

J/80 Fleet One Notice of Race 2026

Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, Inc.

Invitation: J/80 Fleet 1/The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, Inc. (LWSA) (the organizing authority) invites all members of the J/80 Class Association to participate.

Rules:

Races will be governed by the “rules”, as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, which, by definition, include the US Sailing Prescriptions, the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules (available [here](#) or online at [J80 Rules Online](#)), this notice of race, and the sailing instructions, except where changed or modified in the Sailing Instructions.

All series are designated as “Open” events as defined by paragraph C.3 of the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules.

The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available in the Sailing Instructions. Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 device configured for RaceSense prior to the beginning of the series (owned or rented). The device is to be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. All boats shall have an active RaceSense license. Annual and monthly licenses are available for purchase at Vakaros. For boats without an Atlas 2 device, devices are available for rental, inclusive of licensing costs. Contact Guy Nickerson (guy@spinnakercontract.com) if in need of a device.

Eligibility:

Each series is open to any J/80 class boat that meets the eligibility requirements of the class rules, registers, and pays the fee. The owner/skipper must be a J/80 NA Class Association member and an LWSA member, and the crew of the boat are encouraged to be LWSA members.

In lieu of filing an Owner’s Declaration as specified by paragraph A.11 of the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules, it shall be understood that payment of the series registration fee shall serve as the owner’s/skipper’s declaration of compliance with the class rules and payment of class dues.

Upon reasonable request by the race committee, jury, or Fleet Captain an owner/skipper shall make his/her boat available for inspection/measurement. Failure to comply with the class rules or make a boat available upon reasonable request may cause a boat/skipper/owner to be sanctioned or penalized pursuant to the rules and/or as

described in the Sailing Instructions.

A valid National Class Association Sticker (NCA) **must** be affixed to the transom of the hull or **proof of Class membership** shall be provided to the Fleet Captain upon her reasonable request. (Paragraph B.1.1 of the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules.)

Sails must have the class-royalty patch affixed. (Paragraph G.2.3 of the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules.)

Participating boats shall strive to observe the Crew Weight requirements (Paragraph C.4.1 of the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules.)

The owner/skipper and crew of participating boats may be required to act as race committee as directed by the Fleet Captain (see accompanying Season Schedule). A participating boat may provide other sufficient able persons to act as race committee in lieu of the owner/skipper and crew of the participating boat. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DSQ in that evening's races. A boat may choose to use its byes on their evening to fulfill this duty. Switching nights with other participating boats will be allowed, but it is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to make these arrangements.

Entry and Fees:

There will be a \$250 fee per series.

No boat will be scored (other than DNC) for a Series until an owner is an owner-member of the J/80 National Class Association and LWSA.

Schedule: Regattas will be held on the following days, commencing promptly with a warning signal at 18:00 EDT for Spring Series and For fall series dates through August 20. For all fall series dates beginning August 27, racing will commence at 17:30 EDT.

Spring Series:

May 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2.

Fall Series:

July 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10, 12*, 17

*WYC Commodore's Cup

Sailing Instructions: Prior to the first night of racing, Sailing Instructions will be available on our website at www.lwsa.org/j80/.

Venue and Courses: The race area will be established at either the areas east, south, or west of Welch Island or in Sanders Bay, all on Lake Winnepesaukee. The course to be

sailed will be comprised of windward and leeward legs.

Penalty System: Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

Scoring:

The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the racing rules will be used.

A minimum of six races shall constitute a series.

The first three races of each day or night will be scored.

Each boat's series score will be the total of all its scores, discarding the worst score if more than six races are held in the series. The maximum number of discards allowed in a series will be one. This changes rule A2.

Byes: Each boat will be entitled to receive her average score for the series, after 1 discard as described above, for all races of one regatta (night) in which she was scored DNC. An additional bye for all races of one regatta (night) will be granted to any boat that misses a regatta (night) while away for a J/80 travel regatta.

September 12 (Commodore's Cup): For scoring purposes at the Commodore's Cup, each yacht's first 3 races of each day of the regatta, or all if fewer than 3 races occur in a day, shall be scored excluding non-fall series competitors. In cases where the Commodore's Cup or J-Jamboree Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) conflict with the Thursday Night Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Commodore's Cup NOR and SI shall prevail.

Awards:

For further Information contact cat@lwsa.org

J/80 Fleet 1 Captains:

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