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## ***Who will be the 2024 J/105 North American Champion?***

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## President's Corner

No doubt you, like me, are in awe of the Olympic athletes who exemplify human endeavor in pursuit of greatness. As we watched them perform and compete at the 2024 Paris Games, we see the result of 1000s of hours of persistent focus and effort expended to maximize potential in niche sports. And yet, the individual stories of Olympic athletes are relatable because at their core is something millions of us share when we play our respective games...that is, the human endeavor to achieve. Consider the time and dedication we give to our boat preparation, our team building and our speed smarts. We J/105 sailors are inspirational in our pursuits too!

The fiercely fast and talented SF Bay J/105 programs that currently lead the season standings, Tim Russell's *NeNe* (#3) and Ryan Simmons' *Blackhawk* (#40), showcase the drive and commitment at the core of our feisty Fleet 1. This veritable "fight club," featuring 20-30 boats on the starting line for more than 50 season-counting races, will meet for the summer's culminating rounds (the Phyllis Kleinman Swiftsure Regatta and the Rolex Big Boat Series) on the St. Francis Yacht Club's city-front waters in the coming weeks. Team *Arbitrage* (#116) is hanging in there among the top five!

The competitive cauldron in NorCal is only one pocket of J/105 racing in the world. In June, Bruce and I visited Fleet 22 and felt the same spirit among local teams there. We splashed *Arbitrade* (#98) in the fresh water of Lake Erie, home to the Edgewater Yacht Club, and participated in the One Design and Offshore components of the 2024 Cleveland Race Week. We were amazed by the facilities, the helpfulness and know-how of the dock staff, the hospitality and generosity of the sailors and their excitement for the North American Championship in late September. Moreover, as your Class President, I can now share from firsthand experience how terrific the 2024 NAs will be. Fleet Captain Paul Uhlir and his regatta host team plan to deliver the very best that Cleveland has to offer. I already hear the Rock 'n' Roll soundtrack to the racing we'll do. Get there if you can.

As I acknowledge the variety of specialties on display in France this summer, I must also give kudos to fellow J/105ers who wield their stuff beyond the W/L race track. It is remarkable that 15 J/105s raced in this year's Chicago to Mackinac Island Race, seven in the Bayview Mac and two in the Super Mac. Bravo, sailors! We all possess that special human attraction to reach for greatness amidst the challenge of sport.

Rock on,  
**Nicole Breault**  
San Francisco Bay Fleet #1





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# J/105 Ontario Women's Championship

***On Saturday, August 17, 12 teams and over 100 women sailors competed in the fourth annual J/105 Ontario Women's Championship hosted by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, Canada. The event was proudly sponsored by Scotiabank Women Initiative® and The Mountford Group of Scotia Wealth Management.***



The regatta was founded four years ago to encourage and support women's racing. It has grown into an empowering event—sailed by women, run by women; with all-women Race Committee and judges; and continues to support the Broad Reach Foundation. Additionally, in 2024, the event is sponsored by the Scotiabank Women Initiative® and photographed by iconic sailing photographer renowned for her Ultimate Sailing calendar Sharon Green. The event has inspired regions across North America to host similar regattas with added support from the J/105 Class Association, including San Francisco, Charleston and Annapolis.

The 2024 J/105 Ontario Women's Championship winning team, *Hey Jude*, with skipper Karen McRae, reclaimed the title this year, with a decisive lead in the one and only race of the day, as the regatta worked around wind and weather challenges.

The Race Committee, led by Irene McNeil, was challenged by low winds in the morning, but set a fantastic course for the first race. As competitors finished the first downwind, radar picked up a massive incoming storm, and shortly after the race finished, the skies turned black, lightning was spotted and racing was called off for the day in order to get boats safely back to the dock.



Amanda Karahanas skippering *Un-Usual Suspects* took second, Jen Provan finished third on *Mandate*, Julie Mitchell skippering *The Kernel* finished fourth and Kathy Pask skippering *Full Tilt Boogie* finished fifth.



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Michelle Skutelsky, Regatta Chair, said, "We set out to create an event that would not only showcase the incredible talent of women sailors, but also foster a community where more women feel empowered to take the helm. Despite the challenges with the weather, the enthusiasm, camaraderie and skill on display were a true testament to the spirit of this regatta. It's not just about the racing; it's about building a stronger, more inclusive sailing community on Lake Ontario."

"The crew bank for the regatta included women new to the fleet, with massive efforts to find spots on boats for all for the day, embodying the intent of the event to bring more women into racing on Lake Ontario, and more sailors to the J/105 fleet," said Kathy Pask, Regatta Organizer and J/105 fleet representative. "Owners were generous again in loaning their boats to make this event happen."

The generations of women sailors who participated ranged from ages 17 to 72 years—and included mothers and daughters, sisters, and many women who had coached or been coached by others at the regatta over the years. The caliber of sailors was also outstanding with women who have represented Canada in Rolex Championships, World Championships, Olympics and the Pan Am Games.

Crews embraced the Paris theme, done as homage to the recent Olympic games, throughout the day. We saw the French inspiration in team racing shirts and

Parisian-inspired outfits at the celebratory dinner in the Harbourview Room at RCYC. The Scotiabank Women Initiative handed out the awards with prizes for the top five boats, with additional donations from Debbie Fogh of Fogh Marine, Anela Dujacic of LiNE Sailing Bags, Jessica Perraton of the Charter Yacht Company, Heather Ann Mitchele with Champagne to first, second, third, and Katie Pelletier, marine marketing manager at GiLL whose goal is to support J/105 women's regattas across North America. The Levi Group of Canada generously donated Nautica shirts for every competitor.

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# Technical Committee Report

Matt Arno – Class Measurer, Fleet 17, Texas

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## RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR 2025

### Required Equipment

*We are proposing two sets of changes to the Class Rules this year. The first has to do with the required equipment. We are clarifying the minimum weight of the anchor and rode and deleting several items that have caused consternation among owners when preparing for big events and are not really necessary for the sort of one-design racing. Note that the deletion of this equipment does not prevent the Organizing Authority from requiring any of this equipment nor relieve the Owner of responsibility for complying with Coast Guard or similar agency requirements. It does mean that the Class will not check for these items anymore. An excerpt from the required equipment list to the right shows the proposed changes.*

### EXHIBIT 7.3C

#### J/105 CLASS REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

**The following equipment and other items must be on board at all times while racing:**

- Anchor w/attached chain and/or rode (minimum total weight of 7.25 kg or 16 lb)
- 2 fire extinguishers
- 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, ~~1 bucket, 2 flashlights~~
- 2 main cabin berth cushions
- Standard companionway boards
- Lifesling, “man-overboard module” or horseshoe life ring (~~shall be on stern rail and not interfere with the operation of the swimming ladder~~)
- ~~Basic nav gear (e.g., chart book, ruler, dividers, tide book & rulebook)~~
- Tool kit
- Handheld or installed VHF and GPS
- ~~Radar reflector~~
- Emergency tiller (if wheel boat)
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## Battery Location

The second change is regarding battery location. Class Rule 5.3.4 permits interior cruising and day sailing amenities which do not enhance performance. A recent reinterpretation of this Rule was that in theory it could apply to the location of batteries other than the engine (standard) start battery. After discussion with the ExCom, it was determined that it is not the intent of this Rule to allow other batteries to be placed anywhere on the boat. Therefore, a change is proposed to Class Rule 5.3.20 to clarify the allowed locations. A redline of the proposed change is shown below.

5.3.20 Battery Location and Installation -  
The standard battery (or **any other** batteries) location shall be either in the starboard lazarette immediately behind the aft cabin bulkhead, or in the compartment immediately behind the engine. Batteries must be secured in position to keep them in place in the event of capsize, and the terminals must be covered to prevent accidental short circuit. **It is recommended that** the battery **must** be protected against overload with an appropriately sized fuse **It is recommended that and** be of sealed construction to prevent leakage of hazardous material in the case of capsize.

## Rule Interpretation 24-02

Another Rule Interpretation has been issued concerning using lashing to tension the lifelines. The text of the Rule Interpretation is below.

**Q:** Can I use a lashing to tension my lifeline?

**A:** For safety, crew comfort and racing consistency, J/105 lifelines must be tensioned to meet the specification in J/105 Rule 7.11 and RRS rule 49.2, which is tested using the procedure in RI-22-02. Two options are commonly chosen to adjust lifeline tension a) metal turnbuckles and b) UHMWPE (Spectra, Dyneema etc) lashing. Lashing is favored by some skippers because it can be cut with a knife in a time-critical emergency, but is also prone to stretch and creep, making frequent maintenance necessary and initial setup to the rule can be more challenging. If a lashing is used, it must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations section 3.14.3 e), which states that the lashing may not exceed 100mm in length. The remainder of the lifeline must be stranded stainless steel wire and associated fittings.

# Harken J/105 Technical Bulletin

## Summer 2024

**Vang** – Harken Vangmaster Replacement for Hall Quick Vang  
Harken part number **VM44656.J105** HARKEN VANG MASTER 4-1/2in PIN 1/2in  
JAW 10in STROKE J105

**Backstay Integral Hydraulic Cylinder** – Replacement for Navtec and Sailtec Harken part number **HCI010BCCJ105** INTEGRAL ASSY-SA INTEGRAL BACKSTAY ADJ -10 W/ 7/16 PIN

### **Traveler**

Windward Sheeting Car – Harken part number **1636** CAR-MR LONG CB WINDWARD SHEET  
Standard Car – Harken part number **T2742B.HL** CAR-27MM MR HL CB 4:1 W/TOG  
Non-Captive car rebuild kit – **HMR99** KIT-MR NON-CB CAR REPAIR

### **Winches** – Replacement

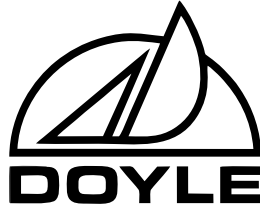
Primary – Harken **46.2STP** WINCH-RADIAL Self-Tailing PERFORMA  
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specified Harken 44.2AST and 33.AST winches are no longer available as of 2011.

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# Niuhi Triumphs at Sausalito One-Design Invitational

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By Mike Donohue

The Sausalito One-Design Invitational, held on July 13-14, showcased a thrilling competition among J/105s. *Niuhi*, helmed by Randy Hecht, dominated the regatta, securing first place overall with an impressive performance of four bullets across six races.

In the first race, *Niuhi* took the lead, followed by *Alchemy* in second and *Godot 2.0* in third. The second race saw *Ne\*Ne* taking first place, with *Niuhi* and *Jabberwocky* close behind. *Niuhi* continued to excel, winning races three

and four, while *Blackhawk* took first in race five. *Niuhi* capped off its performance with another victory in race six, securing its position at the top.

*Blackhawk* and *Jabberwocky* also delivered strong performances, finishing second and third overall, respectively. Boats such as *Arbitrage* and *Box of Rain* showed remarkable improvements, with *Box of Rain* finishing eighth overall, a significant climb from their previous standings.

For detailed race results and further standings, visit the [results page](#).

The Sausalito Yacht Club's excellent race management ensured a smooth and memorable event, highlighting the competitive spirit and skill of the J/105 fleet.

## TOP PERFORMERS

Several boats distinguished themselves with exceptional performances:

- **Niuhi, Randy Hecht** – With a total of 13 points, *Niuhi* claimed the top spot, demonstrating consistent performance across the races.
- **Blackhawk, Ryan Simmons** – *Blackhawk* secured second place with 23 points, showcasing some solid racing.
- **Jabberwocky, Brent Vaughan** – *Jabberwocky* finished third with 27 points, maintaining strong performance throughout the regatta.

## UPDATED SEASON STANDINGS-

Following the Sausalito One-Design Invitational, the updated season standings are:

1. **NeNe, Tim Russell** – 53 points
2. **Blackhawk, Ryan Simmons** – 77 points
3. **Jabberwocky** – 143 points
4. **Arbitrage** – 144 points
5. **Akula** – 155 points

For detailed race results and further standings, please visit the [results page](#).

## HOST CLUB'S REMARKABLE EFFORT

The Sausalito Yacht Club and PRO Jeff Zarwell hosted a great regatta, ensuring smooth operations despite the challenging wind and tide conditions. Their race management efforts contributed significantly to the event's success, making it a memorable experience for all participants.



# Calendar

## 2024

### **2024 Rolex Big Boat Series at St. Francis Yacht Club**

San Francisco, California, United States  
September 11 – September 15

### **2024 J/105 North American Championship at Edgewater Yacht Club**

Cleveland, Ohio, United States  
September 26 – September 29

## 2025

### **The Southernmost Regatta 2025 at Key West, FL**

Key West, Florida, United States  
January 20 – January 25

### **Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series 2025 St. Petersburg Yacht Club**

St. Petersburg, Florida, United States  
February 14 – February 16

### **Charleston Race Week 2025 at Charleston, SC**

Charleston, South Carolina, United States  
April 10 – April 13

### **Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series 2025 at Annapolis Yacht Club**

Annapolis, Maryland, United States  
May 2 – May 4

### **Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series 2025 at Bayview Yacht Club**

Detroit, Michigan, United States  
May 30 – June 1

### **Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series 2025 at Chicago Yacht Club**

Chicago, Illinois, United States  
June 6 – June 8

### **Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series 2025 at Boston Yacht Club**

Marblehead, Massachusetts, United States  
July 24 – July 27

### **2025 J/105 North American Championship at Royal Canadian Yacht Club**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
September 16 – September 21