

# THE KOI POND CLASSIC

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The Koi Pond Committee - Organizing Authority

June 17 – 18 (June 16 Clinic)

Bristol Yacht Club, Bristol, Rhode Island, USA

Long, long ago an aspiring sailor traveled to Newport in search of the purest form of sailing. To pay her way, she took up work at one of the famed Newport mansions. With her, she brought her prized Koi who she secretly fed and cared for after introducing them to the mansion's lily pond under the nose of the groundskeeper; unknowingly creating the first Koi Pond in North America. We digress..

After years of laboring at the mansion and sailing any chance she could get she had a realization one night while watching her Koi do their ceremonial circling in the pond – an aggressive pursuit tactic to establish dominance in the Pond. And just like that, after sneaking onto Weatherly disguised as crew, she infiltrated the afterguard and taught them the ways of the Koi leading to the longest winning streak in the history of our sport...

This regatta celebrates the spirit of the Koi: everything that got us into sailing to begin with and keeps us coming back for more. A weekend of sailing in its purest form. Intense battles, cutting commentary, and stories that'll be etched in your memory forever. **The last regatta you'll ever sail.**

## Notice of Race

*The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:*

*PC: Protest Committee or International Jury*

*NoR: Notice of Race*

*OA: Organising Authority*

*RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing*

*SI: Sailing Instruction*

*RC: Race Committee*

*TD: Technical Delegate*

*[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3*

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: The Prescriptions to Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
- 1.5 The event will not be graded with World Sailing.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available after 5pm ET on June 13 at [koipondclassic.com](http://koipondclassic.com).

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at [koipondclassic.com](http://koipondclassic.com).

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Bristol Yacht Club flag pole.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 8 skippers will be invited.

Skippers wishing to receive an invite may request one [here](#).

4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.

4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.

4.4 The skipper shall complete registration, pay the \$550 entry fee, arrange the damage deposit of \$500 prior to the first skippers meeting unless extended by the OA.

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### **5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500 per incident.

5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

#### **6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races

6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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6.5 There is no crew weight limit for this event.

## 7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide 8 J22 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be in Bristol Harbor.
- 7.8 (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on results in previous competition.
- (b) After the First Stage the following will apply:
- (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly, unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
  - (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
  - (3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
  - (4) Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
- (a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)
- (1) Each group /All skippers will sail a round robin.
  - (2) All skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
- (b) Second Stage - Knock-Out Quarterfinals
- (1) The first skipper of each series to score at least 2 points shall proceed to the semi-finals.
- (c) Third Stage – Fifth to Eighth Place
- (1) The losing quarter finalists shall sail for fifth to eighth places.
  - (2) In each series the first skipper to score at least one point will be the winner.
  - (3) The two winners in each series shall sail against each other for fifth and sixth places.
  - (4) The two losers in each series shall sail against each other for seventh and eighth places.
- (d) Fourth Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals
- (1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
  - (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least 2 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.

(e) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- (2) The first skipper to score at least 1 point shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

(f) Sixth Stage – Knock-Out Final

- (1) The first skipper to score at least 1 point shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

7.10 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages

## **8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

### 8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from Friday, 9am June 16<sup>th</sup>
- (b) Registration from date and time until 9am Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to 930am Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>
- (c) Clinic and Practice from date and time until Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 9am - 7pm.
- (d) First briefing at 930am Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>
- (e) First meeting with umpires at following the first briefing.
- (f) Racing days from Saturday and Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- (h) Time of the first race each day will be 1045am
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal on Sunday will be 4:30 PM.
- (i) Umpire debrief approximately 90 after the last race on Saturday.
- (j) Prize giving promptly following the end of racing.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

## **9 ADVERTISING**

9.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT**

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment] [or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON**

11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

11.3 The OA will not provide berths for support person vessels.

## **12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND**

- 12.1 If required by the OA:
- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
  - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
  - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

### 13 **RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. 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.**

**Competitors will be required to sign a waiver and release of liability prior to sailing the event.**

### 15 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the top three finishing teams.

### 16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Albert Nichols at: [Albertcnichols@gmail.com](mailto:Albertcnichols@gmail.com)