



## **NOTICE OF RACE**



### ***PEQUOT INVITATIONAL REGATTA***

*for the*

### **J109 CLASS**

**June 6 - June 7, 2026**

#### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

**Pequot Yacht Club**

#### **1. RULES:**

The regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the J109 Class Rules.
- b) The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.
- c) The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- d) Class Rule 2.3 is replaced such that ISAF Group 3 competitors are not permitted unless they are a 100% owner of the boat.
- e) To provide maximum flexibility to owners and to encourage young sailors and newcomers, Class Rule 6.1 is replaced such that the maximum number of crew excluding skipper shall not exceed eight (8) and the minimum number of crew shall not be less than five (5).
- f) Rule 61 is changed to require boats to notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing of their intent to protest.
- g) The goal for this event is to promote both a learning environment and fun competition.
- h) The responsibility for providing and maintaining a safe and seaworthy vessel rests entirely on the owner. The Organizing Authority strongly recommends, but does not require, compliance with the following reasonable recommendations:
  - (i) US Coast Guard Regulations for Connecticut, Part Four, Safety Equipment and
  - (ii) [Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS \(Category C\)](#).  
These recommendations are intended to supplement rather than replace government requirements and the Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### **2. REGATTA WEBSITE:**

The official regatta website is hosted on YachtScoring and located at: [Pequot J109 Invitational](#)

#### **3. ENTRY, FEES AND ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) This regatta is open to J109 boats and Class Member owners and drivers who are in good standing with the J109 Class for the current year.
- b) Online entry is required through YachtScoring. Paper entries will not be accepted. The entry fee is \$375. Completed entries must be received no later than 18:00 on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Entries received after this date, if accepted, will include a late fee. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available at: [Pequot J109 Invitational](#). Pequot members may elect to pay by club charge when registering on YachtScoring.
- c) Following racing on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a BBQ dinner. Dinner and keg beer for skipper and crew are included in the entry fee. A chit/cash bar will also be available. Additional dinner tickets are available for guests and club members for \$25 per person.

#### **4. SCHEDULE:**

Saturday – June 6<sup>th</sup>

10:30 - 11:30 Clinic to be held on the dock  
12:00 Harbor start  
12:55 First Warning Signal  
17:00. Observations/Overview of the days' racing  
18:00 Refreshments and BBQ dinner

Sunday – June 7<sup>th</sup>

09:30 – 10:30 Informal discussion/Q &A– 2<sup>nd</sup> Deck Sr. Clubhouse  
11:00 Harbor start  
11:55 First warning signal

Schedule of Races: Races are scheduled for June 6 & June 7, 2026. More than one (1) race may be held on any day, but no more than five (5). No races will be started after 15:00 on Sunday

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sailing Instructions will be available by 12:00 on the day before the first race on the regatta website. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website before 20:00 on the day before they will take effect. Oral changes may be given on the water and will be communicated over VHF radio on channel 71.

**6. VENUE:**

Races will be sailed in the waters off Southport Harbor.

**7. COURSES:**

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, or otherwise as described in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee may run a navigator course as the last race of the day on Saturday.

**8. NOTICES & RADIO COMMUNICATION:**

- a) Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 69, and 71. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or internet transmissions while racing which are not available to all boats.
- b) Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is located on the regatta website at: [Pequot J109 Invitational](#).
- c) The Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts on the VHF channel 71 throughout the regatta and at 09:30 on race days.

**9. SCORING:**

Multiple races are scheduled and one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**10. PRIZES:**

Series prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers.

**11. MOORINGS:**

A limited number of moorings are available on a first-come, first served basis. Moorings are complementary and reservations are required. Access to the dock will be available for short periods, if available, for loading/unloading and repair work. Contact Travis Herman, Director of Waterfront and Facilities by email ([dockmaster@pequotyc.com](mailto:dockmaster@pequotyc.com)) for arrangements. Once in the harbor, contact Launch Service or the Marine Department on VHF Channel 69.

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:

- a) By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by Pequot Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk (see RRS 3 “Decision to Race”); that Pequot Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Pequot Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Pequot Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.
- b) It is a required condition of entry that each boat shall be insured by a reputable insurance company for physical loss of, or damage to, the boat up to the current market value of the boat and all its equipment onboard, and also insured for Third Party Liability risks for the period of the regatta set forth in the schedule (NoR Section 4).
- c) All competitors—owners, drivers, & crew—must acknowledge that by completing the online entry and waiver. Entrants need to add every crew member on YachtScoring at [Pequot J109 Invitational](#) and instruct them to complete the waiver.

## 13. OTHER DOCUMENTS:

Forms and documents related to this event are located at: [Pequot J109 Invitational](#)

## 14. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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