

## ***J/120 Key West Announcement***

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To: J/120 Owners

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### ***2005 J/120 Class Format at Key West***

Based on feedback from J/120 owners (who have previously and/or who are currently planning to sail in Key West), plus J Boats and Premiere Racing, we are pleased to confirm the following one-design format for Key West 2005: The J/120s will be sailing under Class Rules as posted at [www.sailingsource.com/j120class](http://www.sailingsource.com/j120class) with the following exceptions:

- 1) Crew Limit/Weight (Rule #7.1) – in lieu of the class weight and required weigh-in, the crew limit will be skipper plus 9 persons.
- 2) Roller furling (Rule #6.5) – is modified to permit only the blade jib to be full hoist. The large genoa must be attached to and operated on the standard furling system.
- 3) To reduce unnecessary wear and tear (and because most owners are not cruising to Key West) the dodger, main cabin table, the two hinged doors in the forepeak/ spinnaker area, and the aft cabin door may be removed for racing (Rule #5.1).
- 4) Other equipment – a reminder that the forepeak cushions are not required under the rules, but the swim ladder, emergency tiller, stove, v-berth platform (but no cushion), and main/aft cabin bunk cushions are required.
- 5) Helmsman Eligibility (Rule 3.3) – the “local J/120 Fleet” (which is empowered to approve any non-owner helmsman) shall mean the Key West registered J/120 owners as of December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Crew Eligibility (Rule #3.4) – as per previous J/120 ExCom documentation, a “sailing industry professional” is considered one who stands to benefit financially from winning with their products aboard (such as a sailmaker, instrument maker, keel fairing specialist, rigging specialist). Does not include most marine employed (i.e. Group 2) sailors.

Premiere Racing has been very supportive of the class and has provided three options for class racing: 1) With at least 10 boats sailing in one design configuration, Premiere will provide the class its own start. 2) With 6-9 J/120s and at least six J/109s or another one-design in similar speed range, Premiere will combine both classes for the start sequence only and then score separately. 3) In unlikely event that #1 or #2 are not achieved, Premiere will offer J/120 “sub-class” awards with at least 5 boats racing in the KW “class configuration” in a PHRF class.

Karen Yingling from J Concierge [karen@jconcierge.com](mailto:karen@jconcierge.com) will again be in Key West to help out owners with on site activities and logistics. J Boats will also be conducting a J/120 video/clinic wrap-up after one of the day’s racing. There are four J/120s already registered (go to [www.premiere-racing.com](http://www.premiere-racing.com)). Sign up as soon as possible to show class strength!

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