



# NOTICE OF RACE

## J/70 North American Championship 2019

September 23 – 29, 2019

Hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club  
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

The Organizing Authority ("OA") is the  
Edgewater Yacht Club and J/70 Class Association

[www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. J/70 Class Rules III.I.3 (Support Boats) and III.I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.
- 1.3. Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and 82 will apply.
- 1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.5. The Sailing Instructions ("SI's") may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats are required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA), in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. If provided, flags, stickers and decals shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1.** The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2.** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees. Registration can be found at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 3.3.** The entry deadline is Sunday, August 18, 2019. An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is completed and the entry paid.
- 3.4.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$100.00.
- 3.5.** A maximum of 90 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form and required fees are received. Additional entries who have paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- 3.6.** Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing prior to Sunday, August 18, 2019, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after Monday, August 19, 2019 will only receive this refund if boats remain on the waiting list.
- 3.7.** Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 3.8.** Boats will not be considered fully registered and entitled to compete until the following information is entered as part of online registration, by e-mail to the OA, or at check-in:
  - The names of the skipper and all crew members.
  - Skipper and crew waivers required under NOR 8.3.
  - The crew list with valid World Sailing Sailor ID and World Sailing Classification for all drivers and crew on boats wishing to be eligible for Corinthian Awards, as required by NOR 8.3.
  - Insurance information required under NOR 8.3 and NOR 21.1.
  - A valid J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration.

### **4. CLASSIFICATION**

- 4.1.** In accordance with RRS 79, the Sailor Classification Code under World Sailing Regulation 22 will apply. See Class Rules C.3.2 and I.4.
- 4.2.** A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

## 5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee shall be \$725.00. For entries received before Wednesday, June 19, 2019 the early discount fee shall be \$625.00.

5.2. The entry fee includes:

- Invitation to all social events for the Owner / Charterer and three crew members. (Additional tickets available on the registration website.)
- Breakfast buffet for the Owner / Charterer and three crew members. (Additional tickets available on the registration website.)
- Launch and haul out
- Inspection and measurement
- In-water dockage from Sunday, September 22, 2019 until Sunday, September 29, 2019
- On-site and off-site trailer storage between Friday, September 20, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019
- One practice race day
- Four regatta race days
- Awards and prizes
- Full guest privileges at Edgewater Yacht Club including all on-site dining and bar services. Edgewater Yacht Club guest cards will be available.

## 6. EVENT FORMAT

6.1. The Race Committee may use a three-boat starting line as further described in the Sailing Instructions.

6.2. A maximum of 4 races on any day may be sailed, maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

6.3. If more than 70 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided to accommodate a rotation as described in the Sailing Instructions with two separate starts on the same racing circle.]

6.4. In the event of a fleet split, the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series:

- a) Qualifying Series - The fleet will be split into four "flights" for the qualifying series with the goal of having each flight sail against each other equally;
- b) Final Series - The top half of the fleet from the qualifying series will be placed in the Championship Fleet, with the remainder in the Silver Fleet.

## 7. SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	1730 - 2000	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Registration & J/70 NA Competitor's EARLY REGISTRATION
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	0830 - 0930	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Registration & Continental Breakfast
		1055	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Warning Signal for First Race
		1830	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Shrimp & Crawfish Boil
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	0730	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Continental Breakfast
		0955	Cleveland (216) Regatta *** Warning Signal First Race of the Day
			Cleveland (216) Regatta *** No Warning Signal after 1300 Awards & "SAIL-gate" Following Racing
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	0830 – 1800	Check-In and Inspection
		1100 – 2000	Registration Open
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	0800 - 1700	Check-In and Inspection Registration Open
		1400	Warning Signal for Practice Race
		1800	All Boats Must be Afloat
			Competitors Briefing
		1830	Opening Ceremony & Reception
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 25	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day One – First Signal
		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 26	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Two – First Signal
		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Three – First Signal

		After Racing	Daily Awards and Social Event
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>	0830	Competitors Briefing
		1100	Racing Day Four – First Signal
		1430	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Haul out
		1830	Closing Ceremony and Awards

**\*\*\* Cleveland (216) Regatta is a separate event requiring additional registration**

## **8. CHECK-IN AND INSPECTION**

- 8.1.** All boats shall register with the OA during the times specified in NOR 7. Boats are not fully registered and entitled to compete unless all the registration and check-in formalities described in NOR 3 and this NOR 8 are completed by 17:00 on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
- 8.2.** Bow numbers will be assigned, supplied and installed by the OA and to each participating boat at check-in. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the regatta. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee or event Technical Committee, and the Jury may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. [DP]
- 8.3.** The following documents must be completed or provided electronically or in hard copy by the end of check-in:
- Waivers. All skippers and crew members shall sign the waiver provided by the OA.
  - World Sailing ID Number and Classification. All drivers and crew on boats wishing to be considered for Corinthian Awards must provide their World Sailing Sailor ID Number and classification.
  - Insurance. Each boat must provide valid and current written proof of the insurance required by NOR 21.1.
  - Manufacturer's Declaration. Evidence of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration must be provided.
  - IJ70CA Class Rules Certification Form. The driver must sign and complete this form, which will be provided by the OA shortly before and at the event site.
- 8.4.** An entry will not be considered accepted until all crew members are identified in the on-line registration system.

- 8.5. All boats must schedule an inspection time through the scheduling system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspection must be completed by the end of check-in. All competitors shall be in compliance with RRS 78.1 from the end of check-in through the end of the regatta.
- 8.6. Each boat will be inspected for compliance with the J/70 Class Rules in accordance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. Boats will need to be out of the water for inspection. The signed inspection form must be submitted to the check-in desk. Additional details may be published on the regatta website or otherwise distributed to competitors.
- 8.7. During competition, any boat may be subject to additional inspection at any time.
- 8.8. Substitution of sails shall be in accordance with Class Rule C.10 and will require the written consent of the event Technical Committee. After inspection until completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered, except that repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the event Technical Committee. All such sails may be subject to re-inspection upon completion of repairs.
- 8.9. Substitution of crew will require prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Monday, September 23, 2019 at the regatta website, and at regatta headquarters at check-in.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1. All racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Erie just north and west of the Cleveland west harbor entrance.

## **11. THE COURSES**

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. It is the intention of the OA that the courses will follow the IJ70CA's Race Management Policies for Major Championships. See "Race Management Policies for Major Championships" under "Documents" at [www.i70ica.org](http://www.i70ica.org). Failure to observe these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

**12.1.** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes Rule 44.2.

**12.2.** If a member of the Jury witnesses an infringement of Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning), RRS 42, RRS 49 or Class Rule 9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), they may indicate their observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boat's bow or sail number. This changes appendix P1.2. Action or lack of action by the Jury under this provision shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

(a) In the event of a Jury indication other than under RRS 42, the boat may exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn penalty under RRS 44.2.

(b) RRS Appendix "P" (Rule 42) will apply, but is changed as described in this NOR. In the event of a Jury indication under RRS 42:

- P2.1 is changed so that a boat's penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2,
- P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one, and
- P2.3 will not apply.

Appendix P as changed by this NOR is stated in full in Attachment A.

**12.3.** An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

**12.4.** RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

**12.5.** The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This section does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31. This changes RRS 64.1. (DP)

**12.6.** Certain penalties will be described in the SI's.

## 13. SCORING

**13.1.** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

**13.2.** 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.

**13.3.** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 14.1. Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3.
- 14.2. Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check in, and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA. As part of registration, support boats shall notify the OA where they will be located while ashore and where they will be docked or moored while afloat, throughout the regatta.
- 14.3. Support drivers shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent.
- 14.4. Support boats shall display identification flags assigned by the OA. A \$50 deposit may be required.
- 14.5. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.
- 14.6. The OA may also further limit the activities of support boats.
- 14.7. Support boats can be moored or docked at Edgewater Yacht Club on a first come first serve basis with prior authorization of the OA only. A support boat registration form will be available on the yacht scoring website prior to event.

## **15. BERTHING**

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 15.2. The use of dehumidifiers is prohibited.

## **16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
- 16.2. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of event Technical Committee.

## **17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the end of check-in and the end of the regatta.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 18.2. Except as provided below, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 18.3. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency.



## **19. PRIZES**

**19.1.** Prizes will be given to the top eight (8) finishers overall and the top eight (8) finishers in the Corinthian Division.

**19.2.** Daily prizes will also be awarded.

**19.3.** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**20.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

**20.2.** Neither the OA, the Edgewater Yacht Club, the IJ70CA or their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **21. INSURANCE**

**21.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the regatta, shall be supplied as part of completing registration and check in.

## **22. MEDIA RIGHTS**

**22.1.** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority 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. Competitors may be required to sign a media waiver as part of registration and check-in.

## **23. CONDUCT.**

**23.1.** All competitors shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the 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 and follow the rules of the host club and obey any reasonable request of a regatta official.

## 24. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 24.1. Boat and Trailer Storage

**24.1.1.** All boats competing in the event may be stored free of charge at the Edgewater Yacht Club docks from Sunday, September 22, 2019 until Sunday, September 29, 2019.

**24.1.2.** Trailers may be stored free of charge from Friday, September 20, 2019 until Sunday, September 29, 2019.

**24.1.3.** Extended trailer and boat storage before or after the dates above may be available. For details, contact John Zelli at (216) 780-8993 or [J\\_Zelli@EMI-Inc.com](mailto:J_Zelli@EMI-Inc.com). There may be a fee associated with extended storage.

**24.2.** Accommodations. There may be lodging available at the homes of members of the Edgewater Yacht Club. Please see the regatta website [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) for a list of accommodations in the area, as well as Facebook for the private housing group.

## 25. RACE OFFICIALS. The primary contacts for this regatta are:

Regatta Chair: Caroline Sundman, [caroline.sundman@yahoo.com](mailto:caroline.sundman@yahoo.com), 440.669.6557  
Hilary DiCenzi, [hilary.dicenzi@thesailinginc.com](mailto:hilary.dicenzi@thesailinginc.com), 216.978.1480

Edgewater Yacht Club Fleet Captain: John Zelli, [J\\_Zelli@EMI-Inc.com](mailto:J_Zelli@EMI-Inc.com),  
216.780.8993

Principal Race Officer: Mark Foster (IRO)

Jury Chairman: Willii Gohl (IJ)

## Attachment A

### US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply

60.3 US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

61.4 Fees for Protest and Request for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

67 US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claims for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdictions of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the Rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the Rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the Rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

70.5(a) US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

76.1 US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or a race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.

82 Indemnification or Hold Harmless Agreements

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.

## Attachment B

### APPENDIX P (AS CHANGED AND APPLICABLE)

#### P1 OBSERVERS AND PROCEDURE

**P1.1** The Jury may appoint observers, including Jury members, to act in accordance with rule P1.2. A person with a significant *conflict of interest* shall not be appointed as an observer.

**P1.2** An observer appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer *racing*. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.

#### P2 PENALTIES

##### P2.1 First Penalty

When a boat is first penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a One Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

##### P2.2 Second and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the regatta, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing

#### P3 POSTPONEMENT, GENERAL RECALL OR ABANDONMENT

If a boat has been penalized under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled, but it is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalized during the regatta.

#### P4 REDRESS LIMITATION

A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the Jury or its designated observer under rule P1 unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule.