



## 2024-2025 J/70 Winter Series at Davis Island Yacht Club

Regattas: Dec 07-08, 2024 – Jan 11-12, 2025 – Feb 08-09, 2025

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Davis Island Yacht Club and the US J/70 Class Association

### NOTICE OF RACE

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***The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the Protest Jury may award a penalty other than disqualification. This is added to RRS 60.1(a).***

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] [NP] In addition to other J/70 Class Rules (J70CR), J70CR I.3 (Outside Help) will apply. {See <https://j70ica.org/rules>}
- 1.3 The following divisions will be scored – Corinthian (J70CR I.4), One-Pro (J70CR I.5), Mixed-Plus (J70CR I.10) and Young Crew (J70CR I.12).
- 1.4 [DP] The J/70 Equipment Regulations (J70ER) will apply, except where altered by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. {See <https://j70ica.org/rules>}
- 1.5 [NP] The J/70 Regatta Regulations (J70RR) will apply, except where altered by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. {See <https://j70ica.org/rules>}
- 1.6 [NP] Bow identifiers will be assigned and provided by the OA and given to each participating boat at Check-In which shall be affixed to the hull according to J70ER 6 and J70ER Appendix A.
- 1.7 [NP] [DP] Parking on DIYC property is limited to members and those displaying a parking permit signed by the DIYC Club Manager. Registrants with a full season dry slip are allowed parking for one vehicle in the dry slip assigned to their boat. All other vehicles must be parked outside of the gate at the boundary of DIYC property. On Sundays, ALL non-member vehicles must be parked outside the boundary of DIYC property. The Organizing Authority retains the right to limit any individual or team's access to the club at its sole discretion.
- 1.8 The Vakaros RaceSense system may be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). Further details will be described in the Sailing Instructions (SI) for each event.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SIs for each event will be available online (24) hours before the opening of on-site check-in.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located on each event's Yacht Scoring site.
- 3.2 [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 For unofficial but informative general announcements, you can opt-in to the WhatsApp group with this QR code or link (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HN4qFKARhou7Wjj6Su3zwa>).



#### 4 [NP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the current International J/70 Class Rules.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees at the following sites:  
Event #1: Dec 07-08, 2024 <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16862>  
Event #2: Jan 11-12, 2025 <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16863>  
Event #3: Feb 08-09, 2025 <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16864>
- 4.3 Registrations for each event will be capped at 60 paid boats. A waiting list will be implemented if necessary. The waiting list will be sorted by date of paid registration followed by unpaid registrations. The final number of entries will be at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 All participants in each event, including those who registered and made the required payments online, are required to report to the Check-In desk during the scheduled hours to confirm and complete their registration.
- 4.5 All competitors must complete waivers online or during Check-In hours.

#### 5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees (taxes included) and refund schedules are as follows:

Regatta	Entry Fee	Payment Deadline	90% if withdrawal on or prior to:	75% if withdrawal after:	50% if withdrawal after:	No refund if withdrawal:
Event #1	\$425	Nov 30	Nov 16	Nov 16	Nov 23	On or after Nov 30
Event #2	\$425	Jan 04	Dec 21	Dec 21	Dec 28	On or after Jan 04
Event #3	\$425	Feb 01	Jan 18	Jan 18	Jan 25	On or after Feb 01

- 5.2 Entry fee includes Friday night keg and snacks, buffet breakfast Saturday and Sunday, keg and snacks Sunday evening.
- 5.3 The entry deadline will be one (1) week prior to the Saturday of each event and registration will be closed at 1200.
- 5.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA with the addition of a \$75 late fee.
- 5.5 An entry will not be considered final, nor storage confirmed until all fees are paid and all required forms are submitted.

#### 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Changes or substitutions of crew during an event will require written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO. The number of crew may not be changed during an event.

#### 7 [NP] ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

#### 8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Schedule

Regatta	Activity	Date, Time
Event #1	Check-In Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning	Dec 06, 1000 - 1900 Dec 06, 1800 Dec 07-08, 1100
Event #2	Check-In Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning	Jan 10, 1600 - 1900 Jan 10, 1800 Jan 11-12, 1100
Event #3	Check-In Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning	Feb 07, 1000 - 1900 Feb 07, 1800 Feb 08-09, 1100

- 8.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1430 on Sunday for each event.
- 8.3 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 8.4 For each event, practice races may be held on the day before the first day of scheduled racing followed by a debrief.

## **9 [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1 At or before the close of Check-In, all competing boats must provide the following:

- a) A complete crew list entered on the event Yacht Scoring site, including current and valid World Sailing ID numbers for each crew member.
- b) Completed waivers for all members of the crew.
- c) A current and valid proof of insurance.
- d) Proof of a current and valid J/70 Manufacturer's Declaration. Any boat without a current and valid Manufacturer's Declaration prior to the event must contact the J/70 Class Office for further instructions.
- e) A J/70 Class Rules Compliance Declaration Form as described in J70ER 7. This form will be provided online to registered competitors by the OA shortly before the event and will require the signature of the skipper or person in charge.

9.2 Boats, equipment and sails may be inspected at any time.

9.3 Repairs, alteration or substitution of sails or equipment shall be in accordance with J70ER 10 and will require the written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.

## **10 VENUE**

The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the DIYC Clubhouse.

## **11 COURSES**

The course will be a windward-leeward configuration and further described in the SIs.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

12.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

## **13 SCORING**

13.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

13.2 For all three events, if four (4) or fewer races are completed a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores. If five (5) or more races are completed a boat's event score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

13.3 One (1) completed race is necessary to constitute a regatta.

13.4 For the overall series to be scored, a minimum of two events shall be held and overall series scoring will be as follows:

- a) Competitors must register, pay and compete in a minimum of two events.
- b) The helmsman must be the same in all qualifying events.
- c) The same boat must be used in all qualifying events.
- d) A boat's series score will be the total of her finishing positions in her two best qualifying events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her two best qualifying events shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best scores(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event. If a tie remains, trophies shall be awarded to all tied competitors.
- e) To qualify for overall Corinthian, One-Pro, Mixed-Plus or Young Crew, a boat's status must be the same in her two best qualifying events.

## **14 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, RRS Appendix G shall apply.

## **15 [NP] BERTHING**

15.1 [DP] Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while on DIYC property.

15.2 All boats must be in the water by 0900 on the first race day of an event and shall remain in the water until the end of the event, unless granted written prior permission by the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.

15.3 Once launched, boats shall not use electricity without written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.

## **16 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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 weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 18 [NP] INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent. It is the owner's inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.
- 18.2 Proof of Insurance shall be provided at the time of online registration. Proof of insurance will be required before boat storage is allowed.

## 19 PRIZES

- 19.1 For each event, trophies will be awarded to the Overall top three teams, the top three Corinthian teams, the top One-Pro team, the top Mixed-Plus team and the top Young Crew team.
- 19.2 For the overall Winter Series, a trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner, the top Corinthian team, the top One-Pro team, the top Mixed-Plus team and the top Young Crew team.
- 19.3 Additional prizes may be awarded.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: BOAT STORAGE**

Storage sign-up will be opened at 0800 eastern time on September 01, 2024. There will be storage space for a maximum of 40 boats on the Davis Island Yacht Club property commencing on December 02, 2024. All stored boats must be off DIYC property by February 17, 2025. The storage fee (taxes included) will be \$375/month for a total of \$1,125. Priority will be given to boats who have registered and paid for all three events.

## REGATTA CONTACTS:

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