long last leg” to the finish which will be either a windward or leeward leg. The “long last leg” may only be used for the last race of the day.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 US Sailing prescription Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, applies.
- 12.2 US Sailing prescription Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, Post-Race Penalty, applies.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion.
- 13.2 Three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.3 Scoring will include all boats. Additionally, a separate score sheet will display those eligible for the Corinthian prize per NoR 19.2.

14. CHARTERED BOATS/ENTRIES

A J/109 may be chartered for J/109 sanctioned events, including the 2022 North American Championship, however the charterer must be a Voting Member or an Associate Member who is an owner of a J/109.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1 [NP] [DP] Boats are required to moor or dock at the Pequot Yacht Club throughout the regatta: October 11-15, 2022.
- 15.2 Complimentary PYC moorings or dockage will be available from October 7 until October 17 for competitors. Contact dockmaster@pequotyc.com to reserve moorings or dockage for boats requiring early arrival or later departure.
- 15.3 PYC operates two complimentary launches with limited capacity. Skippers are encouraged to use the Fuel Dock to make transient crew pick-ups and drop-offs.
- 15.4 [NP] [DP] Pequot Yacht Club Dock Rules must be followed.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 [NP] [DP] Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the ETA.
- 16.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall arrive at Pequot Yacht Club in time for their scheduled inspection (NoR 8.1 and NoR 10) on October 11, 2022, and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NoR 16.1.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, Decision to Race and NoR 1.8). By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in the weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury.
- 17.2 Competitors recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, economic loss, injury, or even death. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby understand, acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 17.3 Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Pequot Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.
- 17.4 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.
- 17.5 As a condition of entry, all competitors, crew included, shall sign a waiver.

18. INSURANCE

[NP] [DP] Each participating boat shall hold adequate insurance coverage including valid third-party liability insurance coverage with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 US per event or equivalent.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 The J/109 Class North American Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first overall.
- 19.2 The J/109 Class Corinthian North American Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded in accordance with the prize criteria.
- 19.3 Prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing first through fifth overall.
- 19.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional event information is available on the event website www.j109nac22.org.

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Pequot Yacht Club contact information:

- General Manager, Jeff Engborg, mgr@pequotyc.com, 203-255-5740 x13
- Marine Manger, Travis Herman, dockmaster@pequotyc.com, 203-255-5740 x19

Event Principals and their contact information:

- Regatta Chair: Leo Valle, leonidasmvalle@gmail.com, 954-415-5609
- Event Shoreside Chair, Megan Kelly, megan@meganfoxkelly.com, 203-260-4608
- Event PRO: John Troy, jtroyhome@yahoo.com, 203-820-0057
- Class Coordinator: Jonathan Rechtshaffer, jrechtshaffer@gmail.com, 917-679-7801
- Class Measurer: Bengt Johansson bengt.j109@gmail.com, 908-222-3797
- Event Technical Committee: Brian Spears, bspearsllc@icloud.com, 203-246-2374
- Protest Committee Chair: Dave Perry, davperry@optonline.net, 203-556-1095

Pequot Yacht Club cordially extends the privileges
of the Clubhouse and harbor to participants during the regatta.

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