



J/70 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

17 - 21 January 2024



Notice of Race (NoR) amended

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the J/70 Australia Class Association Inc (J70ACA)

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP],
- 1.3 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024_ERS [DP]
- 1.4 The current International 70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Class Rules_(J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), and I.4 (Corinthian Division). [DP]
- 1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6 The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes that a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

2. Advertising [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 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.

3. Eligibility and entry

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class holding a valid Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 3.2 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
- 3.3 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J70ACA and shall comply with the requirements of RRS 46. Skippers and crew who are not financial members of an Australian Sailing recognized yacht club must apply for and receive a valid Sail Pass from RSYS before racing to comply with RRS 46.
- 3.4 All boats competing shall be registered with the J70 Australia Class Association for the 2023-24 season.
- 3.5 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/entry/series/3240/pricing>

- 3.6 The J/70 Australia Class Association have produced a Pre-Regatta Checklist, skippers are required to complete the checklist, including declaring the J/70 International Class Association royalty number for all sails to be used for the series, and submit as part of final registration.
- 3.7 A minimum of five entries are required to contest the series.

4. Categorisation

- 4.1 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).
- 4.2 Each crew member of a competing boat shall obtain a World Sailing sailor classification code. Inability to provide a WS classification code for all members of the crew at registration will automatically categorise that boat as a non-Corinthian competitor.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$850.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
- Launch and haul out;
 - Equipment inspection as directed by the J70ACA;
 - In-the-water dockage from January 16th to 22nd, 2024.
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage from January 16th to 22nd, 2024
 - Four championship race days;
 - Awards and prizes.

6. Event Format

- 6.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled, three (3) on racing days one, two and three, two (2) are scheduled on day four. Up to four (4) races may be sailed in one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer than eleven (11) races.

7. Schedule

- 7.1 Berthing, registration, racing and social schedule

Dates	Time	
Tuesday 16 January		Berthing available
Wednesday 17 January	0800 - 1600	Registration Yacht inspection
		All boats to be launched by 1600
	1600	Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat. [DP]
Thursday 18 January	0930	Competitor briefing
	1200	First warning
	1700	Welcome function Post race refreshments at RSYS
Friday 19 January	1200	First warning
		Post race refreshments at RSYS
Saturday 20 January	1200	First warning
	1800	Regatta dinner at RSYS
Sunday 21 January	1200	First warning
		Post race refreshments at RSYS
		Presentation of awards

- 7.2 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1200 hours on each day.
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

8. Check In [DP]

- 8.1 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), all skippers and crewmembers shall:
- be listed on the event's online entry list;
 - be members of the J/70 Australia Class Association
- 8.2 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), each boat shall:
- provide a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration-see J70CR A.10 and J70CR C.5.2(a)(10);
 - provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NoR 23;
 - provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
 - provide completed and signed J/70 Regatta Check-in Form. This form is available on the event website.
 - complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and J70ACA pursuant to the J70ER.

9. Inspection [DP]

- 9.1 Boats must be inspected during the times specified in NoR 7 and must schedule inspection times through the system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspections must be completed by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 9.2 Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 9.3 Prior to the event, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 9.4 All sails to be used in the event may be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. IJ70CA issued sail royalty numbers to be recorded on the J/70 Regatta Check-in Form.
- 9.5 Bow numbers and any sponsor stickers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and shall be affixed to each boat prior to the first warning signal; these shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a). [NP]
- 9.6 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the close of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Race Committee.

10. Replacement of Crew, Sails or Equipment

- 10.1 Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the event Race Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. Sailing Instructions

- 11.1 Sailing instructions will be available for download from the regatta website at least seven (7) days before the first scheduled race.

12. Venue

- 12.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

13. Courses

- 13.1 Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the sailing instructions.

14. Penalty System

14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

14.2 A National Jury will be appointed in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescriptions to RRS 70.5(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. Scoring

15.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2.

15.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.

15.3 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

15.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.5 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Support Boats [DP]

16.1 RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.

16.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has been concluded for the day.[DP]

16.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.

17. Berthing

17.1 Visiting boats may be berthed at the RSYS from 0800 16th to midday 22nd January 2024.

17.2 Any visiting boat/s wishing to berth outside of the above-mentioned times must apply in writing to sailing@rsys.com.au and receive written approval. Additional fees may apply.

17.3 No boat trailers of any description are allowed in any RSYS car parking facility, or the hardstand area without prior written approval.

17.4 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

17.5 Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent, the use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type shall not be used around boats while they are afloat.

17.6 **Competing boats shall be berthed at RSYS from the close of check in (NoR 7) until the conclusion of the event.**

18. Haul Out Restrictions

18.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).

18.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders or lift their keels 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 Race Committee.

19. Communication

19.1 All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.

The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 74 and communicate race information to competitors. [DP]

- 19.2 Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race.

20. Prizes

- 20.1 A prizegiving ceremony is scheduled for asap after racing on Monday 15 January 2024.
- 20.2 The J/70 Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 20.3 The J/70 Australian Championship Corinthian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall Corinthian winner.
- 20.4 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 20.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J/70 Class Association.

21. Responsibilities

- 21.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the OA. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

- 21.2 **Competitors' Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:

(a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above; and

(b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the OA, and declaring to the OA that the nominated boat has not been grounded during the past twelve (12) months.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

- 22.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 22.2 The OA, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 22.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

23. Insurance

23.1 Each participating boat shall be covered by current third-party property liability insurance and third-party personal liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

24. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

24.1 In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said events in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said events without compensation.

25. Other Instructions

25.1 **Safety Requirements** – All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) into the host club's race management system prior to the first warning on each day that the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement may be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63. (NP)

26. Further Information

26.1 For further information please contact;

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