

J/109 Spring 2017 Announcements

The winter covers are coming off as many get ready for the 2017 sailing season. Some early events such as the [American YC Spring series](#) are getting great participation with the J/109 class having nine boats to start the season. The [J/109 East Coast Championship at Cedar Point YC](#) on 3-4 June has sixteen boats registered.

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2017 North American Championship at Block Island Race Week

The J/109 Class has 20 boats registered as of 7 May. Boats that register and pay the entry fee before 1 June avoid a \$2 per foot price increase. The [NOR is published](#) and registration is open. The [J/109 Class provided 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.

There will be a [North U starting clinic](#) lead by Bill Gladstone for the J/109 Class, a class party hosted on Tuesday 20 June (Wednesday 21 June rain date) by Bob Schwartz of *Nordlys* and some great racing. Register now and pay the entry fee by 1 June in order to avoid increased fees.

The Class Measurer developed an [updated measurement checklist](#) and a [template to measure bow sprints](#). Registered competitors will receive and email shortly with information about measurement and all the administrative details to make participation at BIRW a smooth event.

- Click [this link to register](#)
- Click [this link for the Notice of Race](#)
- Click [this link to see who is registered](#)

2018 & 2019 J/109 North American Championship Host Clubs and Dates Selected

The J/109 Class is pleased to announce that the [2018 North American Championship](#) will be hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club – Larchmont, NY 10-14 October 2018, and the [2019 North American Championship](#) will be hosted by New Bedford Yacht Club – New Bedford, MA 20-24 August 2019. Our North American Championship will be a stand alone event for both of these. Bottom line – we received 9 quality proposals where any club responding could have hosted a quality event!

The Class asked J/109 Fleet Captains in the fall of 2016 to contact clubs in their respective areas and determine which might be interested in hosting the NAs. Those clubs identified were sent a [Regatta Expression of Interest](#) by the Class Secretary in December 2016. This document provided J/109 Class North American Championship expectations for all aspects (racing, social, logistics). Clubs that responded with “Interest” were eligible to proceed to the solicitation phase. The Class Secretary issued the [Request for Proposal](#) in January to eleven clubs. At the same time the J/109 Board was solicited to obtain volunteers who would assist evaluating proposals once received. Representatives from the following fleet areas agreed to evaluate proposals; New Jersey, Long Island Sound, New England & Maritimes. Proposals were received in early March from nine clubs from the following fleet areas: Texas & Gulf Coast, New England & Maritimes, and Long Island Sound. The evaluating committee reviewed each of the proposals individually and then shared their evaluation scores. A conference call was held to discuss the evaluations and reach consensus for selecting the 2018 and 2019 NA host clubs. There were no significant discrepancies in the scoring, thus fairly easy for the evaluators to reach consensus and pick the winners for 2018 and 2019.

The Class determined that those clubs that submitted proposals would be recognized by the class and consideration given to scheduling regional and local events at those clubs. Additionally, the Class is working toward scheduling a Midwinter Championship in late 2018 or early 2019 at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, TX. More information will be available as we work the planning for this event.

Class Rules interpretation on Bow Sprit extension, measurement technique and how to comply

The Class Measurer working with the Technical Committee has issued a measurement ruling regarding allowable bow sprit extension length. This was issued upon finding a wide variance across the fleet due to multiple configurations of sprit end caps, variances across different sprit manufacturers, and inconsistency on how the final assembly was done. The J/109 design specification lists a sprit extension of 65 inches. This measurement may be confirmed by extending the bow sprit to its maximum, then measuring from the front of the stem head fitting at the deck level to the front of the load bearing surface (e.g. front of U-Bolt, front of fixed low friction ring, or front of sprit if a loop is use to float a low friction ring). Should the dimension exceed 65 inches, a physical restraint such as a stop line, or mechanical stop must be installed to limit the extension. The Class Measurer has developed two measurement templates that provide "go/no-go" tolerance checks at events where measurement is required. Those boats found to be out of specification long will be required to install a mechanical stop. The measurement teams at the 2017 North American championship will have temporary wooden stops that may be taped against the existing stop on the sprit inside the v-berth for those boats found out of spec. Read more about this [topic on the J/109 forum](#).

Jib Car Purchase Adjustment Rules Change

Class members voted overwhelmingly to allow the class rules change with voting closed at noon 13 February 2017. The [proposed rule change posted on the forum](#) was brought by the Technical Committee to the Executive Board, with a ballot mailed to all eligible voting members on 13 January.

Background:

To obtain full advantage of the recently approved in hauling rule, it would be beneficial to increase the power ratio of the jib car adjusters to allow adjustments in medium/heavy air. JBoats have indicated that if the J/109 were designed recently it would be specified with a 6:1 adjustment and with in haulers. As an example, a very simple change to the existing class legal 4:1 adjusters is to add a 2:1 cascade between the forward turning block mounted on the track and the existing cleat, creating a 8:1 adjustment (not suitable for overlapping jibs). The system is not permitted to be

operated or rigged to the windward side. More information and pictures are available on the Class Forum.

The change adds this new new paragraph to the Class Rules effective 1 March 2017:

4.3.17 The maximum power ratio of the jib lead adjusters permitted is 8:1. This can be done by adding sheaves to existing tackle or, adding a 2:1 cascade to the existing 4:1 tackle. The jib lead adjustment line must use the existing cheek block and jib lead cleat on the same side as the jib car it adjusts.

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.

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

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