

J-CUP EUROPE 2026

J99 European Cup

Yacht Club of Cherbourg

18th to 20th June 2026

Cherbourg en Cotentin - France

Notice of Race (NoR)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by the **Yacht Club of Cherbourg**.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in this NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This Changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing., the prescriptions of French Sailing, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto, and the below specified Class Rules, where amended in accordance with RRS 87..
- 1.2 IRC Classes will race under the IRC Rating Rule.
- 1.3 Part.B, section II of the International Regulation for Preventing Collisions at Sea (RIPAM) when it replaces the RCV of chapter 2.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions shall be available online from the Yacht Club of Cherbourg website from Monday 15th June. <https://www.yc-cherbourg.com>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at
<https://www.yc-cherbourg.com>
- 3.2 [DP][NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 77

3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to make such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 61.1).

3.4 [DP][NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1

The regatta is open to all J Boats classes except J80 and J70 classes.

Class: Mixed IRC J Boat Classes J/109	Eligibility: Boats that comply with the J/109 Class Rules.
All J Boats	J Boats having an endorsed IRC certificate with a handicap of 0.960 or greater.
J 99	The race Committee may adjust the rating and impose a sail config- uration.

4.2 IRC entrants may be split into multiple classes based on rating at the discretion of the Race Committee. From 10 identical J Boats registered a specific class will be created.

4.3 All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Sailing Authority.

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available online at <https://www.yc-cherbourg.com>

up to and including the **1st June 2026**.

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

4.7 After **1st June 2026** late entries will only be accepted subject to the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees (including day of training, crews dinner and 2 nights berthing in Port Chantereyne) are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 1 st June 2026	Standard Fee
<i>IRC-J Boats</i>	<i>250€</i>	<i>300€</i>

[DP] ADVERTISING

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- 6.1 [DP][NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

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SCHEDULE

7.1

Registration and Training

Date	From	To
<i>18 th June 2026</i>	<i>9h00</i>	<i>19h00</i>

7.2

Dates of racing:

Date	<i>J 99</i>	<i>Other J boats Class</i>
<i>19th June 2026</i>	racing	racing
<i>20th June 2026</i>	racing	racing

7.3

The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race each day is *10h00*.

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On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after *16h00*.

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VENUE

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The regatta will be sailed in the waters of Cherbourg en Cotentin in the vicinity of Port Chantereyne Harbour.

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COURSES

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The courses will be Windward-Leeward and/or coastals courses. The course details will be subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions.

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PENALTY SYSTEM

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For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

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SCORING

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A minimum of 2 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.

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When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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BERTHING

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[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at Port Chantereyne in Cherbourg.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1** [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

15 DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1** At registration competitors and support persons will be requested to give consent to the following: Any personal information provided to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy which can be found at www.riyc.ie When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's, or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

- 15.2** By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or their parent or guardian) names or not. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors, the Organising Authority, and the Class Associations involved.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

16.2 No responsibility shall be accepted by the Yacht Club of Cherbourg, their directors, members, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, nor those officials or members connected with the Event, for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in this event.

17 [NP] INSURANCE

17.1 Each competing Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain Third Party Insurance Cover of not less than One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Euro (€1,250,000) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

18 PRIZES

18.1 The J Cup Europe will be awarded to the best performing boat in the event and will be presented to the winner of the class which, in the view of the organising committee, had the best performance of all the classes at the regatta.

18.2 For the J Cup Europe and European J99 Cup, prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in each class.

18.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact:

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