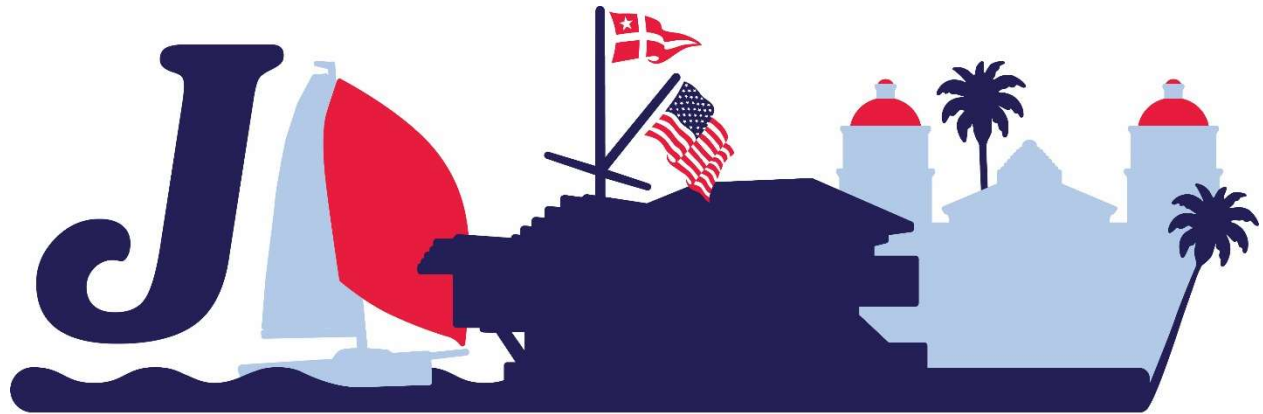


NOTICE OF RACE



70 US NATIONAL '26 CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 9-12, 2026

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC)
in conjunction with the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA)
and the US J/70 Class Association (USJ70CA)



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] The current IJ70CA Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Section I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division) will apply.
- 1.4 [NP] The current IJ70CA Regatta Regulation (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.5 [DP] The current IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.6 The notation **[NP]** in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 The notation **[DP]** in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of a *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.8 The notation **[SP]** in a rule means that a penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 1.9 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'.
- 1.10 The Sailing Instructions may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.11 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

The sailing instructions will be available by July 1, 2026 and will be posted on the regatta notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50623.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the race committee on US VHF marine channels.
- 3.3 [NP] On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 [NP] Competitors may opt-in for supplementary communications using the following WhatsApp link or QR code: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cyq30YQzUyzLr0YGeHKRPU>
- 3.5 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not:
 - 3.5.1 Make or receive voice or data transmissions, except in case of an emergency.
 - 3.5.2 have contact with a *support person*.
- 3.6 The race office is located at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club - 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, on the southwest corner of the building.
Telephone – (805) 965-8112, ext 114. Email – racing@sbyc.org.



- 3.7 Any failure of a boat to receive or properly interpret the information or an action of the RC acting under NOR 3.3 will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all 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 https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50623 and paying the required fee.
- 4.3 A boat will not be considered registered in the event until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 4.4 The entry deadline is 1800 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on July 8, 2026. Entries accepted after this time are at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 A maximum of 40 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 that have registered and paid the entry fee 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. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 4.6 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than June 1, 2026, will receive a refund of their entry fees less a processing fee of \$150. Boats withdrawing after this date will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list and are available to take their spot.
- 4.7 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NOR 4, check-in per NOR 9, and equipment inspection per NOR 11 have been successfully completed. See RRS 75.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee will be:
- a.) \$650 for entries received on or before June 30, 2026.
 - b.) \$800 for entries received on July 1, 2026 or after. This fee will apply to any boat that has not completed registration and paid entry fees in full by June 30, 2026.
- 5.2 Entry fee includes:
- Participation in all social events for owners and crew. Daily food and beverages after racing.
 - Launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the regatta at designated times.
 - Berthing at the regatta harbor for the dates of the event.
 - Trailer storage from July 6-July 13.
 - One practice race day; three (3) championship race days.
 - Awards and prizes.
 - Full guest privileges at SBYC, including all on-site dining and bar services.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 6.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team, proof of a valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorization per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) shall be provided for all crew at the time

of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.

- 6.3 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 18 years of age per J70CR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
7.2 [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.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 [NP] The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR.
8.2 Up to nine (9) races are scheduled. The RC will intend to sail up to three (3) races per day, subject to wind and weather conditions. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed per day to maintain the overall regatta schedule, at the discretion of the RC.

9. CHECK-IN

- 9.1 [DP] Each boat shall have a representative check-in with the OA during the times specified in NOR 10.
9.2 [DP] No later than the close of check-in, all skippers and crew members shall:
(a) be listed on the event's online entry list;
(b) be members in good standing of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
(c) provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
(d) if under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration.
9.3 [DP] No later than the close of check-in, each boat shall:
(a) show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). See J70CR A.10, J70CR A.11 and J70CR C.5.2(10). Boats that do not have a valid J70MD must make advance arrangements to obtain one by emailing Christopher Howell (howell@j70office.com) and/or your local measurer; a fee may be applied for this service.
(b) complete all required Self-Compliance Forms as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.
(c) provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NOR 24.
(d) provide proof of J/70 class membership.
(e) 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.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1 The schedule is as follows:

| DAY | DATE | TIME(s) | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---|-----------------|
| Thursday | July 9, 2026 | 1000 – 1400 | Check-in | SBYC Fleet Room |
| | | 1500 | 1 Practice Race / Clinic | |
| | | 1730 | Competitors Briefing | SBYC Beach |
| | | 1800 | Opening Ceremony / Hors D'oeuvres | SBYC Beach |
| Friday | July 10, 2026 | 0800 – 1000 | Check-in | SBYC Beach |
| | | 1000 | [DP] Check-in closes; | |
| | | 1300 | First Warning Signal | |
| | | Post Racing | Hors D'oeuvres & drinks | |
| Saturday | July 11, 2026 | 1300 | First Warning Signal | SBYC Beach |
| | | Post Racing | Beach Party and hosted dinner | |
| Sunday | July 12, 2026 | 1300 | First Warning Signal | SBYC Upstairs |
| | | 1530 | No Warning Signal after this time, except as a result of a General Recall | |
| | | Post Racing | Awards & hors d'oeuvres | |

10.2 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

11. EQUIPMENT DECLARATIONS

- 11.1 [DP] Each boat owner shall fill out and submit a Self-Compliance Form no later than the close of check-in that acknowledges that their boat, sails, and equipment meet J/70 Class Rules and regulations. During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.
- 11.2 [DP] Prior to check-in, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.
- 11.3 [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 prior to her inspection, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1.
- 11.4 [DP] RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.

12. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS, OR EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 [DP] Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or equipment used while racing will require prior written consent of the event Technical Chair or Chief Judge pursuant to J70ER 10.

13. VENUE

- 13.1 The venue host address: Santa Barbara Yacht Club, 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.
- 13.2 The location of the racing area is the Santa Barbara Channel. Specific details regarding the racecourse location will be given in the sailing instructions.

14. COURSES

- 14.1 The courses will be pursuant to the J70RR.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This NOR 15.1 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28, or 31.
- 15.2 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 64.
- 15.3 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 15.4 Appendix V, Rule V2 – Post Race Penalties will apply:
- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
 - (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
 - (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be as described in the J70RR Clause 3.

17. SUPPORT PERSON / SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery and berthing arrangements with the Santa Barbara Harbor.

- 17.2 [DP] SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period and shall pay a fee of \$150.
- 17.3 [DP] Only registered SPVs that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.
- 17.4 [DP] SPVs and operators shall comply at all times with any support vessel regulations as published on the event website.
- 17.5 Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.6 The OA is not responsible for verifying that participants have insurance coverage.
- 17.7 [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.
- 17.8 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 18.2 [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.
- 18.3 Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from Monday, July 6 through Monday, July 13, 2026.
- 18.4 A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club or an off-site location from Monday, July 6 through Monday, July 13, 2026.
- 18.5 Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching, dockage, and trailer storage will be published on the event website and made available to competitors prior to arrival.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Competing boats shall not be hauled out from Tuesday, July 7 at noon and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the event Technical Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [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.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organizing Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal

information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the event online management system, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 [DP] All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.
- 22.3 [DP] Press and spectator vessels shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 22.4 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes rule RRS 62.1)
- 22.5 [DP] Press and spectator vessels shall not interfere with boats racing in any way.

23. RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'
- 23.2 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:
 - (a) 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 while taking part in the event. 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.**
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) 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;

- (f) 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.

23.3 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.

24. INSURANCE

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

24.2 The OA is not responsible for verifying that participants have insurance coverage.

25. PRIZES

25.1 The awards ceremony will be held at SBYC on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

25.2 The J/70 Class US National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner from the United States.

25.3 A trophy for the Top Female skipper will be awarded.

25.4 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian, Mixed-Plus, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.

25.5 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. CONDUCT

26.1 [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.

26.2 [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.

26.3 Failure to comply with NOR 26.1 and 26.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

27. CONTACT INFORMATION

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