

J/88 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 29 – October 4, 2026
American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

Co-Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club (AYC)
and the 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The J/88 Class Association Constitution and the J/88 Class Rules available at <https://j88class.org/> shall apply.
- 1.3 J/88 Class Rule 6.2 shall apply.
- 1.4 Rule 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
- 1.5 [DP][NP] Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IRLCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification, which also may be non-excludable, from one or more races or from the series.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on Saturday, September 19 on the [Regatta Website](#).

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50612.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 16, 69, and 71.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 The race committee may elect to use the Vakaros RaceSense system. If so, the Atlas 2 units and mounting brackets will be provided to boats that need one (for a nominal fee) and will be installed by the OA.
- 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 the event by registering online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50612>.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Entries shall be received by 1700 on September 22, 2026. Entries may be accepted thereafter at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The early entry fee if received on or before 1700 on August 7, 2026 is \$1,200.
- 5.2 The entry fee for entries received after 1700 August 7, 2026 will be \$1,350.
- 5.3 No refunds will be issued after September 8, 2026.
- 5.4 The entry fee includes at a minimum, racing, after racing socials, a class dinner, and an awards presentation for the skipper and up to five (5) crew. Additional social and dinner passes will be available for purchase.

- 5.5 The entry fee also includes the option for boats to enter the Saturday Coastal Race and/or the Sunday Coastal Race as part of the first weekend of the AYC Fall Regatta held on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Changes or substitutions of crew during the event will require the consent of the Race Committee. The number of crew may not be changed during the event.
- 6.2 For the Corinthian Division, all competitors on a boat must satisfy the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 requirements for a Group 1 Competitor.
- 6.3 Each boat shall complete the skipper and crew online waivers and provide current/valid World Sailing ID numbers for each crew member.
- 6.4 Before the close of onsite registration, all competitors must be weighed in person to ensure compliance with J/88 Class Rule 6.2 as per NOR 1.3. Weigh-in will be available at the JAYC House during onsite registration.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Subject to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers supplied by the OA.

8 SCHEDULE

Tue. September 29	1000 - 1700	Measurement – Junior AYC Clubhouse (JAYC House)
	1400 - 1700	Onsite Registration, Weigh-In – JAYC House
Wed. September 30	1000 - 1700	Onsite Registration, Weigh-In, and Measurement – JAYC House
	1300	Practice Racing
	1700	Competitors Meeting and Social
Thu. October 1	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	After Racing Social
Fri. October 2	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	After Racing Social
	1830	J/88 Class Dinner
Sat. October 3	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	After Racing Social
Sun. October 4	1100	First Warning Signal
	1600	No Warning Signal after this time
	Following Racing & Protest Hearings	Awards Party and Trophy Presentation

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats, equipment, and sails will be inspected and measured prior to the regatta. Information about scheduling your inspection and measurement will be posted in the Additional Event Documents on the official notice board.
- 9.2 Boats, sails, or equipment may be inspected again at any time during the event at the request of the race committee or the Organizing Authority.
- 9.3 Boats shall not be hauled out after 1700 on September 30 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by written permission of the race committee or protest committee.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The racing will be conducted on Long Island Sound south or east of Milton Point, Rye, New York.

11 COURSES

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) 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.
- 13.3 Maximum number of races for the regatta is twelve (12).

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to Corinthian and Non-Corinthian boats.
- 14.2 The first-place overall winner will be awarded the J/88 North Americans perpetual trophy, the "Mike Bruno Wings Trophy"
- 14.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

15 GREEN REGATTA

- 15.1 In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles and avoid the use of any single-use plastics.

16 BERTHING

- 16.1 [DP] Courtesy moorings for visiting boats are available at American Yacht Club beginning Monday, September 28 through Monday, October 5. Reservations can be made by contacting Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain by email at bputerbaugh@americanyc.org.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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 and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf ("Releasors") that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Releasors also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, whether by drowning or otherwise, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Releasors forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasors now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf ("Releasees"), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasors' participation in such sailing events (including contracting communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasors agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19), damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing, but in any case with a minimum cover of \$500,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:
Event Chair: Rob Fear (robert.w.fear@gmail.com)
J/88 Class Representative: Justin Scagnelli (jscagnelli707@gmail.com)
Regatta Website: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50612>