

J/70 World Championship

October 27th – November 5th, 2023
St Petersburg, Florida, USODA

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the St Petersburg Yacht Club and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA).

Event Website: www.spyc.org

Event Chair: Jody Abrams| See NoR 26 for full contact information

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021– 2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing's [Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024](#) (ERS) will apply. [DP]
- 1.3 The current [IJ70CA Class Rules](#) (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply. [DP]
- 1.4 The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply. [NP]
- 1.5 The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) will apply. [DP]
- 1.6 Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix V1 and V2 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions (SI) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 The notation '[DP]' in this NoR or in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be different from disqualification. See NoR 14 for details.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with [World Sailing Regulation 20](#).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class that have qualified under the relevant J70 World Championship Qualification System. The IJ70CA will send registration information to each qualified competitor.
- 3.2 Eligible teams may register by completing the online entry form at the link provided by the IJ70CA and paying the required fee using the online payment system. An entry will not be considered registered by the OA until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 3.3 Entries will be limited to the first 95 boats that qualify per NoR 3.1 and complete registration per NoR 3.2, including Perpetual Berths. The IJ70CA reserves the right to fill those National Qualification spots that have not been filled due to non-compliance with NoR 3.2. Boats that have petitioned to fill berths will receive registration information from the IJ70CA and will have seven days from receipt to complete registration per NoR 3.2.

- 3.4 Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. 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.
- 3.5 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than September 1, 2023 will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of 250USD. Boats withdrawing after September 1, 2023 will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list.
- 3.6 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 3.2 or NoR 3.3, check-in per NoR 8, and inspection per NoR 9 have been successfully completed.

4. CATEGORIZATION

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorization, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 4.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided at the time of registration.
- 4.3 To be considered as a Mixed team, no more than two members of the crew (including the driver) shall be males.
- 4.4 To be considered as a Young team, no members of the crew (including the driver) shall be older than 23 years old as of October 30, 2023.
- 4.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is 1200USD.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
 - Launch and haul out;
 - Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA;
 - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection from October 27th to November 6th
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat’s scheduled inspection date through November 6th
 - One practice race day;
 - Five championship race days;
 - Awards and prizes;
 - Daily post-race refreshments and social events per schedule.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR. Failure to observe these Regulations shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This change is added to RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.2 All boats will sail as one fleet.
- 6.3 The Race Committee (RC) may, at its discretion, use a two-vessel or three-vessel starting line as further described in the SI and the J70RR.
- 6.4 Ten (10) races are scheduled, two (2) on each racing day. Up to three (3) races may be sailed in one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer than ten (10) races.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday	Oct 27	1200 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Saturday	Oct 28	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Sunday	Oct 29	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Monday	Oct 30	0900 – 1300	Check-in and inspection

		1300	Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat. [DP]
		1400	Practice race
		1830	Competitors' Meeting
		1900	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	Oct 31	0815	Competitors' Briefing
		1000	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		After racing	Refreshments at SPYC
Wednesday	Nov 1	0815	Competitors' Briefing
		1000	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		After racing	Refreshments at SPYC
Thursday	Nov 2	0815	Competitors' Briefing
		1000	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		After racing	Refreshments at SPYC
Friday	Nov 3	0815	Competitors' Briefing
		1000	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		After racing	Refreshments at SPYC
Saturday	Nov 4	0815	Competitors' Briefing
		1000	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP
		1500	No warning signal shall be given after this time
		1900	Awards ceremony and refreshments at SPYC
Sunday	Nov 5		Haul out & de-rig

8. CHECK-IN [DP]

- 8.1 All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 7.
- 8.2 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), all skippers and crewmembers shall:
- be listed on the event's online entry list;
 - be members of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
 - provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
 - if under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration (available from the event website).
- 8.3 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), each boat shall:
- provide a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration—see J70CR A.10 and J70CR C.5.2(a)(10);
 - provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NoR 23;
 - complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.

9. INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1 Boats and sails must be inspected during the times specified in NoR 7 and must schedule inspection times through the system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspections must be completed by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).

- 9.2 Prior to their inspection time, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration. A 300USD fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for Manufacturer's Declarations issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 9.3 Each boat must be available at the scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. Boats will need to be out of the water for inspection and must be launched immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 9.4 All sails to be used in the event must be available at the scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. Sails must be placed on the boat immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 9.5 Bow numbers and any sponsor stickers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and will be affixed to each boat by the OA prior to inspection; these shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a). [NP]
- 9.6 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.
- 9.7 Boats, sails, and required equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time during the event.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be posted on the event website by Friday October 27th and will be available on request at check-in.

12. VENUE

The racing area will be on Tampa Bay.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be set pursuant to the J70RR.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 14.4 RRS Appendix UF (Umpired Fleet Racing) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 14.5 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.
- 14.6 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 64.6.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.2 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a championship.

16. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 16.1 Support boats are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements with the SPYC Waterfront Director.

- 16.2 Support boats and operators must register with the OA during check-in (see NoR 7) and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA.
- 16.3 Only registered support boats that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of 50USD required for each identification flag, payable on-site during support boat registration.
- 16.4 Support boat operators shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000USD per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied at support boat registration.
- 16.5 All support boats shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 16.6 The conduct of support boats and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

17. **BERTHING [DP]**

- 17.1 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 17.2 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited.

18. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

- 18.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 18.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders or lift their keels from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the event Technical Committee.

19. **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in (see NoR 7) until the end of the event.

20. **RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

- 20.1 All competing boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 20.2 While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including starting penalties. Such transmissions are a courtesy only.
- 20.3 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) is in effect.

21. **PRIZES**

- 21.1 The awards ceremony will be held at SPYC on Sunday, November 5th after racing.
- 21.2 The J/70 Class World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.3 A Perpetual Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian Class World Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team.
- 21.4 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 21.5 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

22. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 300,000USD per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage through the end of the event shall be supplied as part of completing check-in.

24. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, 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.

25. CONDUCT [DP]

- 25.1 All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with 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, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 25.2 Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities.
- 25.3 Failure to comply with NoR 25.1 and 25.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 25.4 Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

26. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jury Chairman:	[tbd]
Event Technical Committee Chair:	[tbd]
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Boat and Trailer Storage:

- o Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of her inspection through Saturday Monday November 6th.
- o A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at SPSC or an off-site location from the time of her inspection through Monday November 6th.
- o Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching and berthing will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

ATTACHMENT A

APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add:

*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:
(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;*

Rule 61 Add at the end of rule 61:

*61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress
US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*

Rule 67 After rule 67 add:

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 claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction 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 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.*

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or 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.

APPENDIX V1 — PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

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.'

APPENDIX V2 — POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.*
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.*
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.*