



JSA PIXEL AND BLUE JAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

and

BLUE JAY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

August 9th, 10th and 11th 2009

American Yacht Club, Rye NY

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The 2009 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events will apply to those boats competing for the JSA Pixel and Blue Jay Championship.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Blue Jay Class Association will apply to those boats competing for the Blue Jay National Championship.
- 1.4 Racing Rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
 - a. Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 For the JSA Pixel and Blue Jay Championship, competitors must meet the JSA eligibility requirements. As per class and JSA rules, all competitors are required to be members of their respective national class association.
- 2.2 For the Blue Jay Nationals, competitors must meet the International Blue Jay Class Association eligibility requirements.
- 2.3 Blue Jays competing in the JSA Championships will sail the same races as Blue Jays competing only in the Nationals. Blue Jays will be scored separately so that a non-JSA member Blue Jay will not be scored in the JSA Championship but a JSA member boat will be scored in the Nationals.

- 2.4 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor or the program head of their member program.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter by registering online and paying their entry fee at www.yachtscoring.com no later than Thursday, July 30, 2009. Online entry is required; paper entries will not be accepted.
- 2.6 In addition, each competitor will provide a JSA Standard Waiver, Medical Release Form and Housing Request (if needed) via the JSA online regatta registration capability at <http://www.jsalis.org/login.html>

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$95 per sailor and \$80 per instructor.
- 3.2 Late entries and/or changes may be accepted at the discretion of the regatta chair. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chair. Please do not send attempt online entry or make changes without permission from the regatta chair as they may not be accepted. The late fee is \$20 in addition to the above fees.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Registration:** All skippers, crews, and instructors must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Instructors must also attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.
- 4.2 The schedule of events is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday	Aug 9	1400-1800	Registration, Equipment Check, Blue Jay Measurement	Junior American Yacht Club (JAYC)
Sunday	Aug 9	1730	Dinner for competitors and instructors that are being housed	American Yacht Club grounds
Sunday	Aug 9	1830	Housing host pick-up	Front of Main Club
Monday	Aug 10	0800-0830	Late Registration Pixels Only	JAYC
Monday	Aug 10	0900	Competitors Meeting	Front Lawn
Monday	Aug 10	0930	Instructors Meeting	Front Lawn
Monday	Aug 10	1000	Harbor Start	
Monday	Aug 10	1100	Warning Signal	
Monday	Aug 10	Between Races	Lunch on the water	
Monday	Aug 10	1830	Dinner and social event for all competitors and instructors	American Yacht Club grounds
Monday	Aug 10	2030	Housing host pickup	Front of Main Club
Tuesday	Aug 11	0930	Harbor Start	
Tuesday	Aug 11	1030	Warning Signal	
Tuesday	Aug 11	Between Races	Lunch on the water	
Tuesday	Aug 11	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time	
Tuesday	Aug 11	Immediately after racing	Presentation of awards	Front Lawn

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All boats must conform to their class rules and any applicable JSA safety or measurement rules. Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.
- 5.2 **Weight restrictions:** Some or all competitors in classes with minimum weight restrictions may be required to weigh in during the registration period.
- 5.3 **Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs):** Competitors and instructors are required to wear a properly fastened PFD with whistle attached at all times when on the water or on the dock in accordance with JSA rules. Failure to comply with JSA rules can result in disciplinary action being taken (see Section 14).
- 5.4 **Sail numbers:** Sail numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Entries of boats not complying with this instruction may be rejected by the organizing authority. If racing has already started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online at www.yachtscoring.com. Final sailing instructions will be available at the on-site registration desk.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be the waters South of American Yacht Club, approximately 1 nautical mile East of “Scotch Caps” Bell Buoy 42 (Red).
- 7.2 Directions to American Yacht Club can be found at www.americanyc.org

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions, and may include a triangle, windward-leeward-windward, and/or modified Olympic course.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 9.1 Immediately after finishing a race, without consultation with instructors, coaches or spectators, a boat shall notify the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest another boat and (if possible) provide the sail number of the protested boat.
- 9.2 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (as described in Appendix C of the 2009 Rules for JSA Events) shall apply to protests involving Part 2 rules. (This changes Rule 63.).

10 SCORING

- 10.1 There will be up to eight races. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support boat equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor, coach and/or other support personnel shall drive the support boat in accordance with JSA rules for JSA events 10.4 (c) and (d) and shall register with the organizing authority at registration to receive safety patrol assignments.
- 11.2 Spectator and support boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing and must listen to the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee.
- 11.3 If a club is not sending a support boat (i.e., a club is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements must be made with another club to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.

12 BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 12.1 All boats will be dry sailed.
- 12.2 Boats, trailers and dollies will be stored only in areas designated by American Yacht Club.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 For the JSA Pixel and Blue Jay Champs, prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each division. Equal prizes will be awarded to crew and helmspersons. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entrants in each division.
- 13.2 For the Blue Jay Nationals, prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - a. If there are fewer than ten boats competing, there will be five perpetual trophies ("National Division"), each with a keeper trophy, for the first, second and third place helmsperson; for first place crew; and for highest finishing female helmsperson.
 - b. If there are ten or more boats competing, prizes will be awarded as above plus an additional four perpetual trophies ("President's Division"), each with a keeper

trophy, for the fourth, fifth, sixth place helmsperson and for the fourth place crew.

13.3 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the Race committee.

14 DISCIPLINE

14.1 All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The organizing authority may discipline a junior sailor or instructor for actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water; or
- b. stealing or borrowing without permission, anything that does not belong to them; or
- c. possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol.
- d. failure to wear a properly fastened PFD.

14.2 If an instructor is asked to leave a race course, all juniors for whom that instructor is responsible must leave the race course as well unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club, Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound, International Blue Jay Class Association and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

16 HOUSING, MEALS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

16.1 Housing will be provided for the nights of August 9th and 10th for all competitors and instructors from member programs on Long Island and Connecticut east of Norwalk.

- 16.2 Assigned housing must be used. Failure to use assigned housing will be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 16.3 Breakfast will be provided by housing hosts. Lunch and dinner will be provided by American Yacht Club per the schedule.
- 16.4 Local transportation will be provided by housing host if required.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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