

## J/109 Announcements February 2017

This message is being sent to the J/109 Class Owners and includes information on the following topics:

- J/109 North American Championship Registration (Prices go up after 1 March)
- 50% BoatUS Membership Discount for J/109 Class Members
- 20% US Sailing Membership Discount for J/109 Class Members
- Reminder - Please renew your J/109 Class Membership
- Sailtec Backstay Adjuster Maintenance Procedure and Manual added to Class Website

**Save \$140 by Registering for J/109 North American Championship Now!** Boats that register and pay the entry fee before 1 March avoid up to a \$4 per foot price increase. The NOR is published and registration is open. The J/109 Class will provide an addendum to the NOR that provides requirements for the class. Some early information to allow crew planning is Class Rule 6.2 will be in effect making this a weight limited event.



The 2017 North American Championship will be held 18 - 23 June as part of the Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week. Make plans to join this great event, where we hope to exceed the 24 boats registered at the 2015 J/109 North American Championship held during BIRW.

Details will be posted in the spring, but there will be a North U clinic lead by Bill Gladstone for the J/109 Class, a class party hosted by Bob Schwartz of *Nordlys* and some great racing. Register now and pay the entry fee by 1 March in order to avoid increased fees.

- Click [this link to register](#)
  - Click [this link for the Notice of Race](#)
  - Click [this link to see who is registered](#)
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**J/109 Class Members Eligible for 50% BoatUS Membership Discount:** The J/109 Class Association is a BoatUS Cooperating Group and members are invited to join or renew their BoatUS members at a 50% discount.

The J/109 Class Association Cooperating Group number is GA85182S.  
BoatUS membership benefits include:

- 24/7 Dispatch to over 600 towboats in 300+ ports nationwide
- Assistance from Expert Captains
- Available boat insurance from boating experts with 24/7 claims service
- Discounts at Marinas and highest level of shopping rewards at West Marine Stores
- Subscription to BoatUS Magazine and much more

[Click this link to renew](#) BoatUS membership and use the Cooperating Group # GA85182S

or

[Click this link to join](#) BoatUS and use the Cooperating Group # GA85182S

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**J/109 Class Members Receive 20% US Sailing Members Discount:** Class members receive a 20% discount for US Sailing membership dues through the MVP Program partnership when your dues are renewed using the MVP Program.



Many of the learning opportunities and sailing events we enjoy with the J/109 Class Association are made available to us by US Sailing, the national governing body for our sport.

**US Sailing is a nonprofit, member supported organization.** Every US Sailing member contributes to the development and availability of the programs the J/109 Class Association benefits from.

Please help the J/109 Class Association in doing our part by becoming a US Sailing member today. We are all “US Sailing.”

The J/109 Class Association is a US Sailing MVP Partner, Through our MVP Program, you’ll receive up to 20% off your US Sailing membership dues.

**Please join today by clicking the MVP program logo.**

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**J/109 Class Membership**

One of the best ways to insure your investment in the J/109 is to support the Class. Owners and Co-owners are strongly encouraged to become Members of the J/109 Class Association. Others may become Associate Members. Members are owners or co-owners. Associate Members are crew and supporters of the J/109 Class. The membership fee is \$50.00 for Members and \$50.00 for Associate Members. Members who are current with annual dues are provided access to restricted areas on the class website and are able to view complete lists of owners and members.

Existing Members – If you are already an owner with an email address on file, all you need to do is get a password by clicking the *Login* button located top center of the website <https://j109.org>. When in doubt, try this first. Once you enter your email address, we will send you a password to that address. It normally arrives in a minute or so. As an existing or previous member you can inspect and edit your contact information (after you have logged in) by clicking *Update My Info* under the *Members* menu. Existing or previous members can pay annual dues (after you have logged in) by clicking on *Renew Membership – Dues* under the *Members* menu.

New Members – If you are not currently registered or do not have an email address on file, register by filling in the form by navigating the menu on the class website <https://j109.org> – Mouse over *Market*, then click on *New Membership* to open that page. Submit your information, then once we review your contact information we will add you to the database. This may take a day or two.

More information about registration and passwords is available in the *Login* page available by clicking on the *Login* button located top center of the website.

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## **Sailtec Backstay Adjuster Maintenance Procedure and Manual**

The Class Measurer located a procedure and maintenance manual for the Sailtec hydraulic backstay adjuster installed on US built J/109s. This will help many who need to bleed air out of the system or might need to rebuild and install new seals. The manual may be downloaded from the class website by mousing over *Info* and clicking on *Drawings & Manuals*. Scroll down to the *Equipment Manuals* section where you will find two Sailtec documents.

Happy Sailing!  
Bill Kneller



**Additional Information and Links of Interest are provided below**

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**Click the Member Update logo below to update your information.**

Update your contact, boat and home port information.



Use the email address you received this message from as your login.

Need more help? [Click on this link](#) and read the section labeled *Existing Members*. If you still have a problem logging in, email the [\*\*J/109 Class Administrator - admin@j109.org\*\*](mailto:admin@j109.org).

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**Click the J/109 Class Forum logo below to read and share boat information.**

The forum has information owners have shared on maintenance, sails, tuning, cruising and events. If you have something boating related to buy or sell, this is the place to look. The J/109 Class Forum is the designated method for people to ask the J/109 Class Measurer questions about rules and rules interpretations.



Anyone may read the forum without logging in, but to be able to post on the forum, you will need to register for a free account. Once you navigate to the forum, click *Register* near the top right to setup an account. If you already have a forum account, click on *Login* located next to the *Register*. There are helpful hints on using the forum [located at this link](#).

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**Click the J/109 Class Calendar logo below for upcoming events.**

Keep up to date on planned J/109 events via the website calendar.



For questions or comments, please contact the [\*\*J/109 Class Administrator.\*\*](#)

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