



Presents



April 8th-9th, 2006

Hosted at Encinal Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of one-design classes, except as may be changed herein, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions. The class local fleet rules shall be in effect. RRS, 27.3, 28.1, 35, 61.1(b), 62, 62.1(a), 63.1, A4.1 and A5 are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. For purposes of this Regatta, RRS 44.1 is modified for the J105 class only to define "serious damage" as damage that a protest committee believes might cost in excess of \$100 to repair.

2. Responsibility

It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue any race.

3. Interference with Non-Competing Vessels

Boats will not interfere with commercial vessels. Race Committee may penalize without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1 and A5) if a commercial vessel warns any boat or if Race Committee is so notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement by a competing boat. The penalty will be DND (disqualification not discardable). Competitors are also advised that non-competing boats are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and that the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Boats not observing this will be subject to disqualification and/or protest by other competitors and the Race Committee.

4. Entries and Eligibility

- 4.1. All and only J/Boats are eligible to compete. J/One-Design boats must be members of their local fleet. A PHRF fleet may be offered.
- 4.2. J/Cruisers are eligible for the cruising rally in on Saturday and spend the night at the Encinal Yacht Club.
- 4.3. All eligible boats may enter by returning the completed Entry Form and fees to the Encinal Yacht Club office by 5:00 pm Friday, April 7, 2006. Late entries may be accepted by the Race Committee.

5. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the EYC lounge.

6. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 9:00 AM on the day that it will take effect.

7. Schedule of Races

Race 1	April 8 th , 2006	Warning Signal 11:20 AM
Race 2	April 8 th , 2006	Warning Signal immediately following the finish of Race 1
Distance Race 3	April 8 th , 2006	Warning Signal immediately following the finish of Race 2
Race 4	April 9 th , 2006	Warning Signal 11:20 AM
Race 5	April 9 th , 2006	Warning Signal immediately following the finish of Race 4

8. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted in the areas north of Treasure Island, the Berkeley Circle and down the Alameda/Oakland Estuary.

9. Radio Communication

- 9.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 69.
- 9.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radios to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the class position relative to the starting line, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail number of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 9.3. Race Committee communications to the competitors while racing shall not be considered outside help. This changes RRS 41.

10. Courses (see Illustration A)

11. Marks

- 11.1. For the Racing Course all turning marks shall be inflatable buoys.
- 11.2. Start and Finish: the marks are described in Section 14 and 16.
- 11.3. For the Distance Race, Mark 5 is an orange inflatable located at .4 miles from the opening of the Oakland/Alameda Estuary at a bearing of 280° magnetic (Lat: 37° 48.095', Long: 122° 20.343').

12. Personal Buoyancy

A life jacket or other personal buoyancy must be worn while racing.

13. Check-in/Check-out

All boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee Boat, before the warning for the first division each day, by sailing by the transom of the Committee Boat (passing it to starboard). Any boats withdrawing from the race shall check-out by notifying the Race Committee. This may be done either by hail, by VHF radio, or by telephone to (510)522-3272, leaving a message if necessary.

14. The Start

- 14.1. Races will be started using Rule 26 of the RRS.
- 14.2. The Starting order and Class Flags

Class A	J/120 One Design
Class B	J/105 One Design
Class C	J/24
Class D	PHRF
Class E	Cruise-in Rally Fleet (Spinnaker Optional)

- 14.3. The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting line mark boats or between a staff and an orange flag on a mark boat and an inflatable mark.
- 14.4. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 14.5. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 and will be hailed over the loudhailer and/or the radio.

15. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

- 15.1. To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat had begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.
- 15.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

16. The Finish

For courses 1, 2, and 3 the finish line will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and Mark (F) an orange sphere located upwind of Mark 1. For courses 4 and 5 the finish will be the leeward mark gate buoys. For courses 6 and 7 the finish will be between an orange flag on the Encinal Yacht Club dock and a temporary Yacht Club buoy.

17. Time Limit

The time limit will be three and one-half hours after a class starts. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, may be assigned a finish position if it is readily discernable or scored Did Not Finish by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1

18. Abandonment

If the race committee abandons the race early in the day due to weather, the race committee will broadcast on VHF Radio, each half-hour, from approximately two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled warning. Rule 27.3 is amended to add: "When such notice has been given for a period of two hours prior to the first scheduled warning, no Race Committee Boat need appear in the starting area to signal the abandonment." If weather is questionable, call Encinal Yacht Club at (510)522-3272 for race status. The Race Committee will man phones beginning at 8:30am on days with possible weather cancellations.

19. Protests

- 19.1. Protest shall be written on forms available at Encinal Yacht Club race station. The protest shall be delivered to the race committee station located at Encinal Yacht Club within 1 hr of the race committee signal boat arriving at the dock. Parties to protest in the order of hearings will be posted within 30 minutes of protest filing deadline. A notice posted on the official notice board will notify parties involved in the protest.
- 19.2. A race Committee member intending to protest a boat for an incident during the race will attempt to hail "protest" to that boat. Redress will not be given if such a hail is not made or is delayed. This changes RRS 61.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).
- 19.3. Protest Arbitration
 - 19.3.1. Parties to protests that involve a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall attend an arbitration hearing. At the posted time one designated representative from each boat will testify before the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
 - 19.3.2. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall make one of the following determinations:
 - a. There was no rule broken. If the protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed.
 - b. There was a rule broken by one or more of the parties involved. The representative of the offending boats(s) has the option to accept a scoring

penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), but using 30% of the number of starters in that race instead of 20% of the number of boats entered in her class. If the offending boat accepts the penalty, the matter is closed and cannot be reopened, appealed, or redressed.

- c. Direct that the protest be submitted to the jury for a hearing.

20. Docking Plan

Boats shall adhere to the docking plan in Illustration B.

21. Scoring

The low point scoring system, rules A2, will apply. Five races are scheduled. Two races shall be completed to constitute a series. All races will count in the boat's final score for J/Fest. PHRF and the Cruise-in Rally Fleet will be scored time on time.

22. Trophies

Trophies will be presented to the top three to five boats in each division on Sunday, April 9th after the racing at the Encinal Yacht Club. Trophies for the Rally Division will be presented on Saturday night following dinner. J Vineyards and Winery will host the venue and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

23. Gift Bags and T-shirts

Gift bags and t-shirts will be available for pick-up Saturday, April 9th at the Encinal Yacht Club after racing.

24. Saturday Evening Social Gathering and Dinner

J Vineyards and Winery will be hosting a wine tasting after racing on Saturday for all competitors and spouses. Our sponsors invite you, your crew, and significant others to join us for a complimentary dinner Saturday Evening at 5pm at Encinal Yacht Club. A raffle, including prizes donated by our sponsors will be held following dinner at 6:30. Sail California will host dancing and socializing with the band from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

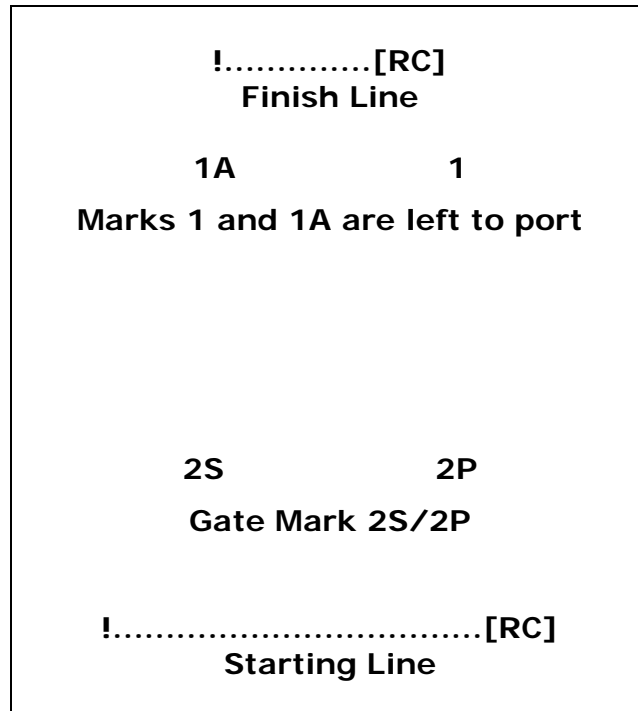
25. Trailer Storage

All trailers shall be stored in the upper parking lot against the east fence. For access to the crane and boatyard, please check in with the EYC office.



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ILLUSTRATION A



COURSES:

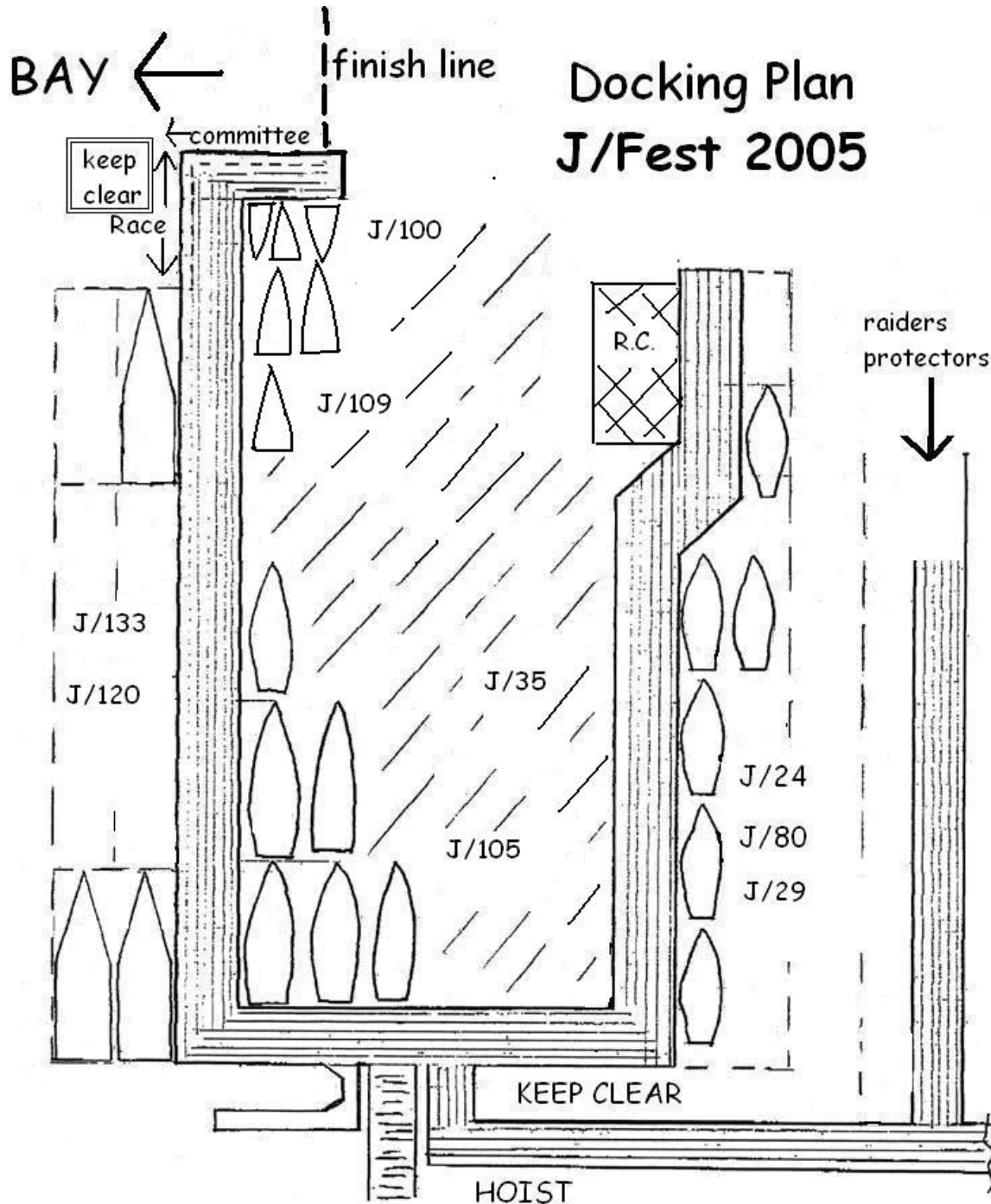
- Course 1:** Start – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - Finish
- Course 2:** Start – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - Finish
- Course 3:** Start – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - Finish
- Course 4:** Start – 1 - 1A - Finish at Leeward Mark Gate
- Course 5:** Start – 1 - 1A - 2S/2P – 1 - 1A - Finish at Leeward Mark Gate
- Course 6:** Start – 1 - 1A - Mark 5P - Finish at Encinal Yacht Club*
- Course 7:** Start - YRA BR18 "Blossom" S - Alcatraz S - F

All the above courses may be set without an offset mark (1A) and/or without a leeward mark gate. If no gate is set, the leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

*Course 6 may be shortened by a committee boat stationed at Mark 5. The Finish line will be between a committee boat displaying an orange flag, a code flag 'S' and Mark 5.

ILLUSTRATION B

Docking Plan



Docking Plan J/Fest 2005

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