

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB
and
J/105 CLASS ASSOCIATION FLEET 6, LONG ISLAND
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2001
J/105 CLASS
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF REGATTA

Larchmont, New York - September 21, 22 & 23, 2001

On behalf of the J/105 Class Association (the "National Association") and J/105 Class Association, Fleet 6, Long Island Sound ("Fleet 6"), Larchmont Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the 2001 North American Championship regatta for the J/105 Class.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the 2001-2004 *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"), including without limitation the J/105 Class Association Rules (March 15, 2001), as modified by all interpretation thereof by the Technical Committee of the J/105 Class Association (May 1, 2001) (each an "RI" or, together with the J/105 Class Association Rules, the "Class Rules"), this Notice of Regatta and by the Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict between any of the foregoing and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. All capitalized terms used without definition and defined in the Class Rules are used as defined in the Class Rules.
- 1.2 The organizing authority for this regatta is the Larchmont Yacht Club in conjunction with Fleet 6, acting through its Fleet Captain and its 2001 National Championship Committee (the "Fleet 6 Championship Committee").
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 72.
- 1.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard by a Jury appointed by the organizing authority constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix M, except as otherwise provided herein.
- 1.5 This regatta is designated a Category A event under RRS Appendix 1, Advertising.
- 1.6 **All skippers and crew are reminded of RRS 1.2: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."**

2. ELIGIBILITY; MODIFICATIONS OF CLASS RULES

- 2.1 The J/105 2001 North American Championship is open to deep draft J/105 class boats whose entry complies with the rules, as determined by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee. Only entries from Active Members will be accepted.
- 2.2 Competitors and boats must meet requirements of the Class Rules, including all ownership and class membership requirements, complete inspection, sail measurement and crew weigh-in, present a properly completed and signed float line worksheet and certificate (see 3.2 below), sign (and have all crew sign) liability waivers and declaration of eligibility, submit an official entry form and pay all event fees before becoming eligible for

- participation.
- 2.3 The Championship will be sailed under Level A of Rule 3.6 of the Class Rules. For purposes of Class Rule 3.4, each Associate Member who is the Driver of a participating J/105 (other than a charter boat) must be a Group 1 Competitor and either (i) a member of the immediate family of the Owner of the boat or (ii) a long term shipmate and friend of the Owner. A person to qualify under clause (ii) of the foregoing sentence must have raced on any J/105 on at least 6 J/105 Class-sanctioned race days during 2001 and raced on the participating J/105 at least 50% of the races in which the boat competed in 2001.
 - 2.4 In the case of a charter boat, the charterer must be an Active Member who is an Owner of another J/105 (the "Charterer"). The Driver of a charter boat must be either (a) the Charterer or (b) an Associate Member who is a Group 1 Competitor and either (i) a member of the Charterer's immediate family or (ii) a long term shipmate and friend of the Charterer. A person to qualify under clause (b)(ii) of the foregoing sentence must have raced on any J/105 on at least 6 J/105 Class-sanctioned race days during 2001 and raced on the J/105 owned in whole or in part by the Charterer at least 50% of the races in which the boat competed in 2001.
 - 2.5 The declaration of eligibility will require specified information respecting Charterers, Drivers and non-Group 1 crew members to be submitted. It will be included in the registration package and be made available on the Fleet 6 website.
 - 2.6 The Fleet 6 Championship Committee reserves the right to reject any non-conforming entries.
 - 2.7 Class Rule 7.3 regarding equalization of boat weights will be applicable as modified by RI 01-03.
 - 2.8 Class Rule 7.1 is modified for chartered boats by adding: "The weight of the Owner of the charter boat or the Owner's representative shall be the lesser of the person's actual weight or 194 pounds."

3. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT:

- 3.1 **Boats:** On Thursday September 20, 2001 ("Measurement Day"), all boats and sails shall be made available for inspection and measurement by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee at Larchmont Yacht Club or at such other place as may be arranged with the prior consent of such Committee. It is anticipated that all boats will be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules, including as regards (i) head stay length, (ii) any variations from standard J105 specifications, (iii) equipment and other items required for measuring trim (see 3.2 below) and (iv) on randomly selected boats, placement of float lines in compliance with RI 01-03. Additional items may be inspected in the discretion of the Fleet 6 Championship Committee. The Fleet 6 Championship Committee may make available an alternative Measurement Day on the weekend of September 15 and 16 for boats already in the area.
- 3.2 **Float Lines:** At inspection, each owner shall present a properly completed float line worksheet and certificate in the form contemplated by RI 01-03, which shall list all equipment and other items that were on board for measurement trim and be signed by the owner and either a measurer of a recognized J105 fleet or another Owner of a J105.
- 3.3 **Sails:** All 2001 sails shall bear a valid sail tag. For each boat, the Fleet 6 Championship Committee will select one sail (other than the back-up spinnaker) for measurement, but if such sail is found not to comply with the Class Rules, all sails of that boat are subject to measurement.
- 3.4 **Crew:** All crewmembers (including the Owner or Charterer of the boat being entered) who sail in the regatta must be weighed on the official scale and sign a liability waiver and a declaration of eligibility. Substitute crew must be weighed, sign the waiver and declaration during the weigh-in period prior to sailing a race.
- 3.5 **Additional Inspections; Protests; Alternative Penalty:** Except in the case of a protest by

a competitor, the Fleet 6 Championship Committee will not conduct any inspections or measurements after Measurement Day. In the case of a protest, all items previously measured or inspected by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee and not subsequently changed will not be subject to challenge or re-measurement. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Sailing Instructions, violations of Class Rules 5, 6 and 7.4 and RI 01-03 will be subject to an alternative penalty equal to 20% of the boat's score for the race during which the protest is lodged (or, if a protest is lodged following a race, the boat's score for the immediately preceding race).

3.6 Hauling: Boats must remain in the water from 0900 September 21 to the end of the regatta unless hauling is authorized by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee.

4. ENTRIES:

4.1 The entry form and the entry fee of \$500 (\$540.00 for non-US Sailing members) must be *received* by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee by Wednesday, August 22, 2001. After that time a \$100.00 surcharge shall apply. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after 1800, September 5, 2001.

4.2 The entry fee is fully refundable prior to September 5, 2001. After that date, there will be no refunds. A registration package will be sent to each boat upon receipt of a completed entry form and entry fee.

4.3 All entries shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to the Fleet 6 Championship Committee, c/o Matt Berger, at the address or fax number set forth below. Faxed entries will only be accepted with a valid signature for credit card authorization.

4.4 The entry fee for a boat will include passes to all social events (including all meals) for five. Additional passes may be requested on the entry form or purchased at registration or at the door for evening events.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

0900-1900 Inspection & Measurement
 1400 – 1900 Registration & Weigh-in
 1800 Skipper's Meeting at LYC

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

0800-0900 Late Weigh-in and waivers
 0900 Harbor Start
 1025 Warning signal for first race of the day
 1030 Start of first race of the day
 1700 Refreshments & daily award presentation on LYC lawn
 1900 Dinner

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

0800-0830 Late Weigh-in and waivers
 0900 Harbor Start
 1025 Warning signal for first race of the day
 1030 Start of first race of the day

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

0800-0830 Late Weigh-in and waivers
 0900 Harbor Start
 1025 Warning signal for first race of the day
 1030 Start of first race of the day

1700	Refreshments & daily award presentation on LYC lawn	1600	Awards presentation on LYC lawn
1900	Dinner		

At the sole discretion of the Race Committee, more than one race may be held on any day of the regatta. No race will start on Sunday after 1400.

6. COURSES AND RACING AREA:

- 6.1 The courses will be windward/leeward.
- 6.2 The racing area will be Southeast of Larchmont harbor.
- 6.3 The approximate positions of the starting area will be announced on each race day on VHF channel 72 once the Race Committee boat is on station.

7. SCORING:

- 7.1 The low point scoring system RRS/Appendix A will apply, except that a boat that starts a race, does not retire and is not disqualified, but does not finish such race within the time limit specified in the Sailing Instructions, will be scored equal to the number of boats who finish plus two points. There will be no throw-outs..
- 7.2 One race will constitute a series.
- 7.3 Six races are scheduled.

8. PRIZES:

- 8.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 8.2 Overall prizes will be awarded to finishers placing first through fifth and certain other prizes may be awarded as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; NOTICES:

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be mailed to owners whose entry has been accepted and will be available at the website of Larchmont Yacht Club on or about September 13, 2001.
- 9.2 Notices that amend this Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Committee Notice Board on the Larchmont Yacht Club front porch by 0800 on the day on which they become effective or, in the case of changes to the sailing schedule, by 2000 on the day immediately preceding the day on which they become effective.

10. ARBITRATION:

- 10.1 RRS Part 5, including RRS 63.1, 63.6 and 66, will be modified to allow for arbitration (to be specified in the Sailing Instructions).

11. GUEST MOORINGS AND PRIVILEGES:

- 11.1 Guest moorings will be available at Larchmont Yacht Club and at McMichaels Yacht Yard on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Waterfront Director at the Larchmont Yacht Club or McMichaels for reservations. In addition, Larchmont Yacht Club will permit anchoring in Larchmont Harbor.
- 11.2 The clubhouse privileges of the Larchmont Yacht Club for the regatta will be extended to

owners and crews.

12. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 12.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Larchmont Yacht Club or Fleet 6, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 12.2 Neither the Larchmont Yacht Club nor Fleet 6 is responsible for bodily injury or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, waives all and any claims, including those arising out of negligence or lack of due care, which he or she may have against Larchmont Yacht Club, Fleet 6, the regatta committee, the Fleet 6 Championship Committee and/or their respective officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, and from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

13. CHARTERS

- 13.1 Fleet 6 will seek to identify 10 deep draft boats available for charter for out-of-area qualifying teams (that is for fleets other than Fleets ## 6 and 14) and will allocate the available charter boats in accordance with this paragraph 13. To the extent available, a charter boat will be allocated to the following (in this order):
 - 13.1.1 The 2000 North America Championship winner;
 - 13.1.2 One qualifying team from each of the largest fleet areas (Fleets ## 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13); and
 - 13.1.3 Two wild card entries allocated by the Fleet 6 Championship Committee to those out-of-area J/105 Owners who request a charter boat, in the sole judgment of the Committee, have shown the best performance during the 2001 season and who are not otherwise included in 13.1.1 or 13.1.2 above.
 - 13.1.4 Each fleet will be responsible for designating the team entitled to charter a boat for that fleet under clause 13.1.2. Additional requests will be considered from fleets that have more than 20 paid Active Members.
 - 13.1.5 Fleet 6 will seek to identify charters at a cost of \$1,000 (if the owner or an owner's representative has the option to crew on the charter boat) or \$1,500 (without owner on board), plus insurance. In addition, there will be a refundable damage deposit.
 - 13.1.6 All charterers must bring their own sails.
 - 13.1.7 All requests for charters must be directed to Matt Berger of the Fleet 6 Championship Committee by e-mail or in writing and must be received by Wednesday, August 15, 2001. All chartering arrangements must be finalized by Wednesday, September 5, 2001. There will be no exceptions to these deadlines.
 - 13.1.8 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, charter arrangements are the sole responsibility of the owner of the charter boat and the Charterer. Fleet 6 or any of its members or officers (including the Fleet 6 Championship Committee) will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any failure to make boats available for charter, the quality or state of maintenance of the charter boat or its equipment, or the actions or inactions of the Charterer or his or her crew members. Note that the Driver of a chartered J105 in this regatta must satisfy paragraph 2.4 above.

14. LODGING

14.1 Competitors may sleep aboard their boats and utilize the Larchmont Yacht Club clubhouse.

14.2 The Larchmont area has numerous bed & breakfasts and hotels. A suggested housing list is available on the Fleet 6 website.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION:

15.1 For further information please contact:

15.1.1 The Fleet 6 Championship Committee:

Entries: Matt Berger, Fairmont Street, Huntington, NY 11743; telephone: (631) 427-2064, Fax: 973-376-7896, aberger@suffolk.lib.ny.us

Chartering arrangements: Matt Berger.

Inspection & measurement: Matt Berger

Other matters: Joerg Esdorn, telephone: 212-351-3851 or 914-921-0005 (evenings), fax: 914-921-0199, mobile: 914-527-7095, jesdorn@gibsondunn.com

15.1.2 Launching, Hauling & Moorings: McMichaels Yacht Yard, 447 East Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543; telephone: 914-381-5900, Attention: Rusty.

15.1.3 Moorings, Etc: The Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, New York 10538, Telephone: 914-834-2440.

15.2 Websites: j105.org/fleet6 and www.larchmontyc.org.

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