

# 2025 J/80 North American Championship

October 7-12, 2025

Southern Yacht Club

New Orleans, LA USA



## NOTICE OF RACE



**The Organizing Authority will be Southern Yacht Club in collaboration  
with J80 NA Class Association**

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the J/80 Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments. In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2)
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply, as may be modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violation of the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2, RRS 2, 28 and 31.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply except the prescriptions to the following rules: 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble of Part 5 Section B, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1. These will be posted on the Official Notice Board

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online before registration.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee (RC) to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The RC intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the

order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

- 3.2 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a working marine VHF radio capable of communicating on standard frequencies.
- 3.4 The Official Notice Board will be online at [2025 J80 NA's](#).

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/80 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules, and, when relevant, their Member National Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by registering online at [2025 J80 NA's](#) no later than the close of day October 1, 2025. Late entries may be accepted after this date only with approval of the OA. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements, including payment of the applicable entry fee, will be allowed to compete.
- 4.3 All competitors are required to have completed all registration requirements with the SYC Registration Desk no later than 1700 on October 8, 2025. The following must be presented at check-in or at [2025 J80 NA's](#) as appropriate:
  - Completed Class measurement certificate
  - Proof of current class membership for helmsperson
  - Crew list and weigh-in form
  - Support boat information
- 4.4 All skippers and crew must complete and sign a liability waiver either online at [2025 J80 NA's](#) or at check-in.
- 4.5 Helm and crew may be substituted during the regatta only for good and sufficient reason, and if approved by the RC. Substitute crew weight must be consistent with, and similar to, the original crew weight.

#### **5. FEES**

The entry fee is \$575 US if payment is received before 5:00pm on September 15, 2025. After Sept. 15, 2025, the entry fee shall be \$675 US. This includes:

- Launching, docking, haul-out and trailer storage
- Awards and prizes
- Four social tickets (additional social tickets may be purchased for \$50)

Before July 15, 2025, the entry fee is refundable. Between July 15 and September 15, 2025 the entry fee is 50% refundable. After September 15, 2025 the entry fee is non-refundable.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

See NOR #4

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 8. SERIES

The event shall consist of a single series.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Registration/weigh-in	1200-1700
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025	Registration/weigh-in Practice Starts and Race Racers' Welcome and Skipper's Meeting	0900-1700 1400 1800
Thursday, October 9, 2025	Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow Dockside keg/chalk talk	1000 ≈ 1600
Friday, October 10, 2025	Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race - additional races to follow Dockside keg/chalk talk	1000 ≈1600
Saturday, October 11, 2025	Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow	1000
Sunday, October 12, 2025	Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race – additional races to follow Time after which no races will be started Awards	1000 1400 ≈1600

Any boats wishing to arrive early or leave later in order to participate in local J80 events must make arrangements with the SYC Waterfront Director, Jim Brusgard, at [jim@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:jim@southernyachtclub.org).

Longer term storage may also be available at New Orleans Yacht Club (504-283-2581).

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 Boats, sails and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the J/80 Class Rules
- 10.2 All sails shall have Official Class Royalty Labels.
- 10.3 Competitors are advised that the Technical Committee or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspections of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT (intentionally blank)**

## **12. VENUE**

The venue is the Southern Yacht Club, 105 North Roadway Drive, New Orleans, LA. The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain approximately 1-2 nm north of the SYC club house.

## **13. COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward courses and may include an offset mark and a leeward gate, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: “A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Class Rule C.6.2(a) while racing except when the infringement occurs in the **zone**, in which case the penalty is the “two-turns” penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 If a member of the Protest Committee witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 and/or Class Rule C.6.2(a) they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (while) and displaying a red flag. A boat may then exonerate itself by complying with NOR 14.1. If no penalty is taken the protest committee may protest.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Scoring will be per Appendix A except as modified by A.2.1 so that:
  - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.2 Eleven races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **16. SUPPORT BOATS**

16.1 Support, spectator, and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours. Docking for coach/support boats may be available from the Municipal Yacht Harbor at (504-283-9676) or online at [nomyh.com](http://nomyh.com).

16.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside of the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the starting area) and may not have contact with competitors from the time the competitor leaves the dock until the competitor returns to the dock after racing.

16.3 Support and spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors while the boat is racing unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

## **17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18. BERTHING**

Visiting boats shall dock only in the areas designated on Attachment A. Docking in any areas other than those designated for competitors is prohibited. Local competitors with wet sailed boats may stay in their permanent slips.

## **19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

19.1 All boats must be in the water by 1700 on October 8, 2025 and shall not haul out of the water until the completion of the event.

19.2 All boats shall be wet sailed and written permission to haul out during the regatta must be obtained from the Technical Committee which may be granted at their sole discretion. Only SYC members shall operate the hoists.

## **20. CLEANING OF BOATS**

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## **21. INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **23. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 US per event or the equivalent. A copy of such insurance coverage documents shall be produced if requested by the OA.

## **24. PRIZES**

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three Open Class finishers and the top three Corinthian Class finishers.

24.2 The J80 North American Championship perpetual trophy will also be awarded.

24.3 Additional prizes may be awarded as designated by the OA.

## **25. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS’ RIGHTS**

25.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

25.2 Competitors may be required to carry a tracking device system on board while racing.

## **26. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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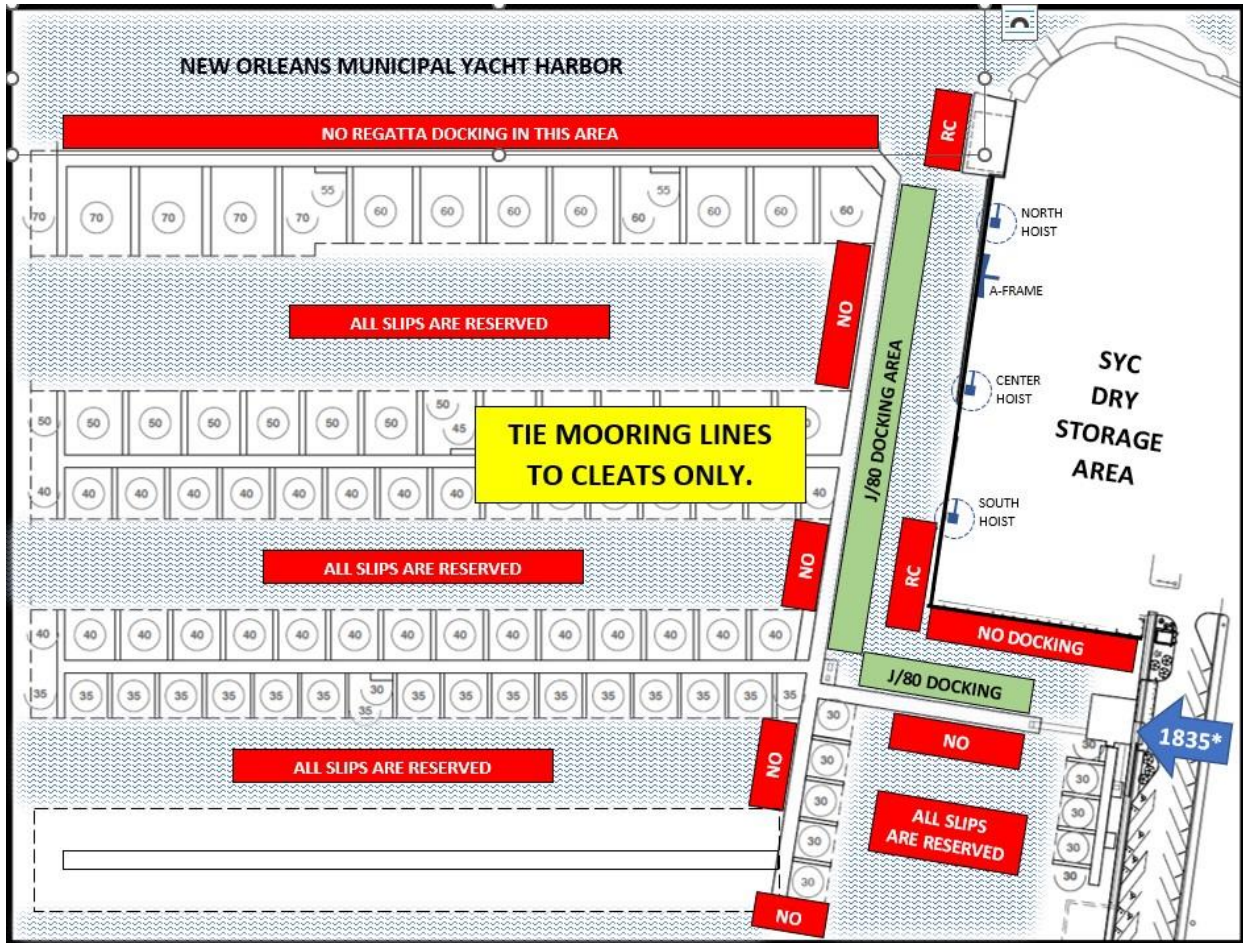
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# ATTACHMENT A



NOTE: North Hoist noted on diagram will not be used for J80's. **Docking by Center Hoist and South Hoist will only be allowed after all boats have been launched and with permission of waterfront personnel assisting with launching.**