

# J70 Invite #1

U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
New London, CT  
March 21-22, 2026



## INFORMATION FOR COACHES AND COMPETITORS

Welcome to the 2026 J70 Invite #1. Please read the following information to supplement the Sailing Instructions. This is for your information only and will not take precedence over the previously mentioned official document.

### Arrival/Parking

- **All passengers travelling to the US Coast Guard Academy is required to have a REAL ID or passport to present to the guard at the front gate.** They do not always ask for everyone's IDs. But if they do and you don't have it you will likely be turned around. If you are driving, you must present a REAL ID.
- The 15 mph speed limit is strictly enforced on campus.
- Parking will be more difficult this year as there is a large construction project going on around the waterfront. Please find a spot along Eagle Drive, or over by the MCOE and be prepared to walk.

### Jacobs Rock

- Competitors, coaches and spectators are welcome to use Jacob's Rock. Please use the Causeway Circle, Silo, overhangs, locker rooms and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor deck for gear and team food. **PLEASE NO FOOD OR WET GEAR ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR.**
- Competitors are to use the bathrooms on the bottom floor **ONLY.**
- Competitors may not change under layers in public places. **Use the locker rooms.**
- **There is a water fountain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to fill water bottles.**

### Racing

- The Sailing Instructions will be posted online the week of the event.
- Depending on conditions we will either rotate on the water with rib assistance or off of our outermost dock.
- Rotations will take place every 3 races.

### Boat

- J70 Competitors
  - Sail bags, mainsail covers, fenders and dock lines will stay with boats, stored below.
  - All boats will be properly de-rigged and stored at the end of racing each day.
  - **Jibs shall only be furled at a beam reach or below angle whether racing or in between races. Care of the jibfurling system is paramount to prevent mishaps. If the jib is auto-unfurling, it is possible that you have your backstay on too tight, your jib fine-tune on too tight, or both.**
  - **Please only raise/lower your mainsail with the boat into the breeze. Our boltropes are incredibly tired.**
  - The backstay bridle shall not be adjusted but the backstay control line shall be used.

### Coaching

- Coaches shall be provided coach boat(s) or are welcome to coach from Jacobs Rock.