



FALL BRAWL & J/105 INVITATIONAL



Saturday-Sunday, 25-26 October 2025

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #25-330

NOTICE OF RACE

with Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4

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 shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 For the J/105 Invitational:
 - 1.2.1 The event is categorized as Level 1A, per the J/105 Class Association Rules.
 - 1.2.2 J/105 Class Rule (CR) 3.4 (owner-driver requirement) is revised to allow two (2) current J/105 Owners, as defined in J/105 CR 3.3, to drive during the event.
 - 1.2.3 J/105 CR 7.1 (crew weight) will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.
- 1.4 [NP] Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at eastportyc.org/regattas, located under “Racing Resources.”

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at or before 2000 on Saturday, 11 October 2025, via a link at eastportyc.org/regattas.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board can be accessed via a link at eastportyc.org/regattas.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 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

- 4.1 The Fall Brawl is open to boats in the J/70, J/80, and Viper 640 classes, sailing in compliance with their respective class rules, provided five (5) or more paid registrations are received by 1100 on Friday, 24 October 2025.
- 4.2 For the J/105 Invitational:
 - 4.2.1 The event is open to boats in the J/105 Class Fleet 3, sailing in compliance with their class rules, except as noted in NoR 1, provided ten (10) paid registrations are received by 1100 on Friday, 24 October 2025.



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- 4.2.2 The number of J/105s will be capped at sixteen (16) paid entries, on a first-come basis. Boats that attempt to enter after the cap is met will be added to a waitlist; no entry fee will be collected from boats on the waitlist. A boat on the waitlist will be offered entry if a previously-entered boat withdraws or cancels, based on the order they were added to the waitlist.
- 4.2.3 Each J/105 shall have a six- (6) person crew that is comprised of two (2) teams; a Local team and a Visiting team, each with three (3) team members, which includes the skipper. The skipper of each team shall be a J/105 owner.
- 4.2.4 A J/105 with a combined team crew weight that is 150 lbs. or more under the class maximum crew weight may be allowed an additional (seventh) crew member. The additional crew member may represent the local or traveling team and must sail both days of the event. A skipper may request permission for the additional crew member by submitting an email to the [Fleet 3 Measurer](#) before 1200 on Wednesday, 22 October 2025. The request must include the proposed crew member’s name and approximate weight.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering via the link provided at eastportyc.org/regattas.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees for the J/70 and J/80 classes (as a two- (2) day event) are as follows:
 - \$120 for paid entries received by 1100 on Saturday, 18 October 2025.
 - \$155 for paid entries received after 1100 on Saturday, 18 October 2025, but before 1100 on Wednesday, 22 October 2025.
 - \$195 for paid entries received after 1100 on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, but before 1100 on Friday, 24 October 2025.
- 5.2 The entry fees for the Viper 640 class (as a one- (1) day event) is as follows:
 - \$60 for paid entries received by 1100 on Saturday, 18 October 2025.
 - \$75 for paid entries received after 1100 on Tuesday, 18 October 2025, but before 1100 on Wednesday, 22 October 2025.
 - \$95 for paid entries received after 1100 on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, but before 1100 on Friday, 24 October 2025.
- 5.3 The entry fee for the J/105 Invitational is \$195. Entries must be received before 1100 on Friday, 24 October 2025.
- 5.4 Limited free trailer storage for out-of-town entrants will be provided on a first come basis, effective Friday, 24 October 2025, through Monday, 27 October 2025. Entrants shall contact the EYC Waterfront Director as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements (waterfront@eastportyc.org; (410) 267-9549).

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule of events is:

Fri, 24 October	1100	Entry & registration closes
Sat, 25 October	0800	Competitors meeting at EYC
		<i>* Featuring weather & local knowledge brief, courtesy of Quantum Sails, Annapolis</i>
	1030	RC on-station and broadcast approximate location
	1100	Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day
	After racing	Post-race social; awards presentation for the Viper 640 class (provided they complete one (1) scored race)
	1800	J/105 Annual Fleet Party at EYC
		<i>* Participants from the other competing classes welcome (refer to Notice to Competitors)</i>



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Sun, 26 October	1000	Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day
	1400	No Warning Signal after this time
	After racing	Post-race social; awards presentation for J/70, J/80, and J/105 classes

6.2 In the event of unfavorable sailing conditions on Saturday, 25 October 2025, the Viper 640 class will sail on Sunday, 26 October 2025. The decision to race will be made by the Principal Race Officer as soon as practicable; it is possible the decision could be made while on the water on Saturday.

7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be on Chesapeake Bay, in the vicinity of the mouth of the Severn River.
7.2 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403. EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants.

8 COURSES

Competitors will sail drop-mark windward/leeward course, as described in the SIs.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
9.2 Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the Protest Committee. Details will be provided in the SIs.

10 SCORING

10.1 For the Fall Brawl:
10.1.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled for the J/70 and J/80 classes, of which two (2) scored races are required to constitute a series.
10.1.2 Four (4) races are scheduled for the Viper 640 class, of which one (1) scored race is required to constitute a series.
10.1.3 If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
10.2 For the J/105 Invitational:
10.2.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) scored race each for the Local and Visitor Teams is required to constitute a series.
10.2.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
10.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).
10.4 RRS A5.3 shall apply.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (including the OA, RC, Protest Committee, EYC, sponsors, volunteers, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law, and as a condition to participation in the event, specifically agrees with the Waiver and Release at eastportyc.org/regattas.

12 INSURANCE

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



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13 PRIZES

13.1 For the Fall Brawl:

13.1.1 Overall prizes for the Viper 640 class will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 25 October 2025. If racing is postponed from Saturday to Sunday, prizes will be presented following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 26 October 2025. The prizes are as follows:

- 1st place for five (5) or more entries
- 2nd place for six (6) or more entries
- 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries

13.1.2 Overall prizes for the J/70 and J/80 classes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 26 October 2025. The prizes are as follows:

- 1st place for five (5) or more entries
- 2nd place for six (6) or more entries
- 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries

13.1.3 The name of the winning J/70 skipper will be added to the EYC J/70 Fall Brawl Perpetual Award.

13.2 Overall prizes for the J/105 Invitational will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 26 October 2025. The prizes are as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places within the Local Teams standings
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places within the Visitor Teams standings
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place across the overall Local & Visitor Teams standings

13.3 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

14 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



15 INFORMATION

15.1 For more information about the Fall Brawl, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.

15.2 For more information about the J/105 Invitational, contact Doug Stryker [douglas.stryker@gmail.com]; (973) 885-0635].

