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**2013 J/105 North American Championship**

**Annapolis Yacht Club**

**October 31-November 3**

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69 boats raced in  
the J105 North American Championships  
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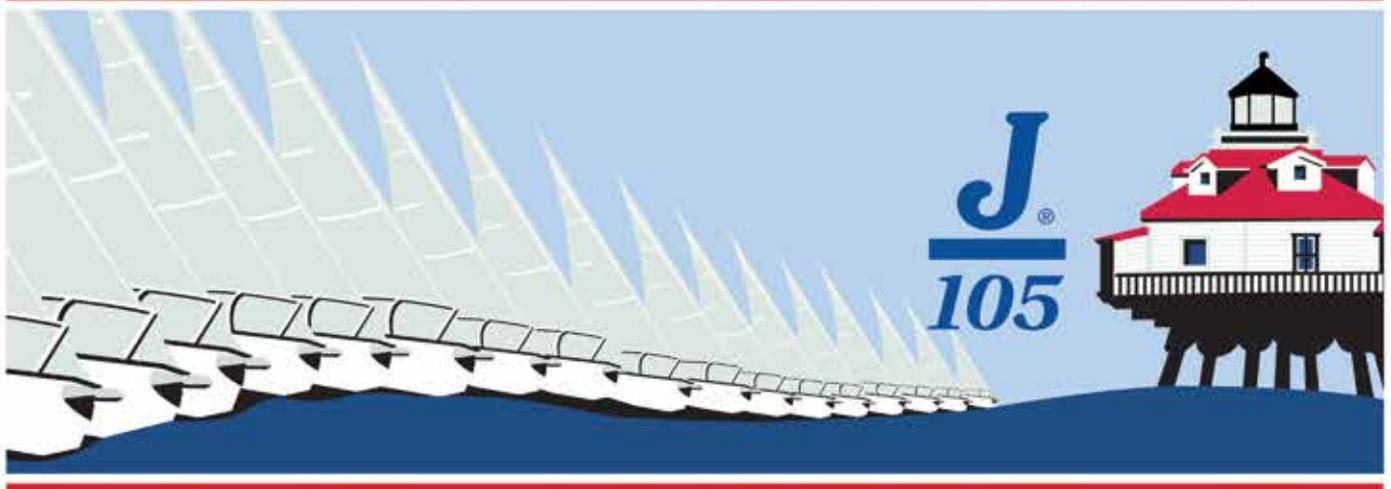
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## J-105 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



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### Promoting Our Boat

We all love the J/105. Whether we race it and/or daysail it. Our challenge is to continue attracting new owners while we are busy enjoying our boat on the water. It's in our interest to do so.

It's easy to just sit back and let the other guys try to figure that out. The other easy solution (that rarely works in my opinion) is throwing money at the problem. I'm sure if we paid for a double-page ad in Sailing World every month we might see an uptick in new boat owners—might. But no one is ever going to approve that.

I believe that the most effective form of marketing and promotion is a "bottom up" strategy. In other words, it needs to rest with each and every one of us at the local level to give a portion of our time each year toward the goal of selling the J/105 to new prospects.

We can do this in a number of ways, and I'm interested in any other ideas from other fleets. Let's consider some options. In fleet 4, we have had some success with the following:

- A test drive (There is nothing more effective for someone who is mulling over buying a new boat. Whether you let them drive during a daysail or come along in a race.)
- Articles in the local magazines and club newsletters
- Corporate/company daysails and races
- Loaning boats for prestigious races (match racing, etc.)
- Loaning boats for charity events (great publicity!)
- Flying your J/105 battle flags (always)

I'm sure this is just the tip of the iceberg so please share with us any initiatives that have worked in your area.

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# 2014 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

**2014 J/105 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

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# 2013 J/105 North American Championship

## Hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club and J/105 Fleet 3

*By: Chris Groobey (Java), Event Chair  
Andrew Kennedy (Bat IV), Fleet 3 Captain  
Linda Ambrose, AYC Regatta Manager*

The Annapolis Yacht Club and J/105 Fleet 3 (Northern Chesapeake Bay) look forward to welcoming fellow 105ers to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay for the 2013 North American Championship. The Notice of Race has been distributed and the regatta website is open at [www.j105nac.com](http://www.j105nac.com). Skippers may enter now and pay all fees later, which we encourage just to permit better planning by your regatta committee.

Racing dates for the regatta are Thursday, October 31 through Sunday, November 3. Registration is Wednesday, October 30. Crew weigh-ins and boat inspections will be required; details are in the NOR and inspections can be scheduled on the regatta website.

AYC and Fleet 3 are working hard to make the 2013 NAs a memorable and high-value event. AYC will be offering free dockage to out-of-town boats, and the entry fee includes all social events for the skipper and five crew. We have also adopted the “West Coast” sail substitution rule to encourage participation by boats based in San Francisco, see NOR 1.3 for details.

Annapolis Yacht Club has hosted three previous J/105 North American Championship regattas—in 1995, 2000 and 2007. The 2007 event featured 69 J/105s, and this year we hope to match Eastern Yacht Club’s 2011 total of 42 boats. We will work hard to make your travel and stay in Annapolis as easy as possible

and will be providing options for storage for those boats who wish to stay in Annapolis for a while before heading farther south or until the spring 2014 NOOD regatta.

We do not anticipate having a formal charter program, but the Chesapeake Bay boasts a large concentration of J/105s and we would be pleased to publicize your interest in chartering to facilitate a private transaction.

We are grateful to our friends from the Toronto fleet (hosts of the 2014 NAC) for offering to host a “Canada night” at our event and have already secured sponsorships from PayPal and other companies with connections to Fleet 3. As we all know, more sponsorship money means a more fun regatta, so we welcome ideas for additional sponsors and can provide background materials on the regatta and sponsorship opportunities if helpful. The J/70 Class will be holding its first North American Championship regatta at AYC in September 2013, which can provide additional visibility for sponsors of both events.

Please let any of us know how we can make this a better regatta for you. Many of the Annapolis fleet have traveled extensively to other clubs, including other NACs, and we look forward to hosting you at what we hope will be remembered as one of the best NACs yet.



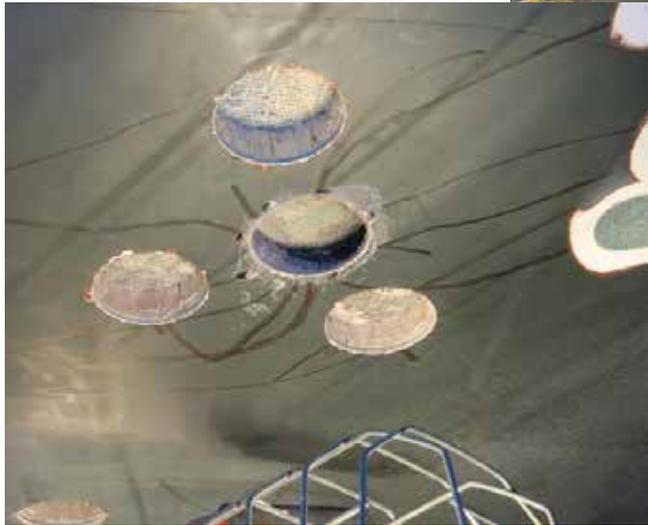
# Nip & Tuck

By Rob Mock



*The 14-year-old J/105 hull #261 went in for a touch-up and came out a different color. It was time for some plastic surgery as well. Small cracks had started to develop below the waterline, and the hard edge at the stern of the boat where the ladder contacts the hull was chipped in several places.*

*There was a nick higher up on the transom where a speaker last touched the boat on its way to the bottom of Lake Erie, and the stem had some cracks and wear from when it contacted the bow stop during many 60mph wind-on-the-nose land transports.*



While having the opportunity to travel with the boat to many events, I was always impressed with the care and maintenance many of the older boats received. It is no surprise to learn that one of the many reasons why these boats with their race records are so competitive and successful is the result of upkeep under the watchful eye of their owners.

Sailing, Inc. in Cleveland, OH has been turning out some amazing work on race boat bottoms, and I had been speaking to the General Manager Doug Moose (also a J/105 owner) regarding having the work done for quite some time. The work was overseen by Sailing, Inc.'s top foreman Don Edwards. The low point came one cold, grey and blustery February morning when Mr. Edwards called and said to come to

Sailing, Inc. to discuss the boat. When I saw the boat, it looked like a zebra with black tracer lines following cracks from the bottom all the way up to the deck. Some areas were worse than others. Could I have had the tie-down straps too tight when I went over a speed bump in Toronto or was it the time one of the trailer wheels untimely departed in Charleston, West Virginia while going 70 miles an hour? With many years of experience and knowledge, Mr. Edwards explained that he had seen this before in many other boats from different manufacturers. It was still at the cosmetic stage and would have become a structural issue eventually. During the spraying of the gel-coat into the mold to make the hull, if the fiberglass catalyst mix is high or the spray gun partially clogs, the resin hardens too fast. This can possibly cause the first layer of gel



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coat to be brittle and more susceptible to cracking over time. Several emails to other owners with close hull numbers confirmed this occurrence. And then I was given the bad news—the wood core under the motor was wet in several areas but not from being in the water. Investigative sleuthing discovered that the weep holes for water to drain were drilled into the fiberglass motor mount and unfortunately also through the fiberglass bilge and into the core! The water had come from inside the boat! Fortunately, over 14 years it had not been an excessive amount.

The cracks in the bottom were ground out and filled before a new barrier coat was sprayed, and then block sanded while many sections of the topside were planed, sanded, repaired and prepped for paint. A quick poll of the crew as to color preference was inconclusive, so the skipper decided to choose ‘never ever over early’ blue!

# Technical Committee Report

Matt Arno – Class Measurer, Fleet 16, Dallas/Fort Worth

Pat Benedict – Fleet 1, San Francisco

Gyt Petkus – Fleet 5, Chicago

## *Where to get replacement stuff*

After rules interpretations, the most common request to the Technical Committee is information about replacement part availability and part numbers. There are four places you can look to get this information:

1. Go to [http://www.j105.org/members/j105\\_info.php](http://www.j105.org/members/j105_info.php) for information. There are lists of miscellaneous part numbers available as well as other information.
2. Check the J/105 forum. Searching the forum is a good way to find out if someone else has already figured out the same thing. By the way, by the time you read this, the forum will have been upgraded and easier to use.
3. Contact Waterline Systems. A good place to start is at <http://www.waterlinesystems.com/j105-map-page/>. Waterline Systems has obtained the files from TPI of every J Boat ever built by TPI. Not only can they tell you what the current specifications are, they can look up what the specifications and part numbers were when your boat was built and figure out a presently available compatible part. They also possess all the molds that TPI used, so they can re-manufacture fiberglass parts like sprayhoods, lazarette hatches, and the rear deck hatch.
4. Contact the Technical Committee. It's likely we either know, know who does know, or can help you find someone that does.

## Rules Debate

We have put three Rules proposals on the forum for discussion. Initially, there was little or no comment on the proposals. After additional publicity this spring, there was lively discussion about some of the proposals. In the past, the Technical Committee posted Rule change proposals later in the year to meet the deadlines in the Class Rules and Constitution. We have received feedback that some owners would like more advance notice of potential changes so they can make future plans accordingly. Therefore, we will be posting Rule change proposals as they are prepared.

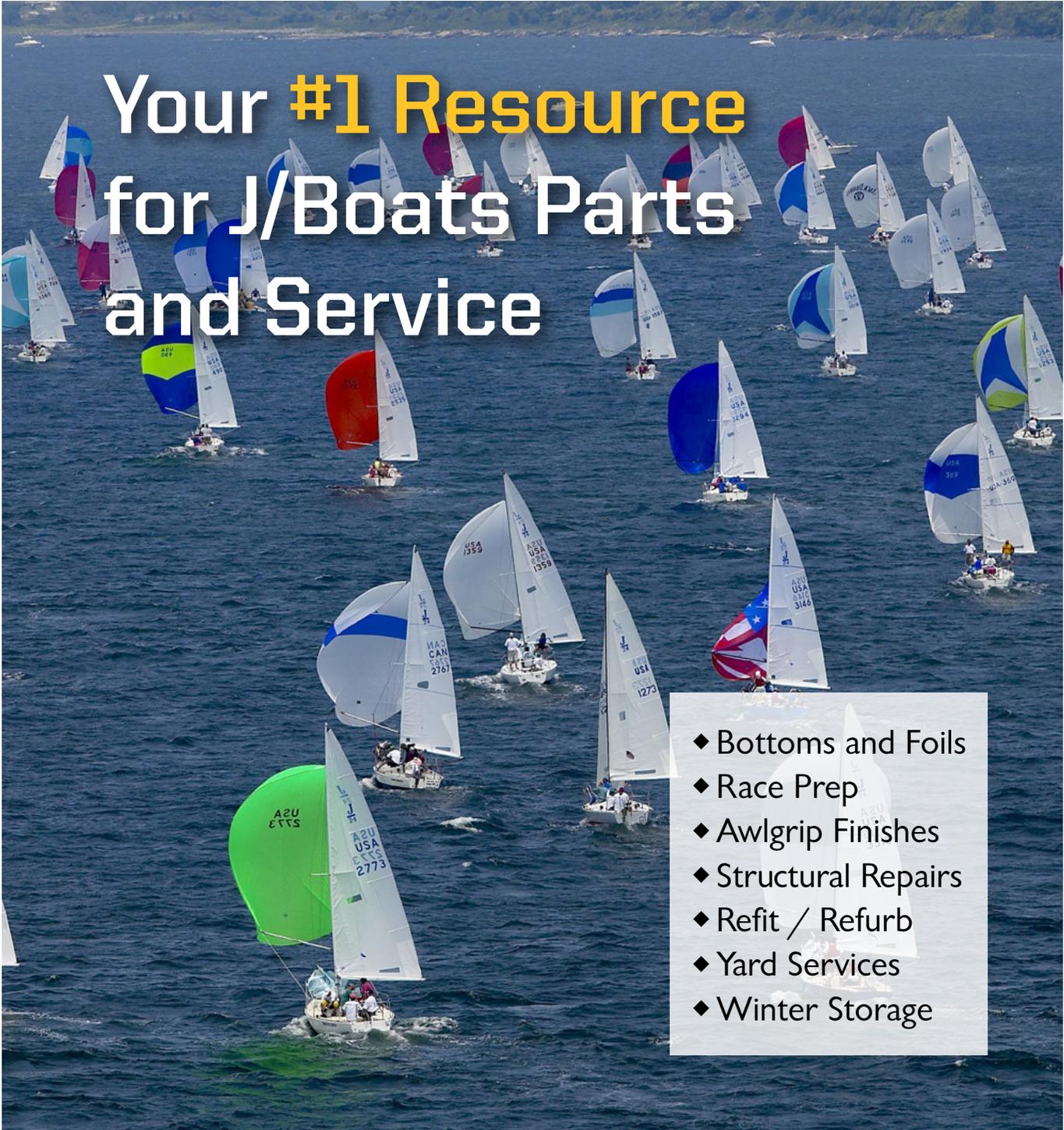
This is another reason to periodically visit the J/105 forum. You can readily see which threads have new posts, so take a look at them to keep current on what is going on and being discussed.

One additional Rule change that we will be proposing is to change the effective date of Rule changes to January 1 rather than February 1. The original purpose of delaying until February 1 was to allow the J/105 Midwinters at Key West Race Week to be held under the Rules that everyone was used to using. Now that the Midwinters are no longer held at Key West Race Week and unlikely to return anytime soon, it makes sense to move the effective date to January 1 to coincide with the calendar year and with the issuance year for sail tags.



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# Calendar

Dates	Event	Contact
June 22-23, 2013	Bill Volk Regatta Keyport Yacht Club Keyport, NJ	Diane Bonnell 732-895-8710
June 23-28, 2013	Block Island Race Week/East Coast Championship Storm Trysail Club Block Island, RI	Marcy Trenholm 914-834-8857
June 28-30, 2013	Long Beach Race Week Alamitos Bay Yacht Club & Long Beach Yacht Club Long Beach, CA	ABYC 562-434-9955 LBYC 562-598-9401
July 13-14 , 2013	Larchmont Yacht Club 115th Race Week Race Committee Larchmont Yacht Club Larchmont, NY	
July 13-14, 2013	Southern Chesapeake Bay Leukemia Cup Fishing Bay Yacht Club Deltaville, VA	Debbie Bridwell 800-766-0797
July 20-21, 2013	Larchmont Yacht Club 115th Race Week Larchmont Yacht Club Larchmont, NY	Race Committee
July 20-21, 2013	Fiesta Cup Santa Barbara Yacht Club Santa Barbara, CA	Fleet 8
July 20-21, 2013	Sausalito J/105 Regatta Sausalito Yacht Club Sausalito, CA	Fleet 1
July 25-28, 2013	Marblehead NOOD Boston Yacht Club Marblehead , MA	Jennifer Davis 401-845-4412
August 3-4, 2013	Swiftsure Regatta St. Francis Yacht Club San Francisco, CA	Fleet 1
August 10-11, 2013	Southern California Championship Long Beach Yacht Club Long Beach, CA	Fleet 8
August 17-18, 2013	Summer Keelboat San Francisco Yacht Club San Francisco, CA	Fleet 1
August 31-September 2, 2013	CBYRA Race Week Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association Annapolis, MD	CBYRA Office 410-990-9393

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August 31-September 1, 2013	Stingray Point Regatta Fishing Bay Yacht Club Deltaville, VA	FBYC 804-776-9636
September 26-29, 2013	Rolex Big Boat Series St. Francis Yacht Club San Francisco, CA	Race Office 415-563-6363
September 27-29, 2013	J/Fest San Diego Yacht Club San Diego, CA	Fleet 8
September 28-29, 2013	American Yacht Club Fall Series American Yacht Club Rye, NY	Race Committee 914-967-4800
October 5-6, 2013	Annapolis Yacht Club Fall Series Annapolis Yacht Club Annapolis, MD	Linda Ambrose 410-263-9279
October 5-6, 2013	American Yacht Club Fall Series American Yacht Club Rye, NY	Race Committee 914-967-4800
October 19-20, 2013	Annapolis Yacht Club Fall Series Annapolis Yacht Club Annapolis, MD	Linda Ambrose 410-263-9279
October 19-20, 2013	Manhasset Bay Fall Series Manhasset Bay Yacht Club Port Washington, NY	Race Committee
October 27-28, 2013	Manhasset Bay Fall Series Manhasset Bay Yacht Club Port Washington, NY	Race Committee
October 31-November 3, 2013	J/105 North American Championship Annapolis Yacht Club Annapolis, MD	Chris Groobey 703-201-9945
March 7-9, 2014	J/105 Midwinter Championship Lakewood Yacht Club Seabrook, TX	Bill Lakenmacher 832-419-6181
April 11-13, 2014	Lipton Cup Regatta Smyrna Yacht Club New Smyrna Beach, FL	Phil Cornett
September 25-28, 2014	J/105 North American Championship Royal Canadian Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario	Doug Bullock 416-488-1474



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Aldo Alessio Regatta,  
San Francisco...1st  
Sperry Top-Sider Chicago  
NOOD...2, 4  
Cedar Point Yacht Club  
One-Design Regatta...1st

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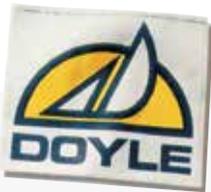
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- 1st, 2nd 2012 Larchmont Race Week
- 1st, 3rd 2012 Manhattan Regatta
- 2nd, 3rd 2012 AYC Spring
- 1st 2011 Fleet 6 Overall Season
- 2nd 2011 Manhasset Fall
- 2nd 2011 AYC Fall Series
- 1st 2011 Marblehead NOOD Regatta
- 1st 2011 Larchmont Race Week
- 1st 2011 New Jersey Red Grant Regatta



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