2027 J/105 North American Championship

Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Presented by British Virgin Island Tourism

September 29th - October 2nd, 2027

Galveston Bay

Seabrook, Texas, USA

https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3NwYI1GmE8

Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. Rules

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2. The preseriptions of US Sailing to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Notice of Race Addendum A shall apply.

1.3 The J105 Class Association Rules (CR) shall apply.

1.4. The event is designated by the J/105 Class Executive Committee (Executive Committee) as an International Class Event for purposes of the CR and is categorized as a Level 1 event for purposes of CR 3.4 and a Level A event for purposes of CR 3.6

1.5. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply, except for Section B of the ERS.

1.6. Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

1.8. RRS 90.3(e) is in effect.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available before the event on the event website no later than September 26, 2027.

3. Communication

3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3NwYI1GmE8/#notice-board . As a courtesy only, unofficial notices may also be posted on the glass entryway to the Lakewood clubhouse foyer from the pool area.

3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.

3.3. [NP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.4. [NP] A messaging service (or similar) may be used to provide supplementary communications to competitors. Information regarding sign-up to this service will be provided separately.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the J/105 class.

4.2. All boats must be helmed by an active Member or Associate Member of the J/105 Class Association.

4.3. Entrants must register online at the event website [https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/3NwYI1GmE8/class]and pay the appropriate fees by the registration deadline.

4.4. Boats must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least $300,000 per incident.

4.5. Competitors give absolute right and permission for images and videos of themselves and their boats to be published for commercial purposes by the event organizing authority, sponsors and their licensees.

4.6. Competitors, including all crew, will be required to complete release of liability, depiction release, medical consent, and medical and emergency information forms and agreements to complete the boat registration.

5. Fees & Deadlines

5.1. Entry Fee:

Early Registration thru 8/10/27: $1,000

Late Registration after 8/10/27: $1,300

5.2. Registration Deadline: Friday, September 17, 2027 11:59pm CST

5.3. Fee includes boat weigh-in (if necessary), inspection, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for up to six (6) registered crew, and prizes.

5.4. Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration or via the ClubSpot event website.

5.5. All US Domestic registration fees shall be paid during the registration process on the ClubSpot event website.

5.6. An administrative fee of $250 will be charged for cancellation. There will be no refunds after September 15, 2027.

6. Schedule

6.1. Schedule

Sunday Sept 26	By Appointment	Boat Weigh-in (optional)
Monday Sept 27	By Appointment 1000 to 1600	Boat Weigh-in (optional) Registration desk open / Boat inspection & crew weigh-in
Tuesday Sept 28	0900 to 1600	Registration desk open / Boat inspection & crew weigh-in
Wednesday Sept 29	0830 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Thursday Sept 30	0830 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Friday Oct 1	0830 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Saturday Oct 2	0830 1055 1530 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day No warning signal after this time Social event and overall awards

6.2. 11 races total are scheduled. 3 races are scheduled each day. One (1) extra race may be sailed in addition to each daily schedule, provided that the event does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

7. [DP] Advertising

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. Measurement and Equipment Inspection

8.1. Crew (including skipper)

8.1.1. All crew will be weighed as necessary for compliance with CR 7.1.

8.1.2. All crew (or their parents/legal guardians if under the age of 18) shall complete waivers and classification declarations by the end of on-site check-in.

8.1.3. The current list of crew and their World Sailing Classifications will be posted on the ONB.

8.1.4. Changes or substitutions of crew after weigh-in and on-site check-in may only be made with prior written approval of the Race Committee

8.2. Boats and equipment

8.2.1. Boats and equipment shall be available for inspection by the technical committee during on-site check-in and at any time during the event.

8.2.2. Changes or substitutions of equipment may only be made with prior written approval of the Technical Committee.

8.2.3. Appointments for inspection may be made in advance once the entry fee is paid. Details will be provided on the event website.

8.2.4. Boats shall have a valid weight certificate prior to the start of on-site check-in and inspection. A copy of the boat's weight certificate shall be available during inspection and shall be onboard while racing per CR 7.3.1.

8.2.5. Any owner / charterer who wants to enter the event but does not have a valid weight certificate for the vessel may obtain one during the boat weigh-in period on the schedule. Reservations for weigh-in can be made by contacting the Regatta Chairperson.

8.3. Sails

8.3.1. Boats shall declare the sails and their tag numbers they intend to use online prior to the start of the on-site inspection. These sails shall be available and brought to the designated location for the Technical Committee to inspect and measure during the on-site check-in and inspection hours.

8.3.2. Changes or substitutions of sails (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made with prior written approval of the Technical Committee.

8.4. Boats shall provide the following by the end of the on-site check-in and inspection:

8.4.1. All measurement and inspection declarations for boats, equipment and sails

8.4.2. Crew weight declaration

8.4.3. Crew classifications and waivers

8.4.4. Current proof of insurance

8.5. Any 2027 NAC Sail that, in the written opinion of the J/105 Chief Measurer or the Fleet 17 Measurer, is destroyed or so substantially damaged that it cannot reasonably be repaired, may be replaced with another 2027 NAC sail of the same specifications and shape.

9. Venue

9.1 Racing will take place on Galveston Bay. Specific course locations will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Courses

10.1 Racing may use any combination of anchored and robotic temporary (dropped) marks. Courses are anticipated to be windward/leeward format. Mark descriptions and course details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty System

11.1. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRA 91(b).

11.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

11.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read, "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, and it is from a boat that was not involved in **and** did not see the incident, or"

11.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply, with rule T1(a) modified to include breaking CR 7.2, 7.5, 7.6, or 7.9.

12. Scoring

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

12.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

13. Launching and Haul-Out

13.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13.2. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

14. Moorage

14.1. Moorage will be available starting Friday, September 24th, or earlier by arrangement. Dock assignments and other related information will be provided upon arrival.

15. Support Persons and Vessels

15.1. See CR7.10

15.2. [DP] Support person vessels shall register during on-site registration. On the water support person vessels shall display their assigned flag and stay at least 100 yards away from all parts of the racecourse.

15.3 [NP] [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

16. Risk Statement

'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17. Prizes

16.1. The J105 North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the event winner.

16.2. Prizes will be awarded for the top five (5) boats.

16.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18. Contact Information

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Addendum A - U.S. Sailing Prescriptions

US Sailing Prescriptions that apply

Only US Sailing Prescriptions to Preamble to Part5, RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2 will apply and are stated in full below.

Preamble to Part 5, Section B:
US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) No person who brings an incident to the attention of the protest committee or who will give evidence regarding an incident shall, when practicable, be a member of the protest committee for a hearing involving that incident.

(b) A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall, when practicable, be heard by a committee that contains no members of the committee that made the original decision.

Add to RRS 65.1:
US Sailing prescribes that

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

- 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 monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts

- 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 monetary 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.

Add to rule 70.3(b):
US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required.

Add to RRS 76.1:
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. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under ‘Exclusion’ at ussailing.org/rules.

Add to RRS 88.2:
US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription,

Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1.

APPENDIX R PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription. See rules 70 and 71. This appendix does not apply to an event with an international jury. National authority prescriptions that apply: American legislation requires every boat to be equipped with personal buoyancy for the number of persons on board at any time