



The Tideway J/70 UK National Championships

August 26th- August 28th, 2023

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, United Kingdom

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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The Organising Authority (OA) is Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA), in conjunction with the UK & Ireland J/70 Class Association.

Event Website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15892>

See NoR 27 for full contact information

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] The current IJ70CA Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply.
- 1.4 [DP] The IJ70CA Test Class Rules for 2023 (J70TCR) (Mixed-Plus Division, Young Crew Division) that apply are stated in full in NoR Addendum A.
- 1.5 [DP] The current IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70ER) will apply.
- 1.6 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions (SI) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 [NP] The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than 25th August 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15892>
- 3.2 [DP] All competing boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 3.3 [NP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [NP] The Telegram messaging service (or similar) may be used to provide supplementary communications. Information regarding sign up to this service will be provided separately. This does not replace the Official Notice Board.
- 3.5 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) is in effect.
- 3.6 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fee.
- 4.3 A boat will not be considered registered in the event until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 4.4 The entry deadline is Sunday 13th August 2023.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of £25. To request a late entry, please contact per the event website.
- 4.6 Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date.
- 4.7 Boats and/or crew from Russia or Belarus are not eligible to participate. For further information see IJ70CA Class Policy Statement of March 2, 2022 found at <https://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>.
- 4.8 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 4, check-in per NoR 9, and inspection per NoR 11 have been successfully completed. See RRS 76.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £310
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
- One Launch and one haul out; per boat.
 - In-the-water dockage during the event;
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage during the event
 - Three championship race days;
 - Awards and prizes;
 - Full guest privileges at WPNSA, including all on-site dining and bar services.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorisation, the [World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code](#) will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 6.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorisations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.
- 6.3 To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70TCR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).
- 6.4 To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age as of the date of check-in per J70TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division).
- 6.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorisation Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 All boats will sail as one fleet.
- 8.2 Up to nine (9) races are scheduled.

9. CHECK-IN

- 9.1 [DP] All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 10.
- 9.2 [DP] No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 10), all skippers and crewmembers shall:
- (a) be listed on the event's online entry list and be members of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
 - (b) provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
 - (c) if under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration (available from the event website).
- 9.3 [DP] No later than the close of check-in, each boat shall:

- (a) Show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). See also NoR 11.1
- (b) Complete all other required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and UKJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1 The intended schedule is as follows:

Thursday	Aug 24th	0900 – 1600	Launching of boats
Friday	Aug 25th	0900 – 1600	Check-in and Launching of boats
Saturday	Aug 26th	0800 – 0930 1000 1155	Check-in and Launching of boats Competitor Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
Sunday	Aug 27th	1125 After Racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Tideway Party
Monday	Aug 28th	1125	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Prize Giving after racing Craning out of boats

10.2 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Monday August 28th

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 [DP] All boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.
- 11.2 [NP] Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, if assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by the OA prior to her inspection, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).
- 11.3 [DP] RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.
- 11.4 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

12. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 [DP] Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or equipment used while racing will require prior written consent of the OA.

13. VENUE

- 13.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA, United Kingdom.
- 13.2 The racing area will be in Weymouth Bay and/or Portland Harbour. The race area may be up to 10km (5.5 nm) from the marina.

14. COURSE

14.1 Course will be windward/leeward. Details will be provided in the SI.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) may apply, as amended by the SI.

15.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

15.3 The One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty in RRS 44 are replaced with a One-Turn unless a rule of Part 2 was broken while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, in which case a Two-Turns Penalty applies.

15.4 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 leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring shall be according to the Low Point Scoring System of RRS A2 as follows:

a. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

b. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

17.1 Support person vessels (SPV) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery and berthing arrangements with either WPNSA, Portland Marina or elsewhere.

17.2 [DP] SPVs and operators must register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to arrange payment of £10 per support vessel per day.

17.3 [DP] Only registered SPVs that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. Flags will be assigned when registering and there will be a refundable cash deposit of £50 (or Eur50) required for each identification flag, payable on-site during SPV registration. Deposits will be returned when the flag is returned to WPNSA Reception.

17.4 [DP] SPVs and operators shall comply with the support vessel regulations as published on the event website.

17.5 SPV operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17.6 [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. SPV operators attention is drawn to RRS 37.

17.7 The conduct of registered SPVs, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

18. BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

18.2 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in.

19.2 [DP] Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the event online management system, RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Still or video photography (including drone footage) may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

22.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

23.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

23.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1 The awards ceremony will be held at WPNSA on Monday August 28th after racing.
- 25.2 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed-Plus and Young Crew Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 25.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. CONDUCT

- 26.1 [DP] All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 26.2 [DP] Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities .
- 26.3 Failure to comply with NoR 26.1 and NoR 26.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 26.4 [NP] Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club Primary Contact: Richard Bowers, Events and Training Coordinator. WPNSA, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, UK. DT5 1SA
T: 01305 866000 richard.bowers@wpnsa.org.uk

Boat and Trailer Storage: For details, contact reception@wpnsa.org.uk

- Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of launching through Monday August 28th .

- A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at WPNSA or an off-site location from the time of launching through Monday August 28th
- Boats who have also entered the 2023 European Championships can be stored ashore on their trailer until their designated inspection and launch time for that event with no additional charge.
- Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching, dockage, and trailer storage will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

Addendum A

2023 J/70 Test Class Rules (J70TCR)

J70TCR I.10 MIXED-PLUS DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Mixed-Plus division. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age. The Mixed Plus division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

J70TCR I.12 YOUNG CREW DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Young Crew division. To be considered as a Young Crew team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age. The Young Crew division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.