



2026 International J/111 Class
North American Championship
August 24 – August 29, 2026
Youngstown Yacht Club
Youngstown Community Boating
491 Water St. - Youngstown, NY 14174
<https://yyc.org>



NOTICE OF RACE

(version 11/14/2025)

NOR Amendment #1 (see NOR 1.4, 1.9, 5.1, 14.5(b) – changes in bold red) – posted 07/31/2026

The Organizing Authorities (OA) are the Youngstown Yacht Club, Youngstown Community Boating and the International J/111 Class Association.

The denotation '[DP]' in a *rule* in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The denotation '[NP]' in a *rule* in the NOR means Not Protestable by the competitors but may be Protested by the RC and/or Protest Committee. This is added to Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the RRS and the class rules of the J/111 Class (the Class Rules) as modified by this NOR and SIs.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply which can be found here:
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf>
- 1.3 RRS 63.5(c) is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions shall prevail." This modifies RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.4 **There will be two divisions: Championship (maximum of 1 Group 3 Professional) and Corinthian (all Group 1 crew) with separate trophies awarded to each division.** Boats competing with all verified World Sailing Category 1 crew will be scored in the Corinthian division. All boats competing will be scored in the Open division.
- 1.5 Boats may carry a third (back up) spinnaker that can only be used if one of the primary two is damaged to where it can't be used. The third (back up) spinnaker can be either an A-4 or an A-2 but shall be older than the primary two spinnakers and shall also be declared. This modifies Class Rule C.10.1(a).
- 1.6 [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations-Category 4 shall apply.
- 1.7 The Race Committee will use the Vakaros RaceSense System. The Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge is required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at check-in for configuration with the RaceSense system or an Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may be rented for a fee. **Rental units shall be reserved no later than August 1, 2026, as on-site rental units will not be available.**
- 1.8 RRS Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges 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"
- 1.9 **[NP] For this event only, there will be no crew weigh-in and the Class rule crew weight limit is replaced with a maximum crew of eight. A Class approved document will be posted on the Official Notice Board in accordance with RRS 87 so that no boat is exposed to protest under the suspended rule.**

2. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]

- 2.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising if supplied by an OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 [DP] [NP] The regatta is open to all boats of the J/111 Class whose owners and skippers are members in good standing of the J/111 Class Association as of the date of entry and through the end of the regatta.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may register online at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50514>
- 3.3 [NP] Sail declaration and crew list, including unexpired World Sailing categorization rulings for all crew and substitute crew, shall be completed online by 1200 Monday August 24, 2026. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the OA. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline. Any subsequent change to the crew list requires written consent from the *committee*. The sailor categorization protest time limit is (24) hours after the posting of a changed crew list.
- 3.4 [DP] All crew shall meet World Sailing classification eligibility requirements prior to 1200 on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

4. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee of \$1,200 paid before May 01, 2026 or fee of \$1,500 before June 01 includes complimentary hospitality or dinners for crews on August 25-29, 2026, daily first prizes for both divisions and all trophies and prizes on Saturday after the conclusion of the championship. The Organizing Authorities may waive the late fee for good cause.

5. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Schedule:
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| Monday, August 24 | 0900-1500 | Check-in, crew weigh in, boat weigh in and inspection. Pre-regatta optional check-in will be available August 22-23 as well. |
| Tuesday, August 25 | 0900-1500 | Check-in, crew weigh in, boat weigh in and inspection. |
| | 1300 | Practice race warning signal |
| | 1730 | Opening Ceremony Dinner and Competitors' Meeting |
| Wednesday, August 26 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | After racing | Post Race Social/Debrief - Cornhole Tournament - YYC |
| Thursday, August 27 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | After racing | Post Race Social/Debrief - Top Cover Band - YYC |
| Friday, August 28 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | After racing | Post Race Social/Debrief - Cocktail Party – YYC |
| Saturday, August 29 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | 1400 | No warning signal after this time |
| | 1800 | Dinner & Awards - YYC |
- 5.2 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted online by 1200 on Monday, August 18, 2026.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Lake Ontario north of Fort Niagara Beach and in the vicinity of the mouth of the Niagara River.
- 7.2 The courses will be a windward/leeward configuration and further described in the SI.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Three completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 9.2 When (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When less than six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This modifies RRS A2.1.

10. BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 10.1 Boats will be assigned a berth at YYC. All boats must use this berth for the entire regatta.
- 10.2 All boats shall be in their assigned berths and available for inspection by 1700 on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

11. BOW NUMBERS [DP] [NP]

If supplied by an OA, bow numbers shall be displayed while racing. The bow numbers and placement instructions will be provided at registration.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the *committee*.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 The Official Notice Board is located online on the YachtScoring event site listed in NOR 3.2.
- 13.2 [DP] [NP] All boats shall have a working VHF capable of sending and receiving on US channels.
- 13.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 13.4 An OA will require boats to carry live tracking devices to be detailed in the SI and boats shall not view tracking data while racing.

14. COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION [DP]

- 14.1 Boats may be weighed while being launched.
- 14.2 Boats and equipment shall be available for inspection at any time during the event, including on the water, and during on-site check-in and inspection hours or after as required.
- 14.3 After on-site inspection, removal of equipment and sails from the boat and substitution of damaged or lost equipment including sails will not be allowed without written approval of an OA or the *committee*. Requests for removal or substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.4 All sails declared in the boat's inventory shall have been certified in accordance with class rule Section G (Sails). Check sails and consult your sailmaker in advance as necessary. The full inventory of declared sails shall be carried on board for the duration of the event. Certification of sails by an OA will not be available.
- 14.5 Boats shall provide the following by the end of on-site check-in:
 - a. All compliance and inspection declaration forms for boats and equipment including sails;
 - ~~b. —On-site crew weight forms;~~
 - c. Crew classifications and waivers;
 - d. Proof of current insurance. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum coverage of US \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 The winner of the J/111 North American Championship will receive the J/111 North American Perpetual Trophy. Keeper trophies will be presented to the top three boats.
- 15.2 The winner of the J/111 North American Corinthian Division will receive the J/111 North American Corinthian Perpetual Trophy. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats racing with no World Sailing Classification Category 3 sailors (Corinthian Division).
- 15.3 The Wooton Trophy will be presented to the most improved team of the J/111 North American Championship. See Addendum A for more information on this award.
- 15.4 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats for the Open and Corinthian divisions.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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. 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.**
- 16.2 All crew members must sign the online waiver prior to 1200 August 23, 2026.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the J/111 North American Championship, a competitor automatically grants the OAs, the class and the sponsors, in perpetuity, the rights to make use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any still pictures, live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor and its material, during and after the event without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 Youngstown Yacht Club: <https://www.yyc.org/>
- 18.2 For further information please contact:
 - Chairman Roeland Polet, roelandhpolet@gmail.com (513-739-9727)
 - Principal Race Officer Chip Till, chiptill5351@gmail.com (843-556-6554)
 - Chief Judge Richard "Doc" Sullivan, rsulliv34@gmail.com (585-233-7744)

ADDENDUM A



The Wooton Trophy is to be presented to the most improved boat of the J/111 North American Championship. The trophy is awarded in honor of Bill Smith and the Wooton Team for the most improved performance of a yacht during the annual championship regatta.

To calculate the award, the scores of the first half of the regatta are to be compared against the scores from the second half of the regatta. The boat with the widest margin of improvement shall be the winner.

- A minimum of three races are required
- In the event of an odd number of races, the middle race shall be discarded
- All scores in counted races will be part of the calculation, including DSQ, OCS, NSC, DNF, TLE etc. DNS scores are specifically excluded.
- Tie Breaker: the tied boat that had the best finish in the last race shall be the winner.

An annual keeper trophy will be provided by Trident Studio to the class management office in the United States. The trophy is to be presented at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the regatta.