



2025 J/70 North American Championship

December 01-06, 2025

Davis Island Yacht Club – Tampa, FL – USA



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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(Update 06/08/25, **Changes in RED to NoR 4.3, 4.4, 4,6**)

(Update 11/19/25, **Changes in GREEN to NoR 4.4,4.7 and contacts**)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is
Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC) and
International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA)

Important Notes

- This J/70 North American Championship is a qualifier for the 2026 J/70 World Championship.
- This event will also serve as the 2025-2026 DIYC J/70 Winter Series Event #1. Additional Winter Series events are scheduled for January 9 – 11, 2026 and February 6 – 8, 2026.
- NA Registration website- <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50327>

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028](#) (RRS).
- 1.2. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.3. [DP] World Sailing's [Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028](#) (ERS) will apply.
- 1.4. [DP] The current [IJ70CA Class Rules \(J70CR\)](#) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), I.5 (One-Pro Division), I.10 (Mixed Plus Division), and I.12 (Young Crew Division) will apply.
- 1.5. [NP] The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.6. [NP] The current [IJ70CA Organizing Authority Guidelines](#) (J70OA) will apply.
- 1.7. [DP] The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) will apply.
- 1.8. US Sailing prescriptions will apply. See Appendix A
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.10. The Organizing Authority (OA) will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. [NP] The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than November 26, 2025.



3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at the event site listed above.
- 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. For unofficial but informative general announcements, you can opt-in to the WhatsApp group with this QR code or [WhatsApp link](#)



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fees.
- 4.3. A boat will not be considered registered in the event **until the boat entry information is completed online, all crew members have been identified online and entry fees are paid.**
- 4.4. The registration deadline **for completion of the entry information, the Crew Deadline for submission of all crew member information and payment of fees is November 22, 2025.**
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$150 USD.
- 4.6. A maximum of sixty (60) boats will be accepted as confirmed entries **when all conditions in NoR 4.3 have been met.** Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available, at which time payment will be due.
- 4.7. **Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than November 22, 2025, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of \$150 USD. Boats withdrawing after this date will NOT receive a refund.**
- 4.8. Boats and/or crew from Russia or Belarus are not eligible to participate. For further information see the IJ70CA Class Policy Statement of March 2, 2022, found at <https://ij70ica.org/rules/>
- 4.9. A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 4, check-in per NoR 13, and equipment inspection per NoR 14 have been successfully completed. See RRS 75.

5. VENUE

- 5.1. The venue is the Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL – USA.
- 5.2. The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the DIYC Clubhouse, as shown in Appendix B.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1. [NP] The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR.
- 6.2. With up to approximately (60) entries, all boats will sail as one fleet.
- 6.3. The RC may use a three-vessel starting line as further described in the SIs and the J70RR.
- 6.4. Up to ten (10) races are scheduled, a maximum three (3) on any racing day, except the final day of racing, when two (2) races are scheduled. At the discretion of the RC, four (4) races may be sailed in any day to maintain overall regatta schedule.
- 6.5. Scoring will be as described in the J70RR paragraph 3 for a Continental Championship.

7. COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FEES

- 7.1. The entry fee is \$995.00 USD, including state and local taxes.
- 7.2. The entry fee includes:
 - 7.2.1. Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA;
 - 7.2.2. In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection through December 08, 2025;
 - 7.2.3. One practice race day;
 - 7.2.4. Four championship race days;
 - 7.2.5. Awards and prizes;
 - 7.2.6. Full charging privileges for competitors at DIYC, including all on-site dining and bar services.

8. BOAT STORAGE FEES

- 8.1. For boats competing in the North American Championship, but NOT additional Winter Series events:
 - 8.1.1. Boats may arrive after November 23 and must depart by December 10, 2025.
 - 8.1.2. No fee will be charged.
 - 8.1.3. Boats can be stored on DIYC property, if space exists. Otherwise, they must be stored outside of DIYC property.
- 8.2. For boats competing in the North American Championship **AND** *additional Winter Series events*:
 - 8.2.1. Boats may arrive after November 23.
 - 8.2.2. Storage sign-up will be opened at 0800 eastern time on September 01, 2025. (More information to come).

9. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 9.1. In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply.
- 9.2. To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided for all crew at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.
- 9.3. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70CR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).
- 9.4. To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age as of the date of check-in per J70CR I.12 (Young Crew Division).
- 9.5. A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. [DP] Substitution of crew shall be in accordance with J70CR C.3.1 (c).
- 10.2. [DP] The replacement or repair of sails or equipment used while racing will require prior written consent of the event Technical Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

12. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	Dec 01	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Tuesday	Dec 02	0900 – 1300 1300 1430 1830 1900	Check-in and inspection [DP] Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat Practice race Competitors' Briefing Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	Dec 03	1100 After racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at DIYC
Thursday	Dec 04	1100 After racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at DIYC
Friday	Dec 05	1100 After racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at DIYC
Saturday	Dec 06	1100 1430 TBD After racing	First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP No warning signal shall be given after this time Awards ceremony at DIYC Haul out /derig

13. CHECK-IN

- 13.1. [DP] All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 12.
- 13.2. [DP] No later than the close of check-in, all skippers and crew members shall:
 - 13.2.1. Be listed on the event's online entry list;
 - 13.2.2. Be members in good standing of the J/70 Class Association per J70CR C.3.1 (c);
 - 13.2.3. Provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
 - 13.2.4. If under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration.
- 13.3. No later than the close of check-in, each boat shall:
 - 13.3.1. Show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD) per J70CR A.10 and J70CR A.11. Boats arriving to the event without a valid J70MD must make advance arrangements with the OA to obtain one; a fee will apply for this service.
 - 13.3.2. Present for inspection sails that have been certified by an official measurer or by a manufacturer licensed under World Sailing In-House Certification. See J70CR G.2. Sails presented without certification may be certified on site by advance arrangement with the OA; a fee will apply for this service.
 - 13.3.3. Complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70CR C.4 and C.5.
 - 13.3.4. Provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 11;

14. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 14.1. [DP] Boats and sails may be inspected during the times specified in NoR 12.
- 14.2. [DP] All boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD).
- 14.3. [DP] Each boat must complete and turn in a self-compliance form to the OA before the end of Check-in.
- 14.4. [DP] All sails to be used in the event must be certified by the manufacturer.
- 14.5. [NP] Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by the OA , and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event.
- 14.6. [DP] RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's launch until the end of the event.
- 14.7. During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and J70OA 2.4.2. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 15.2. The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This NoR 15.2 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.
- 15.3. RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 15.4. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 15.5. The One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty in RRS 44 are replaced with a One-Turn Penalty unless a rule of Part 2 was broken while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, in which case a Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 15.6. Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. [DP] Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 16.2. [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 18.1. [DP] All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in.
- 18.2. [DP] Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the event Technical Committee.

19. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 19.1. Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery, and berthing arrangements with DIYC.
- 19.2. [DP] SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period.
- 19.3. [DP] Only registered SPVs that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$100 USD required for each identification flag, payable on-site during registration.
- 19.4. [DP] SPVs and operators shall comply at all times with any support vessel regulations as published on the event website.
- 19.5. [DP] Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 19.6. [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. SPV operators' attention is drawn to RRS 37.
- 19.7. The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 20.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and any event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

21. CONDUCT

- 21.1. **[DP] All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship.** Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 21.2. [DP] Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities.
- 21.3. Failure to comply with NoR 21.1 and 21.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

22. [NP] Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. See RRS 4.

23. ADVERTISING

- 23.1. [DP] Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 23.2. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.’ Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 24.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 24.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 24.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 24.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 24.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 24.1.6. The provision of a patrol boat is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 24.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.
 - 24.1.8. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. The awards ceremony will be held at DIYC on Saturday, December 06 after racing.
- 25.2. The J/70 Class North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner from a North American country.
- 25.3. A Perpetual Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team from a European country.
- 25.4. A Perpetual Trophy for the Top Female skipper will be awarded.
- 25.5. Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed Plus and Young Crew Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 25.6. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

CONTACT INFORMATION

DIYC Primary Contact	Sandra Soto-Cintron DIYC General Manager	813-758-7045	manager@diyc.org
Event Chair	Kat Robinson-Malone	813-842-0928	krobinson75@gmail.com
IJ70 Class Executive Technical Committee	Christopher Howell (IM – USA)	440-796-3100	howell@j70classoffice.com
Principal Race Officer	Chip Till (NRO – USA)	843-556-6554	chiptill5351@gmail.com
Jury Chairman	Rob Stewart (IJ – CAN)	705-341-5351	rjs.can.ij@gmail.com

Appendix A – US Sailing Prescriptions that apply for this event

Only US Sailing Prescriptions to Preamble to Part 5, RRS 61.4 RRS 65.1, 76.1 and 88.2 will apply and are stated in full below.

Add to RRS 61.4

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Add to RRS 65.1:

US Sailing prescribes that

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

(b) 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

(c) 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 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 B – Venue

Approximate Racing Area (in BLUE circle) & Danger Zones (in RED circles)

