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J/30 North American
Championship Regatta**

**AUGUST 24 - 27, 2023
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Welcome Back to Narragansett Bay Home of the J/30

The J/30 Class Southern New England District Association and the Bristol Yacht Club welcome the J/30 North American Championship Regatta back to the home waters of the J/30s. The race area in Narragansett Bay is ideal for our boats and has been host to many successful NAs. The boats were designed and built around these waters, and we are expecting another regatta that will do the designer and builders proud as well as creating another memorable event for the competitors.



Just up the Bay from Newport, RI, Bristol Yacht Club is in the hub of one of the most concentrated boat building and support areas in the country and focuses on hosting significant national events such as this regatta. The Club has been preparing to support the J/30 North American Championship Regatta both on the water and off. Plans include a Friday BBQ and a Saturday lobster dinner along with some special guests of interest to the fleet.

We hope you enjoy a safe and successful regatta.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rotsky".

Mark Rotsky
Regatta Chairman and J/30 Class Southern New England District Governor



Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 24

0930 -1700 Registration & Measurement

1730 Skippers Meeting

Saturday, August 26

1100 Racing

1800 Dinner

Friday, August 25

1100 Racing

1800 Dinner

Sunday, August 27

1100 Racing

1600 Awards Presentation

Welcome to the Bristol Yacht Club

Dear J/30 Sailors:

Welcome to the Bristol Yacht Club, Bristol Harbor, and Narragansett Bay! We are delighted to have you here because this is what we do at BYC. We promote sailing, sailboat racing, the camaraderie of our sport and good fun. We have a long history of hosting regattas, and this year you are our premiere event.

Please join me in thanking the host committee and all the volunteers for putting together a great event. The planning for this regatta began more than a year ago and all details have been covered, including having our friends at Pivotal Brewing brew a special beer for the event!

Sail fast and have fun!

Joe Whelan, Bristol Yacht Club Commodore



Since 1883, Bristol Yacht Club has fostered and encouraged world-class sailboat racing in Bristol Harbor, Narragansett Bay and around the globe.

Competitors

Vessel	Sail Number	Skipper	Yacht Club
Heat 'er Up	259	Ryan Scudder	Hyannis YC
Nemesis	435	Mark Rotsky	Bristol YC
Special Sauce	470	Garrett Wafler	Constitution YC
Blue Meanie	485	Steve Buzbee	Raritan YC
Jeroboam	496	Ken Deyett	Beverly YC
Blue Jacket	517	Sumner Parker	Raritan YC
One Love	526	Jamie Gregory	Eastport YC
Good News	22978	John Cavanagh	Narragansett Terrace YC
Zepher 2.0	26245	Dave Erwin	New Orleans YC



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WE ARE PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE 2023 J/30 NATIONAL SAILING RACES HOSTED BY THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB. TEAM BLOUNT WISHES ALL COMPETITORS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL THE VERY BEST OF SUCCESS.

Sailing Instructions

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

1. RULES

The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change(s) to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Please note that this rule may be changed in the event of a postponement ashore, as noted below.
- 2.2 In the event that there is a postponement ashore, a change in the sailing instructions may also be made by the display of code flag “L” from the BYC flagpole, the posting of the change on the notice board at least 15 minutes before AP is lowered, and a radio announcement of the change on channel 71 when AP is lowered.
- 2.3 In the event that oral changes are required on the water, the RC will display code flag “L”, make radio announcements, and make every effort to see that all boats are informed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be on the porch of the Bristol Yacht Club. If possible, there will also be courtesy announcements made on the event website.
- 3.2 Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Radio channel 71 while on the water. Competitors shall monitor this channel.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole, located at the head of the BYC dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

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Shore Side Coordinator: Kathy Rotsky | 201.310.6233 | heintz0057@hotmail.com

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	24 August	1000-1820 1730 1830	Class Measurement, Registration & Crew Weigh-in Skipper's meeting All boats must be inspected and afloat
Friday	25 August	0800-0900 1100 1800	Crew weigh-in Warning Signal for first race of the day After racing Competitors' dinner
Saturday	26 August	1100 1800	Warning Signal for first race of the day After racing Competitors' dinner
Sunday	27 August	1100 1330	Warning Signal for first race of the day No warning Signal after this time. After racing Awards party at BYC

5.2 Races will be started according to RRS 26. The Race Committee will provide an attention signal (a series of short horn signals) approximately one minute before the warning signal for each start.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a J/30 logo on it.

7 RACING AREA

RC will rendezvous at 1000 each morning in the vicinity of government mark GR "OL" Bell, which marks Ohio Ledge, WNW of the northern point of Poppasquash Neck. See Figure 2.

8 COURSES

8.1 The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are shown in Figure 1.



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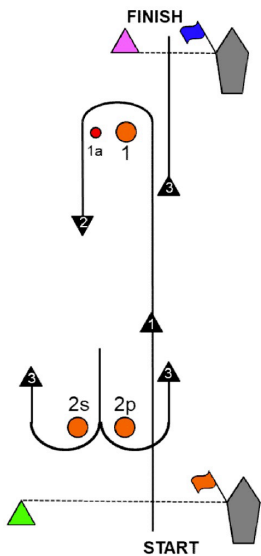
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J/30 North American Championship Course Diagrams (Figure 1)

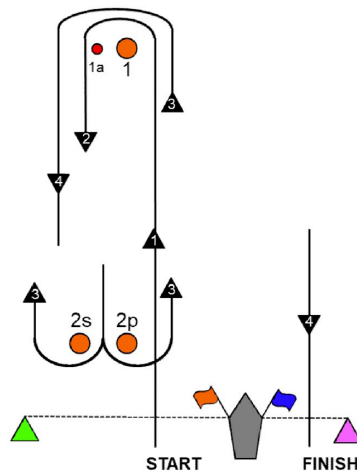


COURSE "WA2"

START - 1-1a - 2p/2s - FINISH

COURSE "W2"

START - 1 - 2p/2s - FINISH

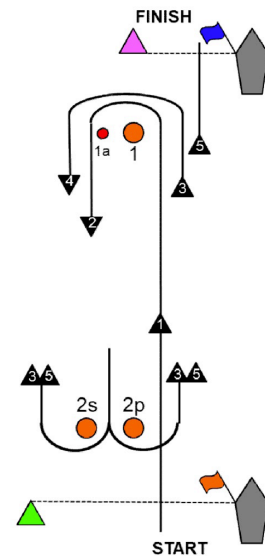


COURSE "LA2"

START - 1-1a - 2p/2s - 1-1a - FINISH

COURSE "L2"

START - 1 - 2p/2s - 1 - FINISH



COURSE "WA3"

START - 1-1a - 2p/2s - 1-1a - 2p/2s - FINISH

COURSE "W3"

START - 1 - 2p/2s - 1 - 2p/2s - FINISH

- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the RC Signal Vessel opposite the start line.
- 8.3 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	4-foot Green Cone or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Cylinder (Weather Mark)
1a	3-foot Red Cylinder (Weather Offset Mark)
2p/2s	5-foot Orange Cylinders (Leeward Mark/Gate)
Change for 1	4-foot Yellow Tetrahedron
Finishing	5.5-foot Red Tetrahedron

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel or the course side of a green cone at the port end.
- 10.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. An RC failure to hail a boat's number, a boat's failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



10.3 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the red tetrahedron finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat passes Mark 1 within forty-five (45) minutes after the Warning Signal.

13.2 The race time limit for the first boat to finish is one hundred-twenty (120) minutes.

13.3 After the race time limit has expired, boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes, without subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

13.4 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat in her class that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.

14.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1, Penalty At The Time Of An Incident, shall apply.

14.3 Protests and Requests for Redress may be submitted either in person at the protest desk at the Bristol Yacht Club, or via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

14.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time.

14.5 The Protest Committee will post a schedule of hearings on the official notice board within 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF



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**Race Committee
Monitors
VHF 71**

channel 71 and shall include the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number, and is not valid until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

- 15.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 15.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain any advantage;
 - (b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
 - (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

The official t-shirt for the 2023 J/30 North American Championship Regatta features a custom design of a J/30 close hauled racing.



15.4 [NP]The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 15.2 and/or 15.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

16 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

[DP] A request for the substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be submitted in writing at the first reasonable opportunity after the need is identified, and must be approved in writing by either the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or the Chief Judge (CJ).

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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 regatta.

17.2 A boat shall not have any of her underwater portions cleaned from the Preparatory Signal of the first race through the end of the regatta.

18 ENVIRONMENT

[DP]This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. There will be refilling stations aboard all the RC boats, and competitors are encouraged to use them.



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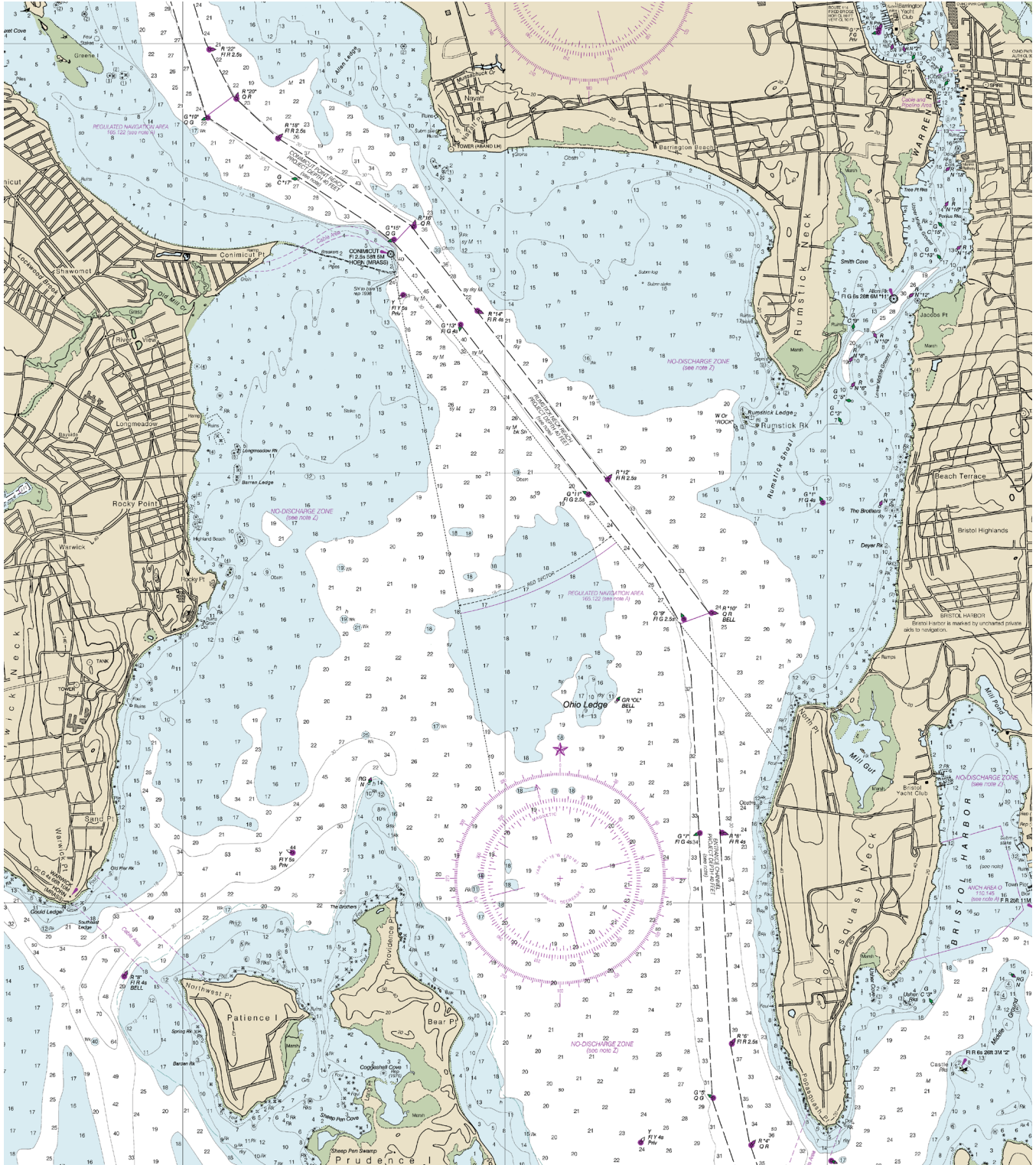
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Race Area

Figure 2



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Bristol Yacht Club Services and Hours of Operation

Welcome to Bristol Yacht Club! While visiting for the J/30 North American Championship Regatta, please enjoy our free launch service to our docks, grounds and newly renovated Clubhouse ... and to downtown Bristol with its many restaurants, shops and historic treasures.

You are welcome to tie up dockside to take on water and purchase ice or to use our launch or dinghy dock to access our outdoor bathrooms and showers (open 24x7), and our playground, gas BBQ, and picnic areas.

Our Clubhouse, which was completely updated in 2019, offers a relaxing bar, lounge, and a porch overlooking the Harbor. Guests are also welcome to relax in the circle of Adirondack chairs by our fire pit or use the bathroom and shower facilities located on the second floor of the BYC Clubhouse.

Clubhouse

Daily 8 am - 9 pm

Launch

Thursday – 8 am to 9 pm

Friday & Saturday – 8 am to 10 pm

Sunday – 8 am to 9 pm

Chart Room (Bar)

Thursday – 4 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday – 4 pm to 10 pm

Saturday/Sunday – 3 pm to 9 pm

Neptune's Beach Bar Coffee Shop

Saturday - 9 am to 11 am

Vic's Galley

Friday - 5 pm to 8 pm

Sunday - 4 pm - 7 pm (lighter fare)



While visiting the Bristol Yacht Club, stop by the Chart Room to enjoy a special beer created exclusively for the J/30 North American Championship Regatta by event sponsor Pivotal Brewing. Four Winds is a Saphir Pilsner (4.4% ABV) with hints of lemon peel, bread dough, and cracked pepper.

Meals During the Regatta

Breakfasts:

Complimentary coffee, juice, and pastry will be provided at the Clubhouse for all racers from 8 am - 9:30 am on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Lunches:

Racers will be provided with an opportunity to purchase lunches ahead of time from local sandwich shops. Orders will be delivered to the Club for pick up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am before boats depart for the start of racing at 11:00 am each day.

Dinners:

Racers are on their own for dinner on Thursday night. The Club launch service is available to take racers into Bristol's downtown where there are many local restaurants. On Friday night at 6:00 pm there will be a BBQ dinner, while on Saturday night at 6:00 pm there will be a lobster boil. Seven complimentary dinners are included in the registration fee for each boat. Additional dinners can be purchased for a fee. Friday night additional dinners can be purchase on site with no prior registration. Saturday night additional dinners must be purchased ahead of time. On Sunday afternoon, the Club's restaurant service will be open from 4 pm to 7 pm offering lighter fare and sandwiches.

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