



2026 JSA LIS Navigation and Seamanship Tests Notice

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The Advanced Navigation Contest contains only practical plotting and coastal piloting using a paper chart. Multiple choice questions are included in the online Basic Navigation Test.

The Basic Navigation Test is taken by all junior crewmembers ~~and instructor advisors~~ participating in the Beach Point Overnight and/or Dorade events. The passing grade on the Basic Test is 70%. To help all participants achieve the knowledge to pass the Basic Test, it may be taken multiple times, day or night, with open access to any resources. The objective of the Basic Test is to encourage each participant to develop a basic understanding of the subject.

After completion of the Basic Test with at least 70% score, a minimum of three junior crewmembers per boat must take the written Advanced Navigation Contest (the sailor serving as navigator and two other juniors). ~~Each instructor who is serving on board as an advisor must also take Advanced Navigation Contest.~~

Basic Navigation/Seamanship Test: The on-line Basic Navigation test is available now as described on the JSA website at <https://jsalis.org/basic-navigation-seamanship-test>

Advanced Test: Advanced Contest registration priority will be given to three junior crewmembers (the navigator and two other juniors) ~~and the instructor advisors~~ on each yacht because there is limited space at the contest sites. Other junior crewmembers beyond the minimum of three required may challenge themselves with the Advanced Contest provided space is available at the contest site. ~~Achieving a grade of 70% or better on the Basic Test is a prerequisite for taking the Advanced Contest.~~ Persons taking the Advanced Navigation Contest - ~~instructor advisors and~~ three junior sailors on each boat - must appear in person to take the contest unless they passed it in the most recent year (2025) with score of 80% or higher on the original contest date (not on a makeup date).

The Advanced Navigation Contest is being scheduled on July 28, at locations that will include Stamford YC, Beach Point Club and Port Washington YC. The evening schedule will be:

- 1800-1815: Arrive and sign in
- 1815-1830: Get settled at tables
- 1830: Advanced Navigation Contest (1 hour estimated duration, but time limit is 1.5 hours)
- 2000: Advanced Contest ends

Each person must bring their own copy of the full-size *Training Chart 12354TR Eastern LI Sound* (warning: Chart 12363 Western LI Sound or other charts typically sold in marine supply stores are not useful at all because the contest refers only to the Training Chart 12354TR) free of any notes, marks and writings; pencils and art erasers; plotting instruments and a simple calculator to aid basic calculations (do not rely on your cell phone calculator because phones must be turned off and stored out of sight). A tide table will be included with the contest (we no longer require contest participants to bring their own Eldridge Tide & Pilot Book).

Registration: Please register on The Clubspot at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/wTvzrBHpQ1> and complete most of your Advanced Contest online registrations during Saturday July 25, so we may start organizing seating at the three contest sites. You will be able to continue updating your Advanced Contest registrations through Monday July 27.

- Please enter each yacht's Advanced Contest junior sailors as crew of a boat at the appropriate venue (only need three juniors per yacht: navigator listed as "skipper" and two other juniors) and include name of their yacht or team.

~~- And enter each Instructor as an individual coach entry at the appropriate venue, also with name of their yacht or team.~~

- Identify those juniors ~~and instructors~~ who are unavailable on July 27 by entering them in the "Make Up" class.

Make-Up: If sailors ~~or instructor/advisors~~ cannot attend the Advanced Navigation Contest sessions on July 27, enter them in the "Make Up" class described above. Then, JSA will schedule a make-up session during the morning of August 11, just before the Beach Point Overnight Race (make ups are not eligible for the Navigation Trophy Contest).

Questions: Contact Bob Whittredge in the JSA office by email info@jsalis.org