



**10<sup>th</sup> North American Championship Regatta  
September 14-19 2004  
at Marion, Massachusetts**

**J/105 Fleet 14 and the Beverly Yacht Club invite you to participate in  
the 10<sup>th</sup> North American Championship Regatta at Marion**

We are delighted to invite J/105 crews to join us in Marion for the 2004 North American Championship Regatta. The Regatta will be raced in Buzzards Bay, home to great sailing, great round the buoy and distance racing, great wind, and the largest annual regatta in New England, the Buzzards Bay Regatta. In September, please join us on the Massachusetts Southcoast where village life and seafaring are still the way of life and where we always look forward to the next “five minute gun”.

## **NOTICE of RACE**

**RULES:** The current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the 2004 J/105 Association Class Rules (level A National Event) will govern this event. Properly fastened United States Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices *shall* be worn at all times while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothes. All required equipment and gear listed in Exhibit 7.3B, section II to the 2004 J/105 Association Class Rules *shall* be on board and in specified locations at all times. Participating boats must be in the water by 0900 Thursday, September 16, 2004 and must remain in the water for the entire regatta. Requests to haul out for extraordinary reasons must be submitted to the Class Measurer or his designee.

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authority for this regatta is J/105 Fleet 14 – Southern New England, as approved by the J/105 Class Association, and the Beverly Yacht Club (“BYC”).

**ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY:** The regatta is open to all deep draft J/105 class boats that have properly entered and registered with the organizing authority and are skippered by current J/105 class association members in accordance with level A requirements under J/105 Class rule 3.6. The captain of each J/105 entered for this event must provide a certification that his or her sloop complies with all requirements of Class Rule 6.4 – 6.10 and must provide a properly executed worksheet and certificate as set out in Exhibit 7.3B of the Class Rules, including certification of the boat weight provisions of Exhibit 7.3A (available at the class web site). All sails manufactured or delivered after January 1, 2001 must have class issued sail tags, and the captain of each J/105 entered for this event must provide and certify the sail tag numbers for all such sails.

- All boats are subject to measurement in accordance with the Class Rules.
- The Entry Fee is \$600.00 (US) to US SAILING (or other national sailing authority) members, \$660.00 to non-members. **The entry fee on or before July 1, 2004 is \$500.00 to US SAILING (or other national sailing authority) members, \$550.00 to non-members.**

- Applications for entry will be available at our website, [www.j105.org/fleet14/](http://www.j105.org/fleet14/) or from the “2004 NAC” pick on the class website homepage, [www.j105.org](http://www.j105.org), beginning January 12, 2004. Entries must be received by September 1, 2004.
- There will be additional costs for some social events.

### **SCHEDULE of EVENTS:**

- Measurement and rules compliance – as scheduled by the Class and Fleet measurers on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14, 15, 2004, Sippican Harbor, Marion. Measurement schedule will be posted on the official race notice board at BYC. All boats are subject to measurement. *If a boat fails measurement or rules compliance, that boat’s entry will be canceled by the organizing authority. See RRS 76.*
- Practice race, 1300 on Wednesday, September 15, 2004.
- Pick up information packets and Registration through 1600 on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at BYC.
- Skipper’s meeting and cocktails at BYC on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 1800.
- The first warning signal will be at 1100 each day, Thursday through Saturday and 1000 on Sunday.
- No first warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday, September 19, 2004.
- Prizes and awards, Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, one hour after last race, BYC.
- Social events will be scheduled each day and listed on the website and at BYC.

**SAILING AREA:** in the vicinity of the USCG Centerboard Shoals navigational buoy (N 41°39’45.9’’, W 070°43’35.5’’), Sippican Outer Harbor, Buzzards Bay.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Principal Race Officer (“PRO”) will communicate with regatta participants on VHF channel 72. The PRO will not, as a matter of course, respond to requests on VHF channel 72.

**WEATHER AND TIDE INFORMATION:** Real time weather is readily available from the Buzzards Bay Tower NOAA instrumentation (BUZM3). Tide and current information is best sourced for Bird Island Light or Sippican (Marion). *See* [www.saltwatertides.com](http://www.saltwatertides.com) on line.

**COURSES:** Generally, courses will be windward/leeward with 1.5-1.7nm legs.

**SCORING and PRIZES:** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Nine races are scheduled. North American Championship prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The organizing authority may award additional prizes.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be available at the Fleet 14 web site on and after July 1, 2004.

**LAUNCHING and HAULING and MOORINGS:** Complete marine services, including a discounted launching and hauling package will be available from Burr Bros Boats, Marion. [Contact John Kier at 508.748.0541]. Moorings and launch service will be available from Burr Bros. Boats and BYC.

**LODGING:** Marion is a small village without a hotel or inn. However, hotel lodging is readily available in Fairhaven less than twelve miles from Marion. Contact Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn in Fairhaven.

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