



2026 J/105 North American Championship

Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle

Oct 14th - 18th, 2026

Puget Sound, Shilshole Bay

Seattle WA, USA

www.2026j105northamericans.com

Notice of Race

The organizing authority is the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle (CYC).

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. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The regatta is designated by the J/105 Class Executive Committee (Executive Committee) as an International Class Event and is categorized as a Level A1 event in accordance with J105 class rule (CR) 3.4 and 3.6
 - 1.2.1. Except Addendum A changes CR 6.1, 6.8, 3.6, and 3.8
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply, except for Section B of the ERS.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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"
- 1.6. Rule 90.3 (e) is in effect.

2. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available before the regatta on the event website no later than 10/12/26.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/F7EQieXYn1/#notice-board>
- 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. Entrants must register online at the event website and pay the appropriate fees by the registration deadline.
- 4.3. Boats must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000 per incident.
- 4.4. 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.





4.5. Competitors may 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 4/30: \$1200
 Registration 5/1-7/31: \$1300
 Late Registration 8/1 - 10/1: \$1600 with no refunds

5.2. Registration Deadline: Wednesday 10/1/26 11:59pm PST

5.3. Fee includes inspection, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.

5.4. Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration or via the ClubSpot event website for \$100 (US Dollars).

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

5.6. An administrative fee of \$250 will be charged for cancellation. There will be no refunds after August 1, 2026.

6. Schedule

6.1. Schedule

Monday Oct 12	By Appointment	Advanced boat inspection & crew weigh-in
Tuesday Oct 13	1000 to 1600	Registration desk open Boat inspection & crew weigh-in
Wednesday Oct 14	0900 to 1600 1400	Registration desk open Boat inspection & crew weigh-in Practice Race
Thursday Oct 15	0900 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Friday Oct 16	0900 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Saturday Oct 17	0900 1055 After Racing	Competitors briefing Warning signal for first race of the day Social events
Sunday Oct 18	0900 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 regatta does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

7. Measurement and Equipment Inspection

7.1. Crew (including skipper)

7.1.1. All crew will be weighed as necessary for compliance with the CR.

7.1.2. 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.





7.1.3. The current list of crew and their classifications will be posted on the notice board.

7.2. Boats and equipment

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

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

7.2.3. 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.

7.2.4. Any owner / charterer who wants to enter the regatta but does not have a valid weight certificate for the vessel shall contact the fleet 20 measurer to obtain a weight certificate. This could entail getting a local fleet (not fleet 20) measurer to weigh the boat according to the class rules or arranging to get the boat weighed at the owner's/ charterer's expense in Seattle prior to the check-in.

7.3. Sails

7.3.1. 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.

7.3.2. 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.

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

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

7.4.2. Crew weight declaration

7.4.3. Crew classifications and waivers

7.4.4. Current proof of insurance

7.5. Any 2026 NAC Sail that, in the written opinion of the J/105 Chief Measurer or the Fleet 20 Measurer, is destroyed or so substantially damaged that it cannot reasonably be repaired, may be replaced with another 2026 NAC sail of the same specifications and shape.

8. Venue

Racing will take place on the Puget Sound North of Shilshole Bay. Specific course locations will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Courses

Racing may use any combination of anchored and robotic temporary (dropped) marks. Mark descriptions and courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions

10. Penalty System

10.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply, modified to include breaking CR 7.2, 7.5, 7.6, or 7.9.

11. Scoring

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

11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12. Launching and Haul-Out

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





13. Moorage

- 13.1. Moorage will be available starting Tuesday October 13. A dock assignment, information and contact will be provided at check in.

14. Support Persons and Vessels

- 14.1. See CR7.10
- 14.2. 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. [DP]

15. 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.

16. Prizes

- 16.1. The J105 North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the regatta 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

17. Contact Information

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Chief Judge: TBD



Addendum A

- A1.0 For the purposes of this event, the following changes to the class rules have been approved by the Executive Committee. This addendum modifies Class Rules **3.6, 3.8, 6.1, and 6.8**.
- A1.1 In addition to sails purchased pursuant to class rule 6.8 ("standard sails"), any J/105 owner taking part in this event who is based in San Francisco Bay may elect to use for this event up to three sails purchased either new or used expressly for this event and noted in the J/105 sail database as a "2026 NAC Sail." 2026 NAC Sails shall conform to the class rules in all respects except that the sail purchase limits (CR 6.8) will not apply to them if all conditions of this section are met
- A1.2 A boat is "based" in San Francisco Bay for this purpose if (a) its home port is located on San Francisco Bay, (b) all of its owners are members of Fleet 1, and (c) 80% of the regatta days the boat sailed during the 12 months ending on the first regatta day of this event were sailed in San Francisco Bay. 2026 NAC sails shall bear a royalty tag that has been registered with the Class. It is the burden of the owner to identify these sails as "2026 NAC Sails" when declaring their sails for the regatta as required by NOR 6.3.1. If such sails are not identified as such at that time, normal Class purchase limits will apply.
- A1.3 A 2026 NAC sail may be used in other events on Puget Sound prior to the 2026 NAC that permit such sails to be used. If a 2026 NAC Sail is used in any event after the 2026 NAC, the sail will immediately count toward that boat's sail purchase limit for 2026 and/or 2027. It is the burden of the owner to identify the new owner of each "2026 NAC Sail" to the J/105 Chief Measurer in writing after the 2026 NAC. If a new owner is not so identified before the end of calendar year 2026, the sail will immediately count toward that boat's purchase limit for 2026 and/or 2027. If, as a result of the foregoing sentence, the owner has purchased sails in excess of the number of sails permitted to be purchased under CR 6.1, the excess sail or sails cannot be used in Class racing until the future year in which those sails could again be purchased in compliance with CR6.1.
- A1.4 During participation of this event, Hull #115 is exempt from Class Rules 3.6 and 3.8, as approved by the Executive Committee, solely to permit one Seattle Sailing Club employee instructor to be aboard for instructional purposes. This exemption does not extend to additional professional sailors