

FLEET 1 PROCESS FOR WEIGHING BOATS

At the 2005 Fleet 1 Annual Meeting in November, discussion took place reference a proposed Class rule which would give owners the option of weighing their boats versus using float lines. In December Phil Perkins initiated the topic on our Fleet 1 Forum <http://www.sfj105.org/discus/> under the 2005 Annual Meeting caption. Since that time the Class weighing proposal passed unanimously and became effective February 1, 2006. Your Fleet 1 EXCOM met on January 25, 2006 and discussed the issue and weighing process and determined that the Fleet should offer this option to Fleet 1 members with the stipulation that the weightings be accurate, consistent and cost conscious. As a result, the following plan will be initiated:

1. Dick Horn, SF Bay measurer, will weigh all boats and will supply a calibrated single load cell. This weighing will also fulfill the requirement for an IRC measurement. The cost is \$50-\$150 per boat based on the # of boats and location.
2. Berkeley Marine will weigh the primary weigher of the boats using their travel lift and two H beams spreader lifts with the load cell mounted between the beams. The cost per boat is \$100. This cost compares to as much as \$500 per boat at a shipyard with a crane.
3. Two weekend dates will be scheduled to spread cost savings over several boats. After the two general weighings, individual owners would be able to have boats weighed thru Dick Horn and Berkeley Marine.

The first general weighing date has be scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2006.

Details include:

1. Weighing will start at 0900 and occur every half hour until all boats are weighed.
2. Berkeley Marine is located 100 yards north of the Berkeley Yacht Club. The Yard has sufficient dock room to temporarily store boat items but you might want to leave sails at your home port. Also, you might want to bring large containers to accommodate miscellaneous equipment in drawers and lockers.
3. Go to the www.j105.org home page. Click on Class News 02Feb06-New Rules, direct link. (Or use this link: <http://www.j105.org/racing/rules.php>). Print a copy of the new rules which include the weight rule 7.3 C & D. Ensure your boat is ready for inspection 15-30 minutes prior to your weigh in time. If you are not ready to be weighed in, you will be moved to the end of the line or the next open slot. No other repairs, sanding, etc. will be allowed during the weighing. An expeditious timetable is critical.
4. Make sure your boat bottom is clean. Boats with dirty bottoms will not be weighed.
5. Unfortunately on February 25 there is a 5.3 ebb at 2:00 PM. If possible, take this into account when requesting your weigh in time.
6. Complementary hamburgers and soft drinks will be served at lunch time at the Olympic Circle Sailing Club facility.
7. The cost of weighing each boat on February 25 is \$150. Please bring a check made out to J/105 Fleet #1 for this amount.
8. Lastly, email benedictpw@aol.com and j105larrikin@yahoo.com to reserve a weigh in time. We will do our best to honor your request on a first come first served basis. Choose a time on the hour or half hour or a range of times.