



February 24, 2026

Pursuant to the RRS 2025-2028 Rule 87 “Changes to Class Rules” *The notice of race or sailing instructions may change a class rule only when the class rules permit the change, or when written permission of the class association for the change is displayed on the official notice board.*”

In accordance with RRS Rule 87, permission is hereby granted by the J/105 Class Association for J/105 Fleet 20 to vary the J/105 Class Rules as described below. This permission is valid only when referenced in the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and when this authorization is posted on the event’s official notice board; posting may be satisfied by posting a link to the canonical Rule 87 authorization maintained at <https://cycseattle.org/fleets>, whether posted by the Organizing Authority or by J/105 Fleet 20.

Fleet 20 Season Championship Events

For the following events, all J/105 Class Rules shall apply, except as noted below. These events shall count toward the J/105 Fleet 20 Season Championship:

- Center Sound Series
- Tri-Island Series
- Race Week Bellingham
- Puget Sound Spring Regatta
- Pacific One-Design
- Grand Prix Series
- Round the County
- Puget Sound Sailing Championships
- J-Fest
- Swiftsure

Swiftsure Exception

For Swiftsure only, Fleet 20 is granted an exception to the Class Rule governing driver eligibility, such that an additional driver may be used during the event.

This exception is intended to support safe offshore operations and watch-standing and does not otherwise modify crew limits, safety requirements, or compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Seattle Sailing Club Instructor Exception

For events governed by this Rule 87 authorization, Seattle Sailing Club boats are granted an exemption from J/105 Class Rules 3.6 and 3.8, as approved by the Executive Committee, solely to permit one employee sailing instructor from the Seattle Sailing Club to be aboard for instructional purposes.

The Seattle Sailing Club instructor may act as the driver while aboard. This exemption:

- is limited to one Seattle Sailing Club employee instructor,
- applies only to Hulls #115, and #525
- is for instructional purposes only, and
- does not extend to additional professional sailors.

All other J/105 Class Rules shall apply.

J/105 North American Championship

The J/105 North American Championships shall be sailed in full compliance with all J/105 Class Rules. This event does not count toward the Fleet 20 Season Championship.

Non-Championship Events

For J/105 events that do not count toward the Fleet 20 Season Championship, the J/105 Class crew-weight limit is waived. All other applicable Class Rules shall remain in effect unless otherwise stated in the event NOR or SI.

This Rule 87 authorization shall remain in effect for the 2026 racing season unless otherwise withdrawn by the J/105 Class Association.

Sincerely,

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