



2025-2026 J/70 Winter Series
Davis Island Yacht Club
1315 Severn Avenue
Tampa, FL 33606

Regattas	Dates	Registration Website
Winter Series #1 (NOTE – J/70 North American Championship)	December 1 – 6, 2025	https://www.yachtscore.com/emenue/50327
Winter Series #2	January 9 – 11, 2026	https://www.yachtscore.com/emenue/50305
Winter Series #3	February 6 – 8, 2026	https://www.yachtscore.com/emenue/50326

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

NOTICE OF RACE

(version 05/18/2025)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (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. No US Sailing Prescriptions apply except Appendix R, Appendix T, Appendix V, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5 and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, 88.2. These prescriptions are stated in full on the US Sailing website - [USS Prescriptions](#)
- 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. SIs for each event will be available online seven days before the opening of on-site check-in.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at the event site listed above.

3.2. [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard channels.

3.3. On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.4. [DP] [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.5. For unofficial but informative general announcements, you can opt-in to the WhatsApp group with this QR code or link

(<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HN4qFKARhou7Wjj6Su3zwa>).



4. [NP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Each event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the current International J/70 Class Rules.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees at the following sites:

January Event: Jan 9-11, 2026

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50305>

February Event: Feb 6 – 8 2026

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50326>

4.3. A maximum of sixty (60) boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed and the required fees are paid. Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available, at which time payment will be due.

4.4. All participants in each event, including those who registered and made the required payments online, are required to report to the Check-In desk during the scheduled hours (see NoR 7) to confirm and complete their registration.

4.5. All competitors must complete waivers online or during Check-In hours.

5. COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FEES - Entry fees (taxes included) and refund schedules are as follows:

Regatta	Entry Fee	Payment Deadline	90% if withdrawal on or prior to:	75% if withdrawal after:	50% if withdrawal after:	No refund if withdrawal:
Jan Event	\$425	Dec 26	Dec 12	Dec 12	Dec 19	On or after Dec 26
Feb Event	\$425	Jan 23	Jan 09	Jan 09	Jan 16	On or after Jan 23

5.1. Entry fee includes Friday night keg and snacks, buffet breakfast Saturday and Sunday, keg and snacks Sunday evening.

5.2. Entries after the payment deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the OA with the addition of a \$75 late fee.

5.3. An entry will not be considered final, nor storage confirmed until all fees are paid and all required forms are submitted.

6. BOAT STORAGE FEES

6.1. Storage sign-up will open at 0800 on September 1, 2025. (More information to come.)

6.2. There will be storage for a maximum of 40 boats on DIYC property.



7. SCHEDULE

Regatta	Activity	Date / Time
January Event	Check-In	Jan 09 / 1000 - 1800
	Competitor Meeting	Jan 09 / 1800
	First Scheduled Warning	Jan 10-11 / 1100
February Event	Check-In	Feb 06 / 1000 - 1800
	Competitor Meeting	Feb 06 / 1800
	First Scheduled Warning	Feb 07-08 / 1100

7.1. For each event –

- 7.1.1. There will be no warning signal made after 1430 on Sunday.
- 7.1.2. A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 7.1.3. Practice races may be held on the day before the first day of scheduled racing followed by a debrief.

8. [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. On or before the close of Check-In, all competing boats must provide the following:

- 8.1.1. A complete crew list entered on the event Yacht Scoring site, including current and valid World Sailing ID numbers for each crew member.
 - 8.1.2. A current and valid proof of insurance.
 - 8.1.3. Proof of a current and valid J/70 Manufacturer's Declaration. Any boat without a current and valid Manufacturer's Declaration prior to the event must contact the J/70 Class Office for further instructions.
 - 8.1.4. A J/70 Class Rules Compliance Declaration Form as described in J70ER 7. This form will be provided online to registered competitors by the OA shortly before the event and will require the signature of the skipper or person in charge.
- 8.2. Boats, equipment and sails may be inspected at any time.
 - 8.3. Repairs, alteration or substitution of sails or equipment shall be in accordance with J70ER 10 and will require the written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.
 - 8.4. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, RRS Appendix G shall apply.

9. [NP] INSURANCE

- 9.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent. It is the owner's inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.
- 9.2. Proof of Insurance shall be provided at the time of online registration. Proof of insurance will be required before boat storage is allowed.

10. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 10.1. Changes or substitutions of crew during an event will require written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO. The number of crew may not be changed during an event.

11. VENUE

- 11.1. The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the DIYC Clubhouse, as shown in Attachment #1.



12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply. In addition, penalties while in the zone of a 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 changes RRS 44.2.
- 12.2. RRS Appendix T may apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 13.2. For the Jan and Feb events:
 - 13.2.1. If four (4) or fewer races are completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores. If five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
 - 13.2.2. One (1) completed race is necessary to constitute a regatta.
- 13.3. For the overall Winter Series to be scored, a minimum of two events shall be held and overall series scoring will be as follows:
 - 13.3.1. Competitors must register, pay and compete in a minimum of two events.
 - 13.3.2. The helmsman must be the same in all qualifying events.
 - 13.3.3. The same boat must be used in all qualifying events.
 - 13.3.4. A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her two best qualifying events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's points in her two best qualifying events shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best scores(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event. If a tie remains, trophies shall be awarded to all tied competitors.
 - 13.3.5. To qualify for overall Corinthian, One-Pro, Mixed Plus or Young Crew series trophies, a boat's status (Corinthian, One-Pro, Mixed Plus or Young Crew) must be the same in her two best qualifying events.

14. [NP] BERTHING

- 14.1. [DP] Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while on DIYC property.
- 14.2. All boats must be in the water by 0900 on the first race day of an event and shall remain in the water until the end of the event, unless granted written prior permission by the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.
- 14.3. Once launched, boats shall not use electricity without written consent of the OA, Protest Committee or the PRO.

15. [NP] ADVERTISING

- 15.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. RRS 3 states: '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.**



17. PRIZES

- 17.1. For each event, trophies will be awarded to the Overall top three teams, the top three Corinthian teams, the top One-Pro team, the top Mixed-Plus team and the top Young Crew team.
- 17.2. For the overall Winter Series, a trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner, the top Corinthian team, the top One-Pro team, the top Mixed-Plus team and the top Young Crew team.
- 17.3. Additional prizes may be awarded.

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	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	TBD	TBD	TBD

NoR Attachment #1 –

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

