

**J/105 National Class
Proposed Changes to the Class Rules and
Constitution
October 22, 2007**

Introduction

Dear J/105 Owner:

Your Technical and Executive Committees ask that you give serious consideration to the proposals to make certain changes to the specifications of the J105, the class rules and the class constitution, as set forth below.

With best wishes for the holiday season and a successful 2008 season,

Your Technical Committee

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ALL SUBMISSIONS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 2/1/08

Submission #1

1. *Approved:* The reference in the Specification of the standard J105 to “6:1 internal mainsail outhaul on boom” may be changed to “12:1 internal mainsail outhaul on boom.”

2. *Under rule 5.3, add the following new rule 5.3.19*
5.3.19 Converting a 6:1 outhaul to a 12:1 outhaul

Discussion: The Constitution requires that any proposed change to the Specifications which is deemed by the Technical Committee to have more than a negligible effect on the performance, sailing characteristics and ease of operation of the J/105 be approved as a change to the class rules. This change will make the outhaul on new boats much easier to operate. JBoats will add the additional purchase inside the boom. Existing boats will be permitted to implement the same change pursuant to RI 02-04 (which permits boats to

be update to follow changes in the specifications). It is expected that conversion kits will become available. The amendment to rule 5.3 will permit existing boats to add purchase by any method, including by running the outhaul line through the eye in the clew of the main and dead-ending it at a shackle at the end of the boom.

Submission #2

A. *The following new rule is added:*

6.12 In addition to its standard suit of sails purchased pursuant to rule 6.8 (“*standard sails*”), a J105 may have and use a separate suit of sails (“*Rule 6.12 Sails*”) in accordance with this rule 6.12. Before using Rule 6.12 Sails, the Owners of the boat have to file a signed declaration in the form of Exhibit 6.12 with the Class Secretary (the “*Rule 6.12 Sails Declaration*”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner or a group of Owners who own more than one boat may not purchase sails for any of those boats under this rule.

6.12.1 If an Owner has purchased Rule 6.12 Sails for a boat, the Owner may use and have on board that boat only Rule 6.12 Sails during a Rule 6.12 Event (defined below) and only the standard sails during any other event.

6.12.2 A “*Rule 6.12 Event*” means: (a) for a boat based in San Francisco Bay, any event started outside San Francisco Bay, and (b) for a boat based outside San Francisco Bay, any event started inside San Francisco Bay. A boat is “based” in (or outside) San Francisco Bay if the boat is primarily raced in that location.

6.12.3 The Owners of a boat may purchase the same number of Rule 6.12 Sails under rule 6.8 as if they had purchased a separate, new boat and the other rules of Section 6 shall apply by analogy. No sails may be transferred from a boat's suit of standard sails to its suit of travel sails or vice versa. For purposes of the foregoing, (a) the calendar year in which a boat's new Rule 6.12 Sails are first used in a Rule 6.12 Event shall constitute “*year one*” and (b) a new “*calendar year*” shall commence on each January 1 after the Rule 6.12 Sails have been used in 15 race days of Rule 6.12 Events , as determined in writing by the Class Secretary. It is the responsibility of the Owners to maintain a record of all race days on the Rule 6.12 Sails Declaration and file that as evidence of use of Rule 6.12 Sails with the Class Secretary.

6.12.4 New Rule 6.12 Sails shall be designated as such in the rule 6.9 sail certificate and all Rule 6.12 Sails shall bear, in addition to the class sail tag, a red (or in the case of a red spinnaker, yellow), circular “*Rule 6.12 Sail tag,*” with a diameter of at least 100 mm, which shall be sewn to the sail’s tack. These Rule 6.12 Sail tags shall be supplied to sail makers by the Class and have a serial number that is registered with the Class Secretary. Fees for purchase of Rule 6.12 Sail tags by sail makers shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

- 6.12.5 If the primary sailing location of a boat with Rule 6.12 Sails changes and as a result, San Francisco Bay either becomes or ceases to be the boat's base, or if such a boat is sold, the Owner(s) must file a new Rule 6.12 Sails Declaration with the Class Secretary. In case of any change of a boat's base, (a) the most recent set of such boat's standard sails shall become Rule 6.12 Sails and all of its Rule 6.12 Sails shall become standard sails, (b) the Rule 6.12 Sail tags shall be removed from the former Rule 6.12 Sails and new Rule 6.12 Sail tags shall be sewn to the tacks of all sails that are becoming Rule 6.12 Sails, (c) for purposes of the second sentence of rule 6.12.2, the number of days of usage of the former Rule 6.12 Sails shall carry over to the new Rule 6.12 sails and (d) no additional used Rule 6.12 Sails may be purchased. No change of a boat's base that is not incident to a sale shall become effective unless approved by the ExCom. In connection with such an approval, the ExComm may impose any conditions on the use of sails as the ExComm deems appropriate under the circumstances consistent with the purposes of these rules.
- 6.12.6 If a boat's Rule 6.12 Sails are sold before they have completed 15 days of class racing at Rule 6.12 Events, such boat shall be prohibited from obtaining new Rule 6.12 Sails for a period of five years. Such prohibition shall be removed upon the complete transfer of ownership of the subject boat, but shall apply to any boat that any of the boat's former Owners acquires during that five year period.

B. Add the following Exhibit 6.12:

EXHIBIT 6.12

J/105 CLASS RULE 6.12 SAIL DECLARATION

Date: _____

Boat Name _____ Hull # _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Tel _____

The undersigned, which are all Owners of the above J105, hereby certify as follows:

INSTRUCTION: For original declaration, 1, 2 and 4 apply. For a sale or change in base, 1, 2, 3 and 4 apply. For a declaration to start a new "calendar year" to purchase additional Rule 6.12 sails, 1, 4 and 5 apply. You may strike inapplicable paragraphs.

1. I/We have elected to purchase a separate suit of Rule 6.12 Sails under rule 6.12 of the J105 Class Association Rules. I/We do not own more than one J105.

2. For purposes of rule 6.12 of the J105 Class Rules, the boat is based:

in San Francisco Bay

outside San Francisco Bay

I/We understand that a boat is "*based*" where it is primarily raced.

My/Our home fleet is:

Fleet 1

Fleet _____ . .

3. If I/we have purchased the boat used with Rule 6.12 Sails or if we have previously purchased Rule 6.12 Sails for the boat and San Francisco Bay has become or ceased to be the place where the boat is primarily raced, check here:

I understand that the boat's standard sails will become Rule 6.12 Sails and its Rule 6.12 Sails will become standard sails and I/we confirm that the Rule 6.12 Sail tags have been removed from the former Rule 6.12 Sails and new Rule 6.12 Sail tags have been sewn to the tacks of all sails that will become Rule 6.12 Sails.

If this is a relocation of the base, I/we hereby certify that the boat was relocated for the following reasons:

4. I/We have read rule 6.12 and agree to abide by it at all times.

5. I/We have sailed the full race days listed on the next page using the Rule 6.12 Sails (list only class regattas) [*The list is for filing with the Class Secretary under Rule 6.12.2 after the initial filing of this Certificate*]

Signed:

[all Owners of the boat need to sign]

Please note the following features of this proposal:

- It permits a complete second suit of sails that can be used only outside of San Francisco (for San Francisco boats) or in San Francisco (for boats based elsewhere). Thus, a San Francisco boat that has Rule 6.12 Sails cannot use them in San Francisco if the wind is light and a non-San Francisco boat cannot use heavy air Rule 6.12 Sails in heavy air regattas outside San Francisco.
- This proposal does not permit an owner to mix Rule 6.12 Sails with regularly tagged sails. Although this means that the owner wishing to use Rule 6.12 Sails will have to purchase a complete set of sails, rather than just one or two sails, most people seem to believe that all three SF sails are sufficiently different that they cannot be used competitively in other parts of the country and AP sails won't be competitive in SF and may even be destroyed in the SF conditions. Moreover, this rule facilitates enforcement: if all sails of a boat have to be Rule 6.12 Sails, it will be obvious to all other boats in the regatta. Lastly, this rule avoids the potential for owners who have Rule 6.12 Sails to gain an advantage over local owners who do not. Absent such a rule, it may be possible, for example, for a San Francisco boat to fly a heavy air backup chute from their regularly tagged inventory at Key West or for a Southern California boat to fly a "used" AP jib on a light air day in a San Francisco regatta while generally using Rule 6.12 Sails in that regatta.
- Rule 6.12 Sails are clearly identified in the sail certificate and must bear a second, large-sized red (or for red chutes, yellow) tag, sown to the tack of the sail. The ExComm believes that this identification will minimize the risk of violations of the rule against use of Rule 6.12 Sails outside Rule 6.12 Events.
- Before an owner can use Rule 6.12 Sails, he or she must submit a declaration to the Secretary, which among other things includes an election whether the boat is based inside or outside San Francisco. A boat's base must correspond to where the boat is primarily raced. It is expected that this base would usually reflect the boat's home fleet for purposes of Section 7.3 of the Constitution.
- Rule 6.12 Sail purchases under this rule will be subject to the same limitations as the purchases of regularly tagged sails (i.e. the 3/2/3 system applies), except that an owner must sail at least 15 race days in Rule 6.12 Events before he's entitled to purchase the additional new sails permitted for a new calendar year under rule 6.8 and then not until the next January 1. The 15 race days have to be proven to the Secretary – so no additional new sail purchases are permitted unless the Secretary has confirmed that a new "calendar year" has started. The owner must submit a complete list of race days (second page of the Rule 6.12 Sails Certificate) to the Secretary before the Secretary will give his confirmation. The Secretary will keep a separate count on the website for "Rule 6.12" purchases.
- Rule 6.12 Sails must meet the specs for class sails generally and all provisions of rule 6 (such as 6.8, 6.8.1 and 6.11) apply to them by analogy. For example, defective or damaged sails can be replaced as per rule 6.8.1. Also, a Rule 6.12 jib that is purchased new becomes a "used" sail (e.g., for purposes of rule 6.3, proviso (a), once it has been used as the "primary" jib for a 15 day "season" of Rule 6.12

Events. However, if a (previously) “used” jib, rather than the new jib, was flown for part of that 15 day “season”, the new jib will not qualify as “used” unless it has been flown for not less than 12 race days. See Rule 6.8, last sentence.

- When a boat with Rule 6.12 Sails is sold, the new owner must certify whether or not the boat is San Francisco based. Absent a sale, the base can only be changed if there is a good reason for the change, such as where the owner permanently moves his or her residence. If there is a change in base, the two suits of sails are re-characterized as regularly tagged sails and Rule 6.12 Sails in accordance with this new base. New Rule 6.12 Sail tags must be purchased and sewn to the sails if sails change characterization. The ExComm (or the Regatta Committee on its behalf) will have to approve a change in characterization based upon a relocation to ensure that the relocation is not done in order to increase sail purchases. The ExComm (or Regatta Committee) may impose appropriate conditions to its approval.
- Two boat owners may not use Rule 6.12 sails. They are free to move one of their boats to San Francisco and purchase HA sails if they wish to race there.
- Rule 6.12 sails may be used in a charter. So, for example, an East Coast owner could use Rule 6.12 sails on a San Francisco charter boat for the 2009 NAs and a SF owner can use Rule 6.12 sails on a Key West charter.

Submission #3

If Submission #2 does not pass, add the following sentence at the end of Section 11.8 of the Constitution.

“Notwithstanding the directly preceding sentence, the ExComm may, at any time prior to February 1, 2008, approve the use of one set of untagged sails per boat for any regattas sponsored by Fleet 1 during the period of July 15, 2008 through September 15, 2008, including the 2008 North American Championship held in San Francisco Bay.”

Discussion: This would permit Fleet 1 to authorize out of town boats to use untagged sails for the 2008 NAs in San Francisco if submission #2 does not pass and if the ExComm approves before February 1, 2008. As written, the Constitution does not permit fleets to make exceptions to our sail rules. Nothing in this submission requires Fleet 1 to make such an exception.