



2025 Verve Cup Inshore Regatta and J109 North American Championship

Chicago Yacht Club

August 22 – 24, 2025

Belmont Station, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NoR)

Amendment 1

(Changes in Red in the body of the text)

NoR 8- Schedule is changed to the correct dates of racing

NoR 5.1- Entries fees is amended to add 2.4 Meter Class

NoR Addendum C for the J109 Championship- dates are updated in C2.1, C3.1, C3.2, C4.3.1, and C6.

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The Organizing Authority is the Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association in conjunction with the J109 Class Association.

ABBREVIATIONS

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat but may be protested by a *Committee* or Organizing Authority. ***This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.***

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply.
- 1.4 [DP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior authorization by the OA.
- 1.5 Sonar Class Rules shall not apply.
- 1.6 The Sailing instructions will provide boat handling rules for provided boat classes.
- 1.7 NoR Addendum C shall apply only to the J109 class.
- 1.8 [NP] [DP] Bow numbers may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in for certain fleets. If provided, bow numbers shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 20, 2025, at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/h1oQVLoYqj>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/h1oQVLoYqj>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies. This changes International Etchells Class Rules C.5.2(b) and Shields Class Rule Section IV-10.9.
- 3.3 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 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY (For the J109 NAC Eligibility and Entry requirements see Addendum C)

- 4.1 This event is open to one-design sailboats of 30 feet 6 inches LOA or shorter that is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority provided that at least four (4) boats in each respective class enter by 1800 on August 18, 2025.
- 4.2 If the minimum number of entries for a one-design class is not met by the entry deadline, the OA at its sole discretion may still accept entry of the class. If the OA does not accept those entry of the class, the Organizing Authority will notify the registered boats and refund their fees.



- 4.3 To be eligible to enter the Sonar provided boat class, registrants shall be members in good standing of Chicago Yacht Club.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/h1oQVLoYqi>, by August 18, 2025.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

J109 North American Championship (3 Days of Racing)	\$600
J/70 Class (3 Days of Racing)	\$360
CYC SONAR (Provided Boat Class, 2 Days of Racing)	\$210
Laser and 2.4 Meter Class (2 Days of Racing)	\$85
All other Classes (2 Days of Racing)	\$185

- 5.2 An administrative fee of \$50 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 18, 2025.

6 PROVIDED BOAT CLASSES:

- 6.1 Up to 8 Sonar type boats will be provided by the OA and available on a first come first served basis.
- 6.2 Boats and equipment will be assigned by the OA for the entire event. Competitors shall not use any equipment not assigned to them unless otherwise directed by the OA.
- 6.3 After the warning signal for a race, a current CYC member in good standing shall always be at the helm of the boat, except in an emergency.
- 6.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).***
- 6.5 Damage Deposit:
- The damage deposit (\$2,500) is the maximum payable by the skipper as the result of any one incident.
 - In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the Deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and other assigned equipment unless the responsibility is otherwise assigned by the PC or, in the event of equipment failure, the OA determines the failure is not due to sailor error or misuse of the equipment.
 - If the registered skipper assigns another sailor to helm the boat at any time, the registered skipper is still responsible for the damage deposit even if they are not on board during the incident.
- 6.6 [DP] All damage shall be reported to the CYC bosun on the water, or immediately following sailing through the process detailed in the SIs.
- 6.7 The Sailing Instructions will detail permitted, prohibited, and required actions for use of provided boats. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in deductions from the damage deposit.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 SCHEDULE

All on shore events will take place at CYC Belmont Station:

Thursday, August 23

1400-1900	Onsite check-in (J109 and J70)
1900	J109 Championship Opening ceremony



Friday, August 22

1025 J109 and J/70 First warning signal
J109 Daily awards after racing at CYC
1700-1900 Sat/Sun classes registration

Saturday, August 23

0800-0830 Final registration (all classes except J109 and J70)
1025 First warning signal all classes
J109 Daily awards after racing at CYC
Sponsored Pour after racing at CYC

Sunday, August 24

1025 First warning signal all classes
1400 No warning signal after this time
Awards & Closing ceremony after racing at CYC
Sponsored Pour after racing at CYC

9 VENUE

The races shall be sailed in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses using drop or robotic marks.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring.
- 11.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta for all classes, except the J109 North American Championship where 3 races are required to be completed.
- 11.3 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2.***
- 11.4 The RC at its sole discretion may start more than one class at a time. Each class will still be scored separately.

12 [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 Support vessels shall register with the Regatta Manager prior to racing.
- 12.2 Support boats are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements, including trailer storage, with Chicago Harbors – Belmont Harbor Authorities.
- 12.3 Launching and retrieval of support boats shall not impede the launching or retrieval of sailboats. Support boats should plan on using the ramp at Diversey Harbor instead of the cranes at Belmont Harbor.

13 [DP] HAUL-OUT AND BERTHING RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race or technical committees.
- 13.2 All boats shall be kept in their assigned places in Belmont harbor throughout the duration of the event unless granted prior written permission the race or technical committees.
- 13.3 Docking will be provided at CYC Belmont Station for competing boats only.
- 13.4 Competitors should contact dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to the event with their anticipated arrival and departure dates.



14 ENVIRONMENTAL

Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, provision your boat to avoid single-use plastics, and keep the Lake clean.

15 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA. This requirement does not apply to provided boat classes.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded by section for the top three finishers.
- 17.2 A prize will be awarded to the top placing Mixed+ J/70 team.
- 17.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three J109 Corinthian teams.

18 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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IN-SHORE VERVE CUP
Presented by Evolution Sails and North Sails
Incorporating the J109 North American Championship
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NOTICE OF RACE ADDENDUM C – J/109 CLASS REQUIREMENTS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The J/109 Class Association Executive Board designates this event as the 2025 North American Championship open to all boats of the J/109 Class that conform to the J/109 Class Association Rules (CR). Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, event requirements, and submit an entry form and pay all event fees before becoming official competitors. J/109 Class Rules (CR) are posted on the Class website at <https://j109.org/class/rules/>.
- 1.2 A J/109 may be chartered for J/109 sanctioned events, including the 2025 North American Championship. The charterer must be a Voting Member or an Associate Member who is an owner of a J/109.
- 1.3 The J/109 Class will post any class information for this event on the J/109 Class website page: https://j109.org/cron_email/2025-j-109-north-american-championship-chicago-race-to-mackinac/ (Class Event Page - CEP).
- 1.4 This regatta is designated by the J/109 Class Association Executive Board as eligible for a “lightweight person” event. CR 6.1 will apply. The J/109 Class Association provides additional requirements for crew weight and associated crew declarations in this addendum.
- 1.5 The J/109 Class Association shall designate a Class Representative to coordinate with the Organizing Authority on behalf of the class during the conduct of the event. This designation will be posted on the CEP.
- 1.6 The J/109 Class Association Technical Committee (JCTC), assisted by the Chicago Yacht Club Event Technical Committee (ETC), as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist posted on the CEP. Effective 1800 on 21 August 2025, after boat inspections have been completed, the JCTC will relinquish Technical Committee responsibilities to the ETC.

2 SAIL DECLARATION

- 2.1 Sails must be registered per CR 5.1 and shall be declared online via the J/109 Class website at <https://j109.org/declare-sails/> on or before **21 August 2025**.
- 2.2 Changes or substitution of sails declared for the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair, or destroyed) may only be made in accordance with the class rules and with the written or emailed consent of the ETC.

3 INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 3.1 Prior to **19 August 2025** owners shall schedule a measurement time to be conducted during designated times on 20 and 21 August. Measurement may be scheduled using the scheduling link posted on the CEP.
- 3.2 The JCTC, assisted by the ETC as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist posted on the CEP. Effective 1800 on **21 August 2025**, after boat inspections have been completed, the JCTC will relinquish Technical Committee responsibilities to the ETC.
- 3.3 Sails and boats may be inspected / measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of the designated Class Representative.



4 CREW REQUIREMENTS & SAILOR CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The J/109 Class Association requires all crew who sail to be declared and have emergency contact information listed. Yacht score crew profiles must identify the weight of any “lightweight person” crew if so designated.
- 4.2 Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current World Sailing Sailor ID Number and World Sailing Sailor Classification available at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>, and shall meet the World Sailing eligibility requirements of CR 2.2 - 2.4.
- 4.3 Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:
- 4.3.1 The skipper shall declare their initial crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta and shall enter the name and World Sailing ID Number (and estimated weight for any crew member classified as a “lightweight person” as defined by section 6.1 of the J109 class rules (CR)) on the event website by end of day **20 August 2025**. The declaration shall also include the names, World Sailing ID Number (and estimated weights if classified as a “lightweight person”) of any substitute crew that the skipper expects to use during the regatta, as well as the names of the crew to be replaced.
- 4.3.2 If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for previously undeclared substitute crew, the skipper shall:
- (i) enter such substitute crew member’s name, crew position and World Sailing ID Number on the event website, and
 - (ii) notify the ETC Chair via email of the name, crew position, World Sailing Sailor ID Number, and World Sailing Competitor Classification (and estimated weight of the substitute crew if designated as a “lightweight person” and the name of the crew to be replaced not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail.
- 4.3.3 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

5 WEIGH IN

If a skipper chooses to race with an eighth “lightweight” crew, then that lightweight crew member must check in and weigh in at the designated area no later than 0830 on the day of the race. If there are different lightweight crew members for each day, then each individual must weigh in and check in each day by 0830. The lightweight crew member must not weigh more than 132 pounds.

6 CORINTHIAN TROPHY

In addition to the trophies specified in the NOR, the J/109 Class intends to award a Corinthian trophy to the J/109 with the best regatta score where the entire crew, including skipper, driver and all crew members are World Sailing Competitor Classification 1 (i.e., no Competition Category 3 crew on board). To be eligible for the Corinthian trophy, the current sailor classification and World Sailing member number for all crew shall be entered on the event Yacht Scoring website no later than noon **14 July 2025**.