



Update: July 18th, 2005
To: J105 Fleet Executive and J105 Sailors Everywhere
Subject: 2005 J105 North American Championship at RCYC

Fellow J105 Sailors,

Planning is well underway at the RCYC where we're looking forward to hosting a great event this September 14-18, 2005. While we're expecting as many as 60 boats to vie for the North American Championship, every one of our visiting J105 friends will receive their very own warm welcome from our fleet members, volunteers and club staff.

We have posted the Notice of Race, Entry Forms and Measurement Request forms on our Fleet website www.j105.ca/05 To date, over 2 months in advance of the event, almost 40 crews have indicated their plans to attend the event and compete for the "Top Prize" in the J105 Season. Notable attendees include last year's winning boat HOSS, with every indication that last year's top 10 boats will return and be challenged by an equally tough group of newcomers.

We're planning to make this event memorable by introducing an Opening Ceremonies on the Wednesday evening which will have Fun and laughs written all over it. Each team will be marched in and introduced to the crowd with past accomplishments noted. The event will be complete with members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in dress uniform.

Our "one price includes all" format ensures participation at the lowest possible cost. We're including wrist bands for every skipper and crew in the entry fee which provides a liberal quantity of "sailor's beverages" each evening, and our club's executive chef, Henry Fisher has accepted our challenge to create an inspired Canadian Themed meal for the Friday night. Don't worry about finding dock space or moorings - it's all included in your entry during the event. And for non-sailing friends and spouses, we've organized a trip to the Niagara Region for a fabulous wine tasting and luncheon experience in one of Ontario's most picturesque travel regions. Plus there are daily spectator boats available for those who want to stay close to the action.

Results will be posted quickly on our fleet website and copies available upon arriving back to shore. We've brought in a top flight professional photographer with stills and video daily. You'll re-live the action back on shore immediately after finishing racing for each day. We've got great industry support for the event so we'll be handing off some great prizes and gifts for all. Friday night



we'll introduce a unique crew-skipper competition on shore to see who is the best at packing spinnakers and flaking sails. Sunday will witness an equally exciting Closing Ceremonies and Awards presentation.

All in all, it's our plan to make this 2005 NA's the most memorable regatta you'll ever attend. This is a don't miss it event.

To get in a little practice, we've combined forces with our neighbour Port Credit Yacht Club (home to three J105's) and organized a warm up regatta to be held 2 weeks in advance of the NA's on the Labour Day weekend. Combine your launch/haul, mast-in/out on the modern PCYC travel lift and the docking at PCYC before our event is included. Total cost for this package is only \$250 Canadian for the first 15 boats to signup (\$350 thereafter). We expect up to 40 boats to take in the Labour Day challenge. And we've kept this a 2-day event so you and your crew have the Monday holiday to return home.

Some teams have expressed concern about taking the boat to Canada. As someone who has personally crossed the border many times between our two countries - I can tell you that it is extremely easy to do. Just have your boat ownership papers ready and your entry into the event in hand. You'll have no problem getting through or returning home for that matter. Jim Best (PHANTOM #396) visited us from Detroit for the 2005 Toronto NOOD and reported that it couldn't have been easier to get here and return home!

We have an active website these days with news and other matters being added frequently. Stay up to date at www.j105.ca

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2005 J105 North American Championship Regatta Chair