

J/88 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 23 - September 28, 2025

(OA) Co-Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
and J/88 Class Association(USA)



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(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The J88 Class Association Constitution and the J88 Class Rules apply: <https://j88class.org/>
- 1.3 Class Rule 6.2 is in effect.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online, approximately 10 days before the event.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) available at:
- 3.2 <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/17012>
- 3.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.
- 3.6 [DP] All support boats must remain out of the way of Race Committee boats and boats with a Jury or Press flag at all rounding marks, and start and finish lines, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the request of the boat or at the request of the Race Committee. Support boats must fly their flag from leaving the dock until the last boat finishes for the day.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats that are members of the J/88 Class Association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by entering online at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/17012>
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The early entry fee if received on or before 1700 on July 31, 2025 is \$1,100.
- 5.2 The entry fee for entries received after 1700 July 31, 2025 will be \$1,250.
- 5.3 No refunds will be issued after September 1, 2025.
- 5.4 The entry fee includes at a minimum, racing, after racing socials and an awards presentation for skipper and up to 5 crew. Additional social passes will be available for purchase.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Changes or substitutions of crew during the event will require the consent of the Principal Race Officer. The number of crew may not be changed during the event.

- 6.2 For the Corinthian Division, all competitors must satisfy the [World Sailing Regulation 22](#) requirements for a Category 1 Competitor.
- 6.3 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements including skipper and crew online waivers and current/valid World Sailing ID numbers for each crew member and pay all fees.
- 6.4 Before the close of onsite registration, all competitors must be weighed in person to ensure compliance with Class Rule 6.2 as per NOR 1.3. Weigh-in will be available at AYC Sailing Center during onsite registration.

7 ADVERTISING

Subject to World Sailing (“WS”) Regulation 20, Advertising Code, boats may be required to display advertising or bow numbers supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8 SCHEDULE

Tues. Sept 23	1000 - 1700	Onsite Registration, Weigh-In and Measurement - Sailing Center
Wed. Sept 24	1000 - 1700	Onsite Registration, Weigh-In and Measurement - Sailing Center
	1300	Practice Racing
	1700	Competitors Meeting
Thurs. Sept 25	1100	First Warning Signal After racing social
Fri. Sept 26	1100	First Warning Signal After racing social
Sat. Sept 27	1100	First Warning After Racing Social - Sailing Center
Sun. Sept 28	1100	First Warning
	1500	No warning signal after this time
	Following Racing & Protest Hearings	Awards Party and Trophy Presentation - Sailing Center

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats, equipment, and sails will be inspected and measured prior to the regatta. Information about scheduling your measurement and inspection will be posted online.
- 9.2 Boats, sails, or equipment may be inspected again at any time during the event by request of the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority.
- 9.3 Boats shall not be hauled out after 1700 on September 24 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

10 VENUE

The racing will be conducted on the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis.

11 COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be windward/leeward, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.3 Maximum number of races for the regatta is 12.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st through 3rd place overall.
- 13.2 A Corinthian trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat with an all-Corinthian crew.
- 13.3 The first place overall winner will be awarded the J/88 North Americans perpetual trophy, the "Mike Bruno Wings Trophy"
- 13.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 [DP] Courtesy berthing for visiting boats is available at Annapolis Yacht Club beginning Tuesday September 22 through September 29. Reservations can be made by contacting the Annapolis YC Dockmasters' office dockmaster@annapolisyc.org or 410-320-4304 (It's recommended that competitors utilize AYC dockage which will be most convenient for inspections, hearings and post-race social events etc.)

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, which are assumed by the competitor.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Event Chair: John Bell sloopjohnbell@verizon.net

J/88 Class Representative: Andrew Graff andrewcgraff@yahoo.com

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Electronic Guest Cards will be available prior to the event and during registration hours.