



J/109 North American Championship

August 20-24, 2019

Notice of Race



1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the [New Bedford Yacht Club](#) (NBYC), 208 Elm Street, New Bedford, MA 02748 and the J/109 Class Association.
- 1.3 The regatta is designated by the J/109 Executive Board as a “weight limited” event. [J/109 Class Association Rules \(CR\)](#) 6.2 will apply and [CR](#) 6.1 will not. NoR 5 provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations.
- 1.4 [RRS](#) 41 is modified by [US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V1](#), Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident and [US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2](#), Alternative Penalties, Penalty Taken After the Race.
- 1.5 [Appendix T](#), Arbitration, will apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes [RRS](#) 63.3(a).
- 1.6 The Technical Committee as defined by the [J/109 Class Constitution](#) shall be responsible to conduct Boat Measurement and Inspection through 1800 on 20 August 2019. The J/109 Class Technical Committee shall transfer all measurement documentation to the NB YC Technical Committee which shall assume J/109 Technical Committee responsibility for the duration of the regatta.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be limited per [CR](#) 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/109 Class that conform to the [J/109 Class Association Rules](#). Competitors must meet all ownership, class membership, submit an entry form and pay all event fees before becoming official competitors.
- 3.2 All skippers and drivers shall be current Voting Members or Associate Members of the J/109 Class.
- 3.3 The *regular registration deadline* is noon, 18 July 2019. Late entries will not be accepted after the *late registration deadline* which is 1800, on 15 August 2019.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form via the event registration site <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6222> submitting the required documentation and paying the required fees.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$985 for payments received by the *regular registration deadline* of NoR 3.3. Competitors may register any time prior to this deadline and defer payments until this deadline without incurring a late fee. The entry fee is paid online via the registration website.



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- 4.2 Entry fees received after the *regular registration deadline* of NoR 3.3 incur an additional \$200 late fee payable with the entry fee no later than the *late registration deadline* of NoR 3.3.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes admission to all social events for the owner/skipper and registered crew members. Additional tickets for the social events may be reserved on the regatta website and will be available for purchase at check-in.
- 4.4 The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge a \$100 administrative processing fee for any sail declaration or crew declaration data not completed by the *late registration deadline* of NoR 3.3. Should the administrative processing fee be assessed, the competitor will be notified via email and the fee must be paid prior to racing. Should the assessed fee not be paid, the competitor shall not be scored.
- 4.5 Competitors who withdraw from the regatta prior to the *late registration deadline* of NoR 3.3 will be reimbursed for fees paid.

5 SAIL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 5.1 Sails shall be registered per [CR 5.1](#) and shall be declared via the J/109 Class website at <https://j109.org/declare-sails/> prior to the *late registration deadline* of NoR 3.3. The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge an administrative processing fee for any sail declaration data not completed by this deadline per NOR 4.4.
- 5.2 All boats will be inspected to confirm compliance with the [J/109 Class Association Rules](#). See NoR 7.1 and 9.1.

6 CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The Class requires that all crew who sail be declared, weighed and have emergency contact information listed. The weigh-in sheet will show the declared crew sailing each day with the total crew weight by day.
- 6.2 Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current World Sailing (WS) Sailor ID, available at <https://members.sailing.org/sailors/index.php>, and WS Sailor Classification, available at <http://members.sailing.org/classification/> and shall meet the WS eligibility requirements of [CR 2.2-2.4](#).
- 6.3 **Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:**
 - (a) The skipper shall declare the crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta and shall enter the name, WS ID and estimated weight for each crew on the “owner’s corner” of the regatta Yachtscoring web site page prior to the *late registration deadline* of NoR 3.3. The J/109 Class reserves the right to charge an administrative processing fee for any crew declaration data not completed by this deadline per NOR 4.4. The declaration shall include the names, WS ID and estimated weights of any substitute crew that the skipper expects to use during the regatta, as well as the names of the crew to be replaced.
 - (b) If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for additional substitute crew, the skipper shall:
 - (i) enter such substitute crew member’s name, crew position and WS ID on the “owner’s corner” page of the Yachtscoring website for this event, and
 - (ii) notify a Technical Committee member in writing of the name, crew position, WS Competitor Classification and estimated weight of the substitute crew and the name of the



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crew to be replaced not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail.

- (c) Persons who sail as crew or driver on one boat during the regatta may not thereafter serve as crew or driver on another boat unless the first boat has withdrawn from the regatta.

6.4 Weigh-ins:

- (a) Initial crew are required to weigh in prior to 0930 on the first day of racing.
- (b) All substitute crew shall be weighed in by a technical committee member or designee of the Technical Committee:
- (i) if practical, not later than 0930 on the morning of the first day on which the substitute is to sail on the boat, and
 - (ii) in any event, prior to 0930 on the last day of racing.
- (c) If as a result of a weigh-in after a substitute crew sails on a boat, it is found that the boat's crew weight exceeded the limit specified in [CR 6.2](#), the boat shall be protested by the technical committee and, if found in violation of this rule, may be disqualified from each race for which the maximum crew weight was exceeded.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule for racing and associated requirements is provided below. A separate social schedule will be provided on the regatta website.

Day & Date	Time	Activity
Tues, Aug 20	0900-1800	Check-in, crew weigh in
	0930-1630	Boat Measurement
	1300-1530	Practice race with on the water coaching or Clinic (to be announced on Regatta website)
Weds, Aug 21	0800-0930	Check-in, crew weigh in
Weds-Sat, Aug 21-24	0800-0930	Check-in, crew weigh in
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sat, Aug 24	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

- 7.2 The series will have a maximum of 10 races.

8 EVENT HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

- 8.1 Event headquarters will be at NBYC.
- 8.2 The regatta Yachtscoring website will list the official documents, a schedule that included the social events and other information as well as links to the host club regatta website.
- 8.3 Official notices will be posted on the regatta Yachtscoring website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6222> Copies will also be posted on the notice board located at NBYC.



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9 MEASUREMENTS AND INSPECTION

- 9.1 All boats must register for an on-board inspection appointment [online at this link](#). Boats and sails may also be inspected /measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of the technical committee.
- 9.2 Subsequent to boat inspection, any changes or substitution of sails listed as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made in accordance with the [J/109 Class Association Rules](#) and with the written consent of the Technical Committee.
- 9.3 Additions, changes or substitution of crew may only be made with the written consent of the race committee. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during weigh-in. Changes to the crew lists will be posted on the official notice board.
- 9.4 Bow numbers may be provided to each participating boat at check-in. Bow numbers if provided, shall be affixed to both sides of the hull starting no more than 8 inches from the bow and no more than 12 inches from the deck.
- 9.5 Boats must be compliant with all on-board inspection requirements as posted on the [J/109 Class Rules Discussion section of the forum](#), and shall clear all identified non-compliance prior to 1800 on 20 August 2019. Any boat not in compliance by 1800 on 20 August 2019 shall be protested by the Technical Committee per [RRS](#) 60.4 and may be disqualified.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online via [yachtscoring.com](#) and at the NBYC no later than 0900 Wednesday, August 20, 2019. Copies will be available at check-in

11 VENUE & COURSES

- 11.1 The racing area is on Buzzards Bay in the vicinity of NBYC.
- 11.2 Courses will be windward / leeward. The Race Committee intends to use gates and offset marks for Windward Leeward courses.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 [US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V1](#), Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident applies.
- 12.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2](#), Alternative Penalties, Penalty Taken After the Race applies.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion.
- 13.2 Three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.3 Scoring will include all boats. Additionally, a separate score sheet will display those eligible for the Corinthian prize per NOR 17.2.



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14 MOORINGS

- 14.1 Boats are encouraged but not required to be moored at the New Bedford Yacht Club throughout the regatta.
- 14.2 Complimentary moorings will be available from August 17 until August 27 at no charge. Contact Peter Dautel, Waterfront Director via email peter@nbyc.com to reserve a mooring for the regatta.
- 14.3 NBYC operates two complimentary launches with a capacity of fifteen people. Skippers are encouraged to use the North and South “Washdown Floats” to make transient crew pick-ups and drop-offs.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee, after consultation with the class measurer or his designee.
- 15.2 All boats shall be in the water by 1800 on August 20, 2019 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NOR 15.1.

16 COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2 The race committee intends to use VHF to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The assigned VHF channel will be provided during the skippers’ meeting, and any change will be posted on the official notice board. Competitors should monitor the VHF channel designated by the race committee.
- 16.3 Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use Race Qs at www.raceqs.com to self-report races for playback. A free account for your boat is required and a free iOS or Android app is required. A “J/109 North American” site hosted by Race Qs will be available to upload data and view replay.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through fifth place overall.
- 17.2 A Corinthian prize will be awarded to the J/109 with the best series score where all crew, (including skipper-driver) are Group 1 competitors per the WS Sailor Classification Code.
- 17.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

18 LOANER BOATS

The J/109 Class is coordinating with boat owners to make available a limited number of loaner boats for this event for use by owners from out of area who may not be able to transport their own boat to the regatta. Loaner boat assignment will be made on a first come, first served basis. In order to be considered for a loaner boat assignment, the regatta entry must be completed and the entry fee must be paid. The specific requirements and conditions for using a loaner boat will be between the boat owner, and the person who desires to use the boat. Should a loaner boat not be available, the registration fee will be refunded. Loaner boat insurance will be provided by the J/109 Class via the US Sailing Burgee



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program. Competitors will be required to deposit the insurance policy deductible amount in escrow, held by the J/109 Class. Should no insurance claims be filed, the deposit funds will be returned after the regatta. Contact Bill Kneller (president@j109.org) for information on loaner boat status and to apply for a loaner boat

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By registering for this event, the owner and person-in-charge of the boat agree with the following:

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read rule 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for:
 - a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
 - b) any injury to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta information, contact New Bedford YC Regatta Committee: Beth Furey - bfurey2377@gmail.com

Marinas, Hotels and logistical information will be available on the New Bedford YC regatta website: www.nbyc.com

New Bedford Yacht Club is at 208 Elm Street, New Bedford, MA 02748, phone 508-997-0762.

- Class Coordinator: Brooke Mastrorio, J/109 New England & Maritimes Fleet Captain
- Event Chairman: Ted Herlihy
- Regatta Committee Chairman: Beth Furey
- Principal Race Officer: Roger "Spyder" Fortier
- Protest Committee Chair: Richard Gumpert
- Technical Committee: J/109 Technical Committee prior to Skipper's Meeting, then **TBD** from New Bedford YC