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2022
MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
Fort Worth Boat Club
EAGLE MOUNTAIN LAKE

2022 J/105 Midwinter Championship

March 9-13, 2022
Fort Worth Boat Club, Fort Worth, TX

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President's Corner

Fellow J/105 sailors:

Hello to all, and hopefully by the time you read this, those of us in the northern part of the continent are seeing the backside of winter and are well into preparations for the 2022 season. Fingers crossed, the 2022 sailing season will proceed uninterrupted by any significant public health measures, and we can all get back to normal.

2022 will be an exciting year from a racing perspective as we are hopefully emerging from the worst of the pandemic. I understand that all fleets are looking to have a full schedule this year, and hopefully we get boats out in the same sort of numbers we had in 2019.

The Midwinter Championship is scheduled for March 11-13 at the Fort Worth Boat Club. Preliminary indications are that there will be a robust fleet for this regatta, and it will be a great kickoff to the season. Our marquee event, the North American Championship, will be in San Francisco this year, and the organizing committee is well into the preparations. We can expect a fabulous event.

In my last commentary, I encouraged all Fleets to have a dedicated women's regatta. I am pleased to say that a number of fleets have reached out and are now in discussions with the Fleet 4 organizing committee to share opportunities and challenges in setting up an event of this nature. The crew makeup will vary event to event, and can be anywhere from 100% women on the boat to mandating a female helmsperson with an open crew. There are many ways to get to the same place, and I applaud all involved for their efforts and commitment. As these events get finalized, they will be promoted within the Class communication structure.

The J/105 continues to be the best big boat one design fleet in North America—this is due to the continued commitment of all of the Fleets to getting boats out on the water. Thanks to all the Fleets across North America for promoting the J/105 and keeping the Class healthy.

Cheers,

Russell Hopper
Class President





2022 J/105 Midwinter Championship

March 9-13, 2022

Fort Worth Boat Club, Fort Worth, TX

The Fort Worth Boat Club is excited to be hosting the J/105 Midwinter Championship this year. We have an active fleet of eight J/105s that race on Eagle Mountain Lake. Fort Worth Boat Club is an easily accessible venue within a short distance from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Eagle Mountain Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes in North Texas, spanning 8,694 acres.

Established in 1929, FWBC has a long history of hosting National and International Championship regattas. We are planning for a full weekend of racing, with an objective to complete 10 races for the Midwinters.

In addition, we are very happy to announce that Paul Beaudin (Doyle Sails) will host a sail and tuning clinic on Thursday, March 10. The clinic will include a dock walk and on-the-water observations during the practice session. Paul brings a wealth of experience and knowledge as a sailmaker and fellow J/105 owner.

A crane will be on site Wednesday, March 9 and Monday, March 14 for put in and take out.

On Saturday evening (March 12), we will host a spectacular Yardi Party in honor of Mardi Gras.

Don't miss out!

Registration is open on Regatta Networks at the following URL or QR Code accessible



https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=23759



Regatta Chairman: Martin Peacey
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The schedule for the event is

Saturday, February 18	0000	Late Entry Fee applies (\$100.00)
Sunday, March 6	1700	Entry period closes.
Wednesday, March 9	(TBC)	Crane on site for launching
Thursday, March 10	0800 - 1300	Boat Inspection
	0900 - 1500	Registration and Check-in, Competitor weigh-in
	1000 - 1600	Rigging and Tuning Clinic by Paul Beaudin - Doyle Sails NYC
	1500	Practice: 3 - 4 Practice Starts followed by 1 Practice Race.
	1900	Competitors' Meeting and Opening Ceremony
Friday, March 11	0700 - 0830	Lunch pick-up, Registration and Check-in and competitor weigh-in. All registration requirements must be completed by 0830.
	0700 - 0900	Complimentary Breakfast for Skippers and Crew
	1030	Warning signal for first race, additional races to follow.
	1700	Post race social and Daily Trophies.
Saturday, March 12	0700 - 0900	Lunch pick-up Complimentary Breakfast for Skippers and Crew.
	1030	Warning signal for first race, additional races to follow.
	1900	2022 J105 Midwinter Regatta Celebration and Daily Trophies.
Sunday, March 13	0700 - 0900	Lunch pick-up Complimentary Breakfast for Skippers and Crew.
	1030	Warning signal for first race, additional races to follow.
	1300	No Warning signal after 1300
	1600 (approx.)	Awards Presentation; Daily Trophies and Farewell Social.
Monday, March 14	1000	Crane on site for boat recovery.



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2022 J/105 North American Championship

San Francisco Yacht Club

September 29 - October 2, 2022

One of Mark Twain's famous quotes is, "The coldest winter I spent was a summer in San Francisco." While this may be true of San Francisco, it hardly applies to beautiful Marin County located just north of San Francisco. And it's likely that Mark Twain never spent a summer or fall day sipping a Mai Tai on the deck of the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere.

If you are considering competing in the J/105 North American Championship on September 29 - October 2, 2022, you are in for a treat! Sailing conditions in October are typically warm days and cool nights with winds in the mid-teens, perfect for either APs or Heavy Air sails. Tentative schedule: <https://bit.ly/2022J105NACalendar>

The San Francisco Yacht Club is anxious to showcase its new sailing center and is pulling out "all the stops" by hosting an event that will be remembered as much for the social aspects as for the world-class sailing.

Here's some information that you may find useful:

If you want to experience typical San Francisco conditions, then we encourage you to come early. The SF Bay Fleet One regatta schedule is at: <https://www.sfj105.org/regattas/>

To get to know the Berkeley Circle where the NAs will be held, on August 6-7 the San Francisco Yacht Club is hosting its Summer Keelboat Regatta in that part of the Bay.

If you are making the investment to travel, why not enjoy the legendary racing off the San Francisco City Front and compete in the Swiftsure at the St. Francis Yacht Club on August 20-21. And of course, you won't want to miss the Rolex Big Boat Series, four days of racing in the premier regatta of SF Bay on September 15-18. First place traditionally wins a Rolex!

These two primary race areas, Berkeley Circle and the City Front, are shown in the chart below.





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For visiting teams interested in chartering, the Regatta Committee has located several competitive local boats. Please email or call Tim Russell if you are interested in chartering a boat: tim@valleyoakwm.com 415-302-8926. You may also contact Tim for information regarding haul/launch and storage/dock space between regattas if you are planning on bringing your own boat.

Don't have heavy air sails? Don't worry, the Notice of Race will allow any non-Fleet One teams to purchase heavy air sails for the regatta and events leading up to it. These sails do not count against your team's sail tag limit if the sails are sold by year-end 2022.

However, since the NAs will be held at the end of September when SF Bay winds are typically more moderate, it is not certain that teams need to buy heavy air sails to be competitive.

We hope to see you on SF Bay this season and encourage you to come as early as possible and bring your families! You will not only enjoy reliable winds, a beautiful venue and excellent competition, when not racing you can enjoy the Pacific Ocean, Napa Valley wine country and the beautiful Sierras, all within a couple of hours by car.

Boosting Opportunity in the J/105 Class for Women

By Molly Hughes Wilmer, Kathy Pask and Nicole Breault

Part of the success of the J/105 Class has been its inclusion of women in its ranks. The majority of teams across North America have or have had women sailors as integral crew members, including as owner-drivers. In December 2019, the World Sailing Trust released its [Women in Sailing Strategic Review](#), a report that revealed widescale gender imbalance perpetuating throughout the sport and consequently recommended a global effort on the part of sailing organizations (including one-design Classes such as the J/105 Class) to help remedy the

situation by increasing participation and creating space for women to compete. In tune with the J/105's reputation to date as a platform for successful mixed gender teams, the Class responded with an openness for doing more. In addition to incentivizing teams comprised of 50+ percent women with a crew weight maximum exemption, the Class encourages local Fleets to launch women's regattas and programs to further expand the interest and involvement of women in the Class.



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Fleet #4 in Toronto was the first to act on this grassroots initiative, and last August put on the successful [2021 J/105 Ontario Women's Championship Regatta](#) at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club with 13 boats raced by all-women teams. Now the momentum is growing for women-centered events like Toronto's in other Fleets across North America. On February 16, the co-chairs of Fleet #4's championship, Kathy Pask and Felicity Clarke, met with organizers from

Annapolis (Molly Hughes Wilmer of Fleet #3), Seattle (Regan Edwards of Fleet #20) and San Francisco (Nicole Breault and Libby Zhang of Fleet #1) to share lessons learned and collaborate on planning for events in their areas. Along with discussing various formats, goals and strategies for these local regattas, the group envisioned next-level possibilities, such as bringing together all the winners for a North American women's invitational Championship.



If your Fleet is planning women's clinics, regattas or other programs, please reach out to this group to learn, share and help the J/105 Class to continue developing best practices. Contact Nicole Breault at nbsailor@gmail.com or 203-671-7908.



Technical Committee Report

Matt Arno – Class Measurer, Fleet 17, Texas

Doug Bailey – Fleet 1, San Francisco

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SUMMARY OF RECENT QUESTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

One of the main questions the Technical Committee is asked is **“Can I change this XXX on my boat to YYY?”** Some of the more interesting ones lately are:

Q: Can I replace a regular deck cleat with a pop-up cleat?

A: Yes. You can as long as it is the previous location or a location found on later-vintage boats.

Q: Do I have to tag a Class-legal sail?

A: No you don't, but you can't use it in a Class event until you do. And when you do tag it, the date it is tagged becomes the “delivery date” for the sail purchase limitation Rules.

Q: Are code zero spinnakers legal?

A: Yes, as long as they are made from nylon weighing at least 44 g/m² and otherwise qualify as a Class-legal spinnaker per Class Rule 6.6. Also note there is no minimum spinnaker size as long as the minimum luff length is met.

Q: I ordered a sail in November 2021 for delivery in December 2021 but it didn't arrive until January 2022. Can I count as a 2021 sail?

A: No. It is a 2022 sail. It doesn't matter when you ordered the sail or the expected delivery date, only when it is actually delivered to you. If the sail is delivered late for whatever reason, then that is just the way it is. Plan your orders to allow for potential delays especially these days with so many supply chain issues.

Q: Where can I put my batteries?

A: Regardless of boat vintage, you can choose either of two locations: behind the engine, or in the starboard quarter berth directly outboard from the engine. These are the only two locations allowed.

Q: Are spinnaker snuffers legal?

A: Yes. No one's used them for Class racing in a long time, but they are legal.

Q: My rigid holding tank is leaking. Can I just take it out?

A: No. If you can get it out, which will require you to cut it up, you have to replace it. But you can replace it with a soft bladder as long as the bladder volume is at least 14.5 gallons. And don't forget to adjust your weight certificate for the weight difference between the two.



Your donation makes a difference

The Young American Sailing Academy (YASA) is developing a new generation of offshore sailors. Through the program, juniors establish life-long sailing skills, broaden social/leadership skills, and master high-level racing skills. At YASA, we believe the J/105 is the perfect boat to train enthusiastic sailors, which is why a charitable donation to YASA's growing J/105 team is beneficial to the youth sailing community.

With your charitable donation, YASA will be able to expand the outreach of the program. As a 501(c)(3) YASA will provide you tax deductions. YASA welcomes donations of all kinds including boats and inshore and offshore sails.

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Calendar

2022

**2022 J/105 Midwinter
Championship at Fort Worth
Boat Club**

Mar 11 – Mar 13

**2022 Sausalito Yacht Club March
Regatta at Sausalito Yacht Club**

Mar 12 – Mar 13

**2022 Spring Fest at St. Francis
Yacht Club**

Apr 9 – Apr 10

2022 Charleston Race Week

Apr 28 – May 1

**2022 Elite Keel at San Francisco
Yacht Club**

May 14 – May 15

**2022 Stone Cup at St. Francis
Yacht Club**

May 21 – May 22

**June "Big Fleet" Invitational 2022
at San Francisco Yacht Club**

Jun 4 – Jun 5

Calendar

2022 Cleveland Race Week One Design at Edgewater Yacht Club

Jun 17 – Jun 19

2022 J/Stop at South Bay Yacht Club

Jun 18 – Jun 19

Edgartown Race Weekend 2022 at Edgartown Yacht Club

Jun 23 – Jun 25

2022 Sausalito One Design Invitational at Sausalito Yacht Club

Jul 16 – Jul 17

2022 Great Lakes J/Fest at Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club

Jul 23 – Jul 24

2022 Summer Keelboat at San Francisco Yacht Club

Aug 6 – Aug 7

2022 Phyllis Kleinmann Swiftsure at St. Francis Yacht Club

Aug 20 – Aug 21

2022 Rolex Big Boat Series at St. Francis Yacht Club

Sep 15 – Sep 18

2022 J/105 North American Championship at San Francisco Yacht Club

Sep 29 – Oct 2

J/Fest Southwest 2022 at Lakewood Yacht Club

Oct 21 – Oct 23

2022 J/105 East Coast Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club

Oct 22 – Oct 23

2023

2023 J/105 North American Championship – Exact Dates to be Announced at American Yacht Club

Sep 28 – Oct 2

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2024 J/105 North American Championship at Edgewater Yacht Club

Sep 27 – Sep 29

