

Notice of Changes to Standard Specifications of J/105 Yachts

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Dear J/105 Owner:

This is to notify you that JBoats is making the changes described below to the Standard Specifications of the J/105 effective October 1, 2003. As a result of these changes, it will become permissible under the Class Rules of the J/105 Class Association to make equivalent changes to all J/105s currently in existence. See RI 02-04. The details of these changes are described below.

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Change #1:

J/Boats will offer an optional "racing" main sheet traveller system consisting of a Harken #1509 car with #1515 controls (double sheaves) instead of the Harken #1576 windward sheeting car. The car will feature a 4:1 purchase just like the windward sheeting car and the control line will be led through the same Harken #166 swivel bullet blocks as in the existing system. From the swivel blocks, the control line on each side of the cockpit will be led to a Harken #150 cam cleat with #295 riser and #137 eye strap mounted on the vertical wall of the cockpit coaming in line with the traveler. The cam cleat will be approximately 4 inches above the swivel block.

For existing boats, it will be permissible to do either of the following:

- remove the Harken cleats and eyestraps mounted on the windward sheeting car; install the Harken #150 cams, with #295 riser and #137 on the vertical wall of the cockpit coaming in line with the traveler; OR
- remove the windward sheeting car from the traveler car (unfasten two set screws); install the #1515 controls on the car, install the Harken #150 cams, with #295 riser and #137 on the vertical wall of the cockpit coaming in line with the traveler.

Note that the #150 cams must be installed approximately 4 inches above the swivel block. It will not be permissible to mount cam cleats on the cockpit coaming at an angle to the traveller

or to install cam cleats or other leads that include a feature that permits the control line to be pulled from forward of or behind the traveller.

Change #2:

In the past, J Boats sometimes has permitted owners to take delivery of new boats without the dodger, which may be removed for racing under class rules. JBoats will now "officially" permit new boats to be sold without the dodger (this will be an option). As a result, it will be permissible for owners of existing boats to remove not only the dodger, but also the dodger fittings from the boat for class racing.

Change #3

New J/105s will be delivered with a spectra shackle for the main halyard and outhaul rather than the current stainless shackles. As a result, it will be permissible for owners of existing boats to change these shackles to spectra as well. Note that it is permissible under RI 02-09 to replace the wire outhaul with spectra because the class rules do not control the size or material of running rigging.