



J/109 North American Championship

August 20-24, 2019

Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the [The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 The regatta is designated by the J/109 Executive Board as a “weight limited” event. [J/109 Class Association Rules \(CR\)](#) 6.2 shall apply and [CR](#) 6.1 shall not. NoR 5 provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard VHF channels.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices shall be posted on the regatta Yachtscoring website (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6222>).

Copies will also be posted on the notice board located under the tent on the lawn at NBYC.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0800 of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole on the lawn of New Bedford Yacht Club (NBYC).
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is lowered ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes”. This changes Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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	1100	First Warning Signal
Sat, Aug 24	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located approximately 1/2 mile south of Apponagansett Bay.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The race committee shall signal one of four courses (4, 5, 6 or T) along with the approximate bearing to the windward mark.



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- 7.2 An offset mark will be set at the windward mark and except for course T, the leeward mark will be a gate. If no gate is set, round the leeward mark to port. (See course diagrams).

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The start and finish pins will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 8.2 The windward mark and offset mark will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 8.3 The gate marks will be a orange inflatable mark.
- 8.4 A change mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. In the event of a subsequent change, an original mark will be used.

9 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on an official boat at the port end.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The race committee will attempt to hail boats OCS over the regatta VHF channel. Sail numbers will be used to identify boats OCS.
- 10.2 The timing and order of such hails or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes [RRS](#) 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast course changes over the regatta VHF channel 69.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finish mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 [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 will be in effect. This changes RRS 41.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is three hours.
- 14.2 Boats finishing later than thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course finishes shall be scored TLE (See SI 17.3). This changes [RRS](#) 35.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of its intention after completing the race in question and identify the protested boat or boats.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the registration desk.



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- 15.3 Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the registration desk located under the tent within the protest time limit which shall be one hour after the signal boat docks.
- 15.4 The protest time limit and a list of protests filed will be posted promptly on the Notice board under the tent to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 15.5 Protest hearings will be held in the NBYC clubhouse.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes [RRS](#) 62.2.

16 ARBITRATION

- 16.1 [Appendix T](#), Arbitration, shall apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes [RRS](#) 63.3(a).

17 SCORING

- 17.1 A maximum of 12 races are scheduled. Three completed races shall constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A2.1
- 17.3 A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of finishers plus two, but shall not be scored worse than DNF.



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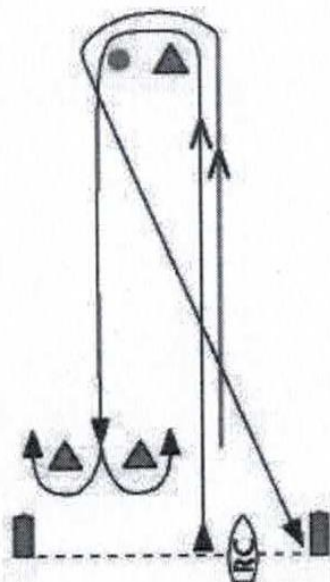
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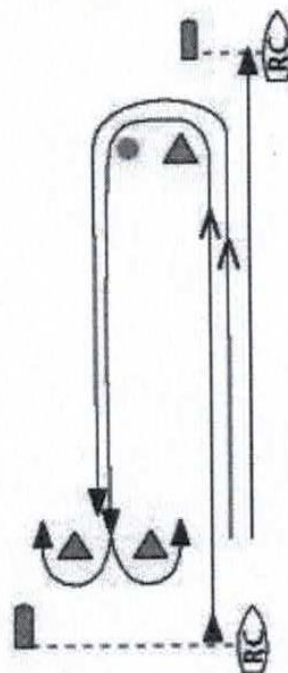
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Attachment 1 – Course Diagrams

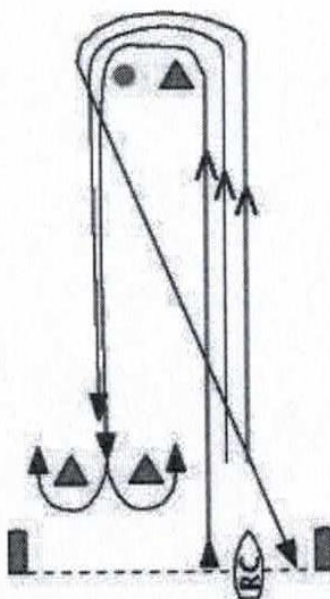
Course 4



Course 5



Course 6



Course T

