

J/109 – FLEET 10 FALL CLASSIC



Sailing Instructions

Stamford Yacht Club: October 1-2, 2022

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority is Stamford Yacht Club (SYC), 97 Ocean Drive West, Stamford, CT, 06902.
- 1.3 The J/109 Class Association Rules (CR) shall apply. The *J/109 Class Representatives* shall be the J/109 Class officers participating in the regatta.
- 1.4 RRS 41 is modified by US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident and US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, Penalty Taken After the Race.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed below: at the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: "(c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes RRS 63.3(a)."
- 1.6 RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is replaced by, "If there is a conflict between any 'rule' and a 'rule' in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions and any amendments shall take precedence, so long as the sailing instructions comply with RRS 86.1 (b)."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board will be the yachtscoring.com website for the event: 2022 J109 Fall Classic

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0800 of the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS AND CLASS FLAG

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Stamford YC.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore with two sound signals, the harbor start is postponed. In addition, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signals AP.
- 4.3 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), oral changes to the SI may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal vessel displays code flag L with one sound. This means come within hail to receive oral changes.
- 4.4 The Class Flag will be a J109 Class Flag or numeral pennant 1.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1 The courses shall be Windward/Leeward using drop marks and even numbers of legs.
- 5.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the approximate direction and distance to the windward mark on the top line of a course board mounted on the stern rail of the signal vessel, and the number of legs to be sailed signaled on the bottom line.



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6. MARKS

- 6.1 The start/finish mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 6.2 The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 6.3 The offset mark, if used, will be a red/pink ball.
- 6.4 The leeward mark shall be the start/finish mark unless the Race Committee sets a leeward mark upwind of the start/finish line in which case the mark will be orange.
- 6.5 A change mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. In the event of a subsequent change, an original mark will be used.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark at the port end.
- 7.2 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

8. RECALLS

- 8.1 The race committee will attempt to hail boats OCS over VHF channel 05A. Sail numbers or boat names will be used to identify boats OCS.
- 8.2 Failure of equipment, the timing and order of such hails, or failure of a boat to hear or understand a hail, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes 62.1(a).

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and .1NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 If the new mark is the weather mark, an offset mark will not be used.
- 9.4 The race committee will endeavor to broadcast course changes over the regatta VHF channel.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finish mark.



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11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 11.2 Boats finishing later than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix V 1 will apply.
- 12.2 Penalties for infractions within three (3) boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee of its intention upon finishing and shall identify the protested boat or boats.
- 13.2 Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit, which is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 13.3 The protest time limit and a list of protests filed will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring promptly to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 13.4 Protest hearings will be held at the Stamford YC at a place designated at Race Headquarters.

14. ARBITRATION

- 14.1 Arbitration may be held in accordance with Appendix T.
- 14.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 15.2 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to 2 more than the number of finishers.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION

- 16.1 The Race Committee will monitor and utilize VHF channel 05A.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats at no cost.
- 16.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive data transmissions while racing.

17. OTHER INFORMATION

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