



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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The 2027 J/70 Midwinter Championship will be held as part of the Bacardi Invitational Regatta

The organizing authority (OA) is TwelveUSA, Inc. in conjunction with the USAJ/70 Class Association.

The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg-Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL, 33133.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 The current IJ70CA Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), I.5 (One-Pro Division) and I.10 (Mixed+ Division) will apply.
- 1.4 [NP] The current IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.5 The current IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70RR) will apply.
- 1.6 Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 88.2, Appendix R, The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1 will apply. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 NP means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that specific rule, this changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 Boats shall be in compliance with class rules except as they may be changed by this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or amendments.
- 1.10 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the SI.
- 1.11 The Organizing Authority (OA) may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event.
- 1.12 Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The ONB will be online at: https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50961

- 2.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on US VHF Marine Channels.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on a VHF radio channel to be specified in the sailing instructions.
- 2.4 From the first warning signal until the end of a boat's last race of the day, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in an emergency.
- 2.5 In order to communicate with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. QR code will be available at Check-In.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The sailing instructions will be available online on the ONB on March 18, 2027.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The 2027 J/70 Midwinter Championship, held as part of the Bacardi Invitational Regatta, is open to J/70 boats that conform to the J70CR
- 4.2 Entry for the **2027 J/70 Midwinter Championship / Bacardi Invitational Regatta** is available at: https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50961
- 4.3 Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.
- 4.4 Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge shall submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.
- 4.5 A maximum of fifty (50) boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The deadline for entry and payment is March 1, 2027
- 5.2 Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.
- 5.3 Storage fees are not included in the event entry fee. Storage arrangements and fees shall be handled separately in accordance with NOR 17
- 5.4 Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night Prize Giving dinner, happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$595

- 5.5 The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$100 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged by March 1, 2027. Entry fees will not be refunded after this date, unless the organizing authority decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 6.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided for all crew at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.
- 6.3 To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70TCR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).
- 6.4 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.
- 6.5 Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the protest committee

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats are required to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The 2027 J/70 Midwinter Championship will be conducted as part of the Bacardi Invitational Regatta.
- 8.2 The OA will organize and run the J/70 Midwinter Championship in accordance with the J70RR.
- 8.3 All boats will sail as one fleet.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

Wednesday, March 31, 2027

1000 -1800 Check-in @ SALM

1730 Skipper's Meeting @ SALM

Thursday, April 1, 2027

0900 Competitors briefing @ SALM

1030 First Warning Signal

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Friday, April 2, 2027

0900 Competitors briefing @ SALM

1030 First Warning Signal

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Saturday, April 3, 2027

0900 Competitors briefing @ SALM

1030 First Warning Signal

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM 1800

Dinner & Prize Giving @ SALM

Sunday, April 4, 2027

MANDATORY - All J/70 boats shall be removed from Shake-A-Leg Miami no later than Sunday, April 4, 2027. Boats may not remain at Shake-A-Leg Miami after this date.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 All boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.
- 10.2 [NP] Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6.
- 10.3 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the end of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.
- 10.4 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The sailing venue will be on Biscayne Bay, in the vicinity of Dinner Key Channel marker Fl G 2.5s 5M "1."

12. COURSES

- 12.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. A racing area chart and course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Penalty At The Time Of An Incident. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 13.2 A boat requests a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest desk a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
- 13.3 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of

- other than those of part 2 or RRS 2, 28, 31. Or SI 13.4.
- 13.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c).
- 13.5 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions
- 13.6 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Scoring shall be according to the Low Point Scoring System of RRS A2 and A4 as follows:
- 14.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 15.1 A support person agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on VHF channel to assist the race committee, if requested, and agrees to accept the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of The Rules.
- 15.2 All support and coach boats must register with the Organizing Authority (OA) by email prior to the regatta and comply with the Class Coach and Support Boat Rules (Attachment A). Storage and dock space at Shake-A-Leg Miami are not guaranteed for support boats, as priority will be given to competing sailboats. To register, support and coach boat operators must send an email to info@bacardiinvitational.com before the event, including the following information:
- Driver's name
 - Driver's mobile phone number
 - Boat make, model, and color
- 15.3 Failure to submit this information in advance may result in limited or denied access to the venue for storage or docking during the event.
- 15.4 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the warning signal of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of each day of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during this time unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in all boats associated with the infringing support persons being penalized without a previous written warning. This changes RRS 62.4.
- 15.5 Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.
- 15.6 Full support person/vessel rules will be given in the SIs.
- 15.7 Towing to and from the racecourse is not permitted.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the first warning signal of the event and will not be hauled- out until the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the principal race officer or protest committee.

17. LAUNCHING – BERTHING – HAULING – TRAILER STORAGE

- 17.1 Launching, berthing, hauling, and storage will be available at Shake-A-Leg Miami. Additional storage may be available at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the US Sailing Center.
- 17.2 Additional storage information will be available at www.bacardiinvitational.com. Each boat will be responsible for reserving and paying for its own storage. More details will be available in September. Competitors will receive an email notification once the storage arrangements are finalized and reservations can be made.
- 17.3 [NP] All J/70 boats, trailers, and associated equipment shall be removed from Shake-A-Leg Miami no later than Sunday, April 4, 2027. No boat, trailer, or equipment storage will be permitted at Shake-A-Leg Miami after this date. Competitors are responsible for making all necessary removal and/or relocation arrangements.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among others, these risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

19. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site at yachtscoring.com . When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the Organizing Authority, its officers, the protest committee, the technical committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1 A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$100,000/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please send to info@bacardiinvitational.com.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 J70 Midwinter Championship Overall prizes will be given for overall first, second, and third place.

- 21.2 J/70 Midwinter Championship Corinthian prizes will be given for overall first, second, and third place.
- 21.3 For each event, trophies will be awarded to the top Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 21.4 Additional prizes may be awarded.

22. CONDUCT

- 22.1 All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel, and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 22.2 Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel, and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shoreside activities.
- 22.3 Failure to comply with NOR 22.1 and 22.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

23. MEDIA RIGHTS

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

24. EVENT MANAGEMENT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini (sara@bacardiinvitational.com)
Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus (mwpincus@aol.com)
J/70 Class PRO: Mark Foster (mfoster@gmail.com)
J/70 Class Representative: Chris Howell (howell@j70office.com)

Additional information regarding the Bacardi Invitational Regatta, including shoreside activities and event communications, will be available at www.bacardiinvitational.com