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## **J/105 North American Championship**

**Royal Canadian Yacht Club**



**Toronto, Ontario Canada • September 17-20**

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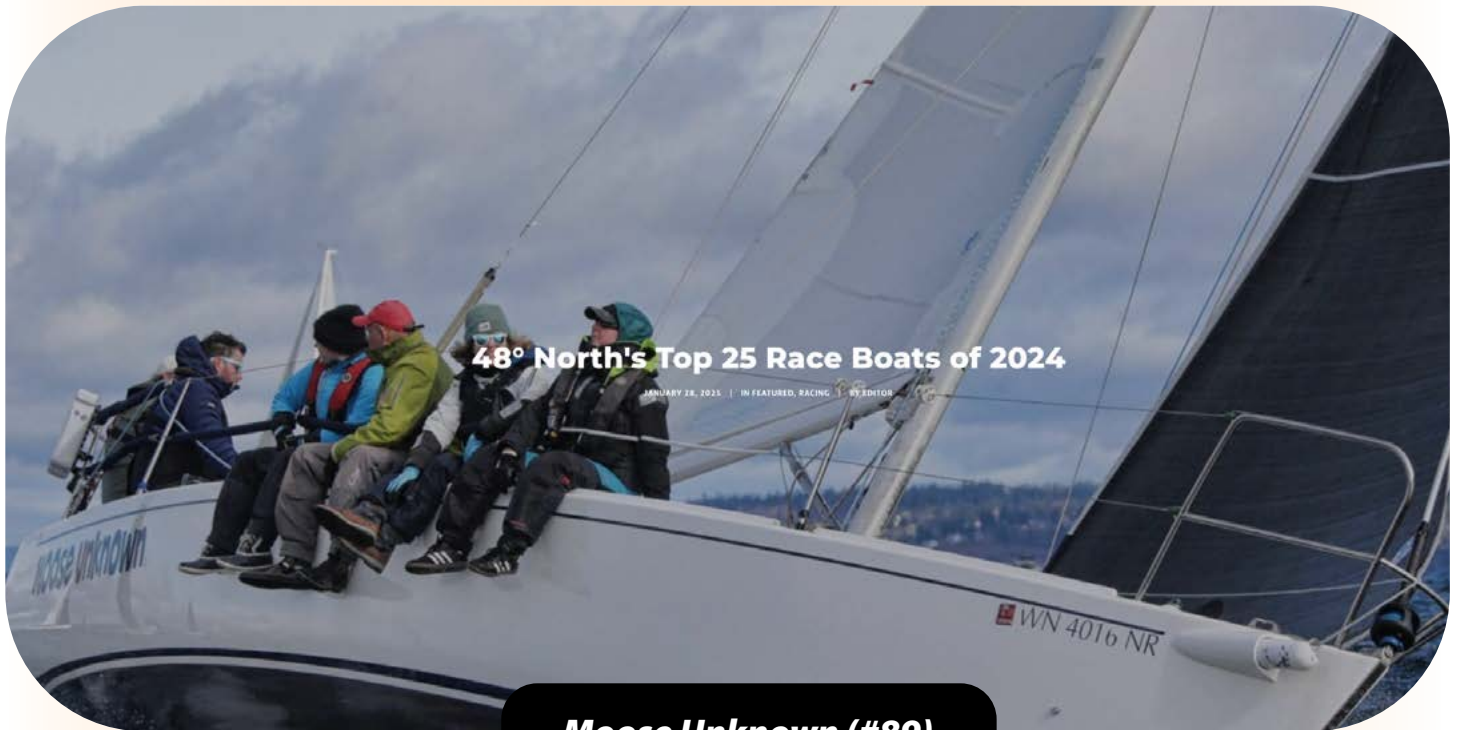
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## President's Corner



**Moose Unknown (#89)**

### Dear J/105 Association Members,

I hope you're all staying warm and dry this winter season. I was in San Diego, making the most of the summer-like weather and sailing my sunfish on Mission Bay as much as possible. But I'm looking forward to returning to Seattle for spring racing in the J/105!

### Are You a J/105 Class Member? Join Our Google Group!

Have you joined our **j105members** Google Group email list yet? If not, we'd love to have you onboard! Check your inbox for an invitation, or e-mail **John Rivlin**, Fleet #1 Captain, at [john@rivlin.net](mailto:john@rivlin.net) to get added. It is easy for you to join and to participate. You will read and respond to messages via e-mail, which we assume everyone already does regularly. You can use any e-mail address, so you don't need to create a new password or login. To post a message to the group, you send an email to [j105members@googlegroups.com](mailto:j105members@googlegroups.com). Please note this group is for active Class members as a service to our community focusing on boat owner issues. Also, the group is moderated so you should not get extra spam by joining. And, you can view the full history of discussions once you are a member, so you haven't missed out on anything.

## President's Corner

This group was launched last summer, thanks to efforts from **Nicole Breault, John Rivlin, Chris Howell** and myself to facilitate knowledge sharing from the Class' **25+ year history**. So far, 18 different topics have been discussed, including:

- **Dmitry Braznichenko (Sivka #288)** inquired about the best, lightest and most cost-effective tools for cutting rod rigging in an emergency. Lots of information was shared, including links and a convincing demo video, thanks to Matt Arno.
- **Bruce Stone (Arbitrage #116)** shared a wonderful presentation by Rod Johnstone on the evolution of the J/105 and its status nationally as well as on San Francisco Bay.
- **Paul Viola (Peer Gynt #235, my co-owner)** asked for advice on avoiding stripped turnbuckles when tightening shrouds in strong winds and preventing thread corrosion.
- **Paul Schiavoni (Mr. Krabs #246)** sought a retrofit solution for the bowsprit seal—and later offered kits for sale, which many of us (myself included!) were lucky enough to grab.
- **John Rivlin (Peaches #268)** asked how to properly bleed air from the Yanmar engine fuel line to prevent startup issues.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! This resource is shaping up to be a fantastic asset for our community.

### Celebrating J/105 Success

I want to share some good news from Fleet #20. John Aitchison (*Moose Unknown #89*) and his team won the 2024 CYC Boat of the Year Award and they were rated #1 in the Top 25 Race Boats of 2024 in the Pacific Northwest by 48° North Magazine. They made J/105 Fleet #20 very proud. Congratulations to John and his team! Keep us posted about your good news!

Fair winds,

**Sara Billey**

J/105 Class President

Co-owner of *Peer Gynt* (#235)





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

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## **J/105 North American Championship**

Fleet 4 looks forward to hosting the J/105 Class from all over North America this September. The city of Toronto is the fourth largest in North America, is home to many great attractions and is an excellent sailing venue. Fifteen local boats plus some of the newly formed Fleet 9 from the east coast of Canada will be here with a couple of past North American Champions in the mix, so racing will be competitive. We typically see the best winds of the summer in September. The Royal Canadian Yacht Club is situated on the Toronto Islands with million-dollar views of the city, especially after dark.

Fleet 4 has planned a full week—whether you plan to come for the four days of racing for the NAC or are able to tack on the extra two to join us for our Canadian Championship as a warm-up and to round out the week. We have planned for an extra day of the weekend on each end of the week to help with your travel plans and to contain the event to a week as much as possible. A block of rooms with a discounted rate will be available at the Westin Harbour Castle with easy water taxi and club shuttle access to the club. Come early and catch the Toronto International Film Festival which wraps up on the 14<sup>th</sup> or enjoy numerous entertainment opportunities that the city has to offer.

We have arranged for a couple of launch and trailer storage options to minimize the logistics and make it as easy as possible for you to deliver the boat. We will also provide as much guidance and assistance as you require to manage border crossings. We have lined up numerous sponsors and plan for some fantastic meals to round out your experience in Toronto.

## Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> –  
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

### Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9am-5pm NAC Measurement and Registration

### Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast available at the island clubhouse

### Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

- J/105 Canadian Championship (8 races scheduled)
- Saturday, 6pm Welcome reception
- Sunday, after racing – Après Sail Cocktail party and daily awards
  - Dinner @7pm @Cherry St. BBQ
- Monday, after racing – Apres Sail Cocktail party and awards

### Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

- Final registration and Weigh-in for all crews



**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

J/105 North American Championship  
(12 races scheduled)

- Wednesday, after racing - Après Sail Cocktail party and daily awards (dinghy deck)
  - *Dinner @6pm in the pool area*
- Thursday, after racing - Après Sail Cocktail party and daily awards
  - *Dinner @7pm in the Distillery District*
- Friday, after racing - Après Sail Cocktail party and daily awards (racing lawn)
  - *Dinner @6pm in the rose garden*
- Saturday, after racing - Après Sail Cocktail party
  - *Dinner and Awards @7pm in the Ballroom*

Fleet 4 is excited to host you in Toronto. Please let us know what we can do to help get you to the regatta.

**See you in September!**

**J/105 North American Championship**

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# Technical Committee Report

Matt Arno – Class Measurer, Fleet 17, Texas

Doug Bailey – Fleet 1, San Francisco

Doug Stryker – Fleet 3, Chesapeake

## RULE CHANGES FOR 2026

### **Measurement Certificates**

*The Technical Committee, and various individual Class members, have been interacting with the ORR and ORC measurement committee regarding the certificates issued to J/105s.*

*In both measurement systems, there is the option for a partially-measured certificate which is supposed to use generic measurements to calculate a boat's rating. These generic measurements are often all the applicable measurements except for the sail measurements. These generic measurements are also selected to the end of the known range for each measurement which will yield the fastest rating. So if you go from using a partially-measured (or Club) certificate to a fully measured certificate, your boat is almost guaranteed to rate slower.*

We have found that multiple sets of these generic measurements are being used resulting in partially-measured J/105s rating differently. We are working with ORR and ORC to try and get that fixed. One issue that has been a stumbling block is the Class weight certificates that we issue. Many of those certificates are getting very long in the tooth and may be well over a decade old or even two decades old for some boats. This is due to the fact that back when the Class got rid of float line certificates, the Class decided that weight certificates shouldn't expire with age or change of ownership. At that point in time, there weren't any boats older than about 10 years old. That's not the case now. Boats gain weight in the core and/or lose weight depending on the creep of small modifications and whether they are hauled out each winter or not, dry sailed or not, and many other factors.

The Technical Committee believes it is time to institute an expiration date on weight certificates. We believe that a time limit of about five years strikes a good balance between avoiding imposing an undue burden and refreshing the certificate to account for gradual changes in our boats.



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However, we don't want to force a giant number of boats with certificates all older than five years to get re-weighed at once so we are looking at a way to phase the requirement in. So stay tuned for more details on that.

## In-hauling

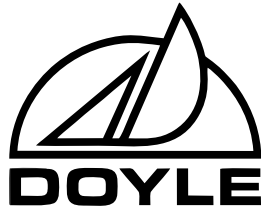
Do you read Sailing Scuttlebutt? There was a posting on it the other day talking about inhauling in the J/70 Class. [Losing sight of the magic formula](#) The concern there seems to mirror the concern in our Class. Last year, the effort to change this did not go anywhere, perhaps in part to there being too many options. This will be a point of discussion for this year.

## Sprit Seals

Does your sprit seal leak? Does your sprit even have one? There has been an effort led by Josh Lutton and other Chicago area sailors to find replacement sprit seals that are effective. Much like the Class did with the opening portlights, we are looking into purchasing a quantity of these that Class members can purchase as needed. We're still working out the details and pricing, but you should hear more about that in the coming months as well.



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## 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

## 2025

**April 10 - April 13**

**Charleston Race Week 2025**

Charleston, SC Charleston, South Carolina, United States

**May 2 - May 4**

**Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Annapolis 2025**

Annapolis Yacht Club Annapolis, Maryland, United States

**May 30 - June 1**

**Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Detroit 2025**

Bayview Yacht Club Detroit, MI, United States

**June 6 - June 8**

**Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Chicago 2025**

Chicago Yacht Club Chicago, IL, United States

**June 22 - June 27**

**Block Island Race Week 2025**

Storm Trysail Club Block Island, RI, United States

**July 24 - July 27**

**Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Marblehead 2025**

Boston Yacht Club Marblehead, MA, United States

**September 10 - September 14**

**Rolex Big Boat Series 2025**

St. Francis Yacht Club San Francisco, California, United States

**September 17 - September 20**

**2025 J/105 North American Championship**

Royal Canadian Yacht Club Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## 2026

**October 14 - October 18**

**2026 J/105 North American Championship**

Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle Seattle, WA, United States