

Blue Jay Open National Championship 2012

July 13, 14 & 15

Centerport Yacht Club

1 Beach Plum Drive, Centerport NY 11721

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 The rules of the International Blue Jay Class Association will apply to all boats competing in the regatta.
- 1.3 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 Competitors must meet the International Blue Jay Class Association eligibility requirements including being a current member of the Blue Jay Class Association.
- 2.3 Entries for this regatta will only be accepted via the Yacht Scoring regatta registration website, paper entries will not be accepted. Each competitor will provide a Regatta Waiver and Medical Release Form as found at www.yachtscoring.com Payment must also be made on-line at the website. All registration documents and payments must be received by Friday, July 7, 2012.
- 2.4 Information on this regatta will also be available at www.centerport-yc.org

3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$150 per boat/captain plus \$25 for each crew member, which also includes food and soft drinks for Saturday night's dinner dance.
- 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 attempt online entry or make changes without permission from the regatta chair as they may not be accepted. The late fee is \$50 in addition to the above fees.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: All skippers must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period.
- 4.2 All boats must arrive at Centerport Yacht Club on Friday, July 13th to be launched, safety checked, weighed and measured. No boats will be launched on Saturday or Sunday without prior approval of the regatta chair.
- 4.3 The schedule of events is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	July 13	10:00 – 18:00	Registration, Equipment Check, Measurement, Boat Launching
		18:30	Informal BBQ for competitors.
Saturday	July 14	08:30	Competitor's Meeting
		09:30	Harbor Start
		10:30	Warning Signal
		19:00	Dinner dance for all competitors
Sunday	July 15	09:00	Harbor Start
		10:00	Warning Signal
		15:00	No warning signal after this time
		Immediately following racing	Presentation of awards

5. MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.
- 5.2 **Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs):** Competitors are required to wear a properly fastened PFD with whistle attached at all times when on the water.
- 5.3 **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 will 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 off Huntington Bay and Northport Bay.
- 7.2 Directions to Centerport Yacht Club can be found at www.centerport-yc.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. This supersedes IBJCA Article VI, B.

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 procedure for filing a protest will be governed by the Race Rules of Sailing, unless modified by the sailing instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 There will be up to ten races. Two races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This supersedes IBJCA Article VI, G.

11. SPECTATOR AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 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.

12. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 12.1 All boats will be wet sailed at the Centerport Yacht Club; launch service and moorings will be provided.
- 12.2 Trailers will be stored only in areas designated by the Centerport Yacht Club.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - a. First, Second and Third Place.
 - b. Best JSA finish.
 - c. Top female helmsperson.
 - d. Oldest boat completing the regatta.

- e. Oldest helmsperson or crew member completing the regatta.
- f. Youngest helmsperson or crew member completing the regatta.

13.3 A sportsmanship trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

13.4 Additional prizes may be awarded based on the number of boats registered.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Centerport 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 the Centerport Yacht Club, 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.

15. HOUSING, MEALS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Housing, meals and local transportation will not be provided by the regatta organizers. However, we hope to establish an informal housing group to help young sailors find guest housing.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chair
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CHECK LIST

SKIPPER

NAME _____

SAIL# _____ CLUB _____

CREW NAME _____

BOAT WEIGHT _____ PEOPLE WEIGHT _____

SAIL MEASURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLASS SPECS

YES _____ NO _____

- _____ 1. 4lb. anchor with 50' line
- _____ 2. Non-collapsible 10qt. Bucket
- _____ 3. Minimum 4' paddle
- _____ 4. U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejackets
- _____ 5. Movement of mast no more than 1/2" on step
- _____ 6. Centerboard does not drop past vertical
- _____ 7. Mast band is max 23" above deck
- _____ 8. Top of boom restrained from going below mast
band by a permanent strap
- _____ 9. Boom-vang is 2-part, above deck
- _____ 10. Current year class sticker on transom