

**Blue Jay Novice Regatta  
American Yacht Club  
Rye, New York  
Wednesday, July 14, 2004**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 and the 2004 Rules for JSA Events, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

### **2 Eligibility**

- 2.1 All competitors must comply with the eligibility rules of the JSA of LIS.
- 2.2 This regatta is for boats of the Blue Jay class.
- 2.3 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor or the program head of their member program.
- 2.4 This event is open to sailors who are novices in Blue Jay class racing as provided in the rules of JSA of LIS and represent programs in JSA Areas B and C.

### **3 Entry Requirements**

- 3.1 A completed entry form with entry fee of \$ 30 per sailor and \$10 per instructor.
- 3.2 A completed JSA Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form for each competitor.
- 3.3 The entry fee and all forms must be received by the Blue Jay Regatta Chairperson at American Yacht Club, Milton Point, Rye, New York 10580 no later than 1800 on Friday, July 9, 2004. One check, payable to American Yacht Club, must be drawn per club for all fees.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted if there is room. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson.

### **4 Registration and Sailing Instructions**

All skippers and crews must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Sailing instructions will be available before or during this time.

### **5 JSA Qualifying**

This event is not a qualifying event for the 2004 JSA Blue Jay Championship.

## **6 Changes to the Racing Rules**

- 6.1 Upon finishing each race, a boat intending to protest shall as soon as possible, without consultation with instructors or spectators, notify the race committee of her intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat. This adds to rule 61.1(a).
- 6.2 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (Appendix C of the 2004 Rules for JSA Events) shall be used for hearing protests. This changes Rule 63.

## **7 Schedule**

- 7.1 Five races are scheduled. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.

No warning signal will be made after 1700 on Wednesday, July 14.

- 7.2 The schedule of events on Wednesday, July 14 is as follows:

Registration	0830-0945	Main clubhouse
Instructors' Meeting	0945	AYC South Terrace
Contestants' Meeting	1000	Front lawn
Harbor Start	1030	
Lunch	Between races	On the water
Presentation of Awards	After racing	AYC South Terrace Lawn

- 7.3 Boats may be delivered to American Yacht Club after 1400 on Tuesday, July 13 and must be delivered by 0900 on Wednesday, July 14. Boats arriving by trailer should proceed to the dry sail area near the Junior American Yacht Club House. Boats arriving by water should request guest moorings in advance.

## **8 Equipment and Weight Requirements**

- 8.1 All boats must conform to their class rules and any applicable JSA safety or measurement rules. Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the protest committee at any time during the event.
- 8.2 Competitors will be required to weigh in during the registration period and to carry fresh water ballast if they do not meet the minimum weight requirements under JSA rules for Blue Jay Class racing.

## **9 Racing Area**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Bell 42.

## **10 Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply. A boat's worst race will be excluded, subject to rule 88.3(b), if at least four races are completed.

**11 Food and Drink**

Doughnuts, juice and water will be provided during registration. Lunch and water will be provided to competitors and registered instructors on the water. Snacks will be provided after racing. All of these are included in the entry fee.

**12 Discipline**

All junior sailors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The regatta organizer or protest committee may discipline and penalize a junior sailor for actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water; or
- b) stealing or borrowing without permission anything that does not belong to them; or
- c) possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

**13 Support Craft**

Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support craft equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor or other adult shall drive the support craft in accordance with JSA 9.4 (c) and (d) and shall check with the regatta organizers before the harbor start about safety patrol assignments and responsibilities. Spectator boats are welcome. Spectator and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing.

**14 Prizes**

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers.

14.2 Equal prizes will be awarded to crew and helmspersons.

**15 Responsibility for Safety**

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the American Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

**16 Web Site**

The Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available on the American Yacht Club web site at [www.Americanyc.com](http://www.Americanyc.com) and at [www.jsalis.org](http://www.jsalis.org).

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