



J/70 US Mixed Plus Championship

November 19 –22, 2026
Saint Petersburg Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA), in conjunction with the US J/70 Class Association.

Event Website: www.spyc.org
See NoR 27 for full contact information.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This 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, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), I.5 (One-Pro Division), **I.11(Mixed Plus Event)**, and I.12 (Young Crew Division) will apply.
- 1.4 [NP] The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.5 [DP] The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) will apply.
- 1.6 US Sailing Prescriptions will apply. See SI Addendum A.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 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

- 2.1 [NP] The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than November 17 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: www.spyc.org
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 3.3 [NP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

- 3.4 [NP] A messaging service (or similar) may be used to provide supplementary communications. Information regarding sign up to this service will be provided separately.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to 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 the event website 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 November 16th, 2026.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$100.
- 4.6 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than November 1, 2026, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of \$100.
- 4.7 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR and check-in per NoR 9 have been successfully completed. See RRS 75.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$725 if paid before 1159 hours on November 1st, 2026. The entry is \$825 if paid after November 1st and before the entry deadline on November 16th, 2026.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
- One launch and one haul out; per boat.
 - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection through November 23rd, 2026.
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage through November 23rd, 2026;
 - One practice race day;
 - Three championship race days;
 - Awards and prizes;
 - Full guest privileges at SPYC, 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 or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro 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 eighteen (18) years of age per J70CR I.11(Mixed-Plus Event).
- 6.4 To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age as of the date of check-in per J70TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division).
- 6.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 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 Eight (8) races are scheduled, a maximum three (3) on any racing day, except the final day of racing, when two (2) races are scheduled.

9. CHECK-IN

- 9.1 [DP] All skippers and crew members shall 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 crewmembers 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 arriving to the event without a valid J70MD must make advance arrangements with the OA to obtain one; a fee will apply for this service.
 - (b) provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 24;

10. SCHEDULE

Thursday November 19 th	0900-1300	Check-in
	1300	Check-in closes, all boats must be afloat
	1430	Practice Race
	1830	Competitors Meeting
	1900	Welcome Reception
Friday November 20 th	1000	First Warning
Saturday November 21 st	1000	First Warning
	1830	Dinner @ SPYC
Sunday November 22 nd	1000	First Warning
	1430	No Warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards at SPSC

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment may be subject to inspection at any time.

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 Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

13. VENUE

- 13.1 The venue is the St Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Ave SE St Petersburg, FL 33701.
- 13.2 The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, approx. 1.5 miles ESE of downtown St Petersburg.

14. THE COURSES

- 14.1 Courses will be set pursuant to the J70RR.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 15.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 15.3 The One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty in RRS 44 are replaced with a One-Turn unless a rule of Part 2 was broken while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, in which case a Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 15.4 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be as described in the J70RR Clauses 3 & 4 for a Continental Championship.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery, and berthing arrangements with the St Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 17.2 [DP] SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period.
- 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 [DP] Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.6 [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.
- 17.7 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

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.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in.
- 19.2 [DP] Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched following their inspection 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. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 21.1 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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (OA, host yacht club, RC, PC, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The J/70 US Championship Mixed Plus Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 24.2 Trophies will be awarded in the Mixed Plus, One-Pro, Corinthian, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 24.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25. CONDUCT

- 25.1 [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.
- 25.2 [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.
- 25.3 Failure to comply with NoR 26.1 and 26.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 25.4 [NP] Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

26. CONTACT INFORMATION

Host Club Primary Contact: Todd Fedyszyn todd@spyc.org

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Principal Race Officer: Todd Fedyszyn todd@spyc.org

Event Technical Chair:

TBD

Addendum A

US Sailing Prescriptions that apply for this event

Only US Sailing Prescriptions to Preamble to Part 5, RRS 61.4 RRS 65.1, 76.1 and 88.2 will apply and are stated in full below.

Add to RRS 61.4

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Add to RRS 65.1:

US Sailing prescribes that

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Add to RRS 76.1:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.

Add to RRS 88.2:

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1.