

# J/29 North American Championships

Aug 4-6, 2012

Discussions resumed with J/29 counterparts in the US with the intention of revisiting the possibility of a J/29 North American championship event being held at the Lunenburg Yacht Club in early August. We have received interest from 3 US teams to participate in the event at the "discussion" stage and hope that we will receive more interest once it is ratified by the Atlantic J/29 association and we can post a NOR. Your class presidents believe strongly that we need to take action to revitalize the class and promote participation. We are concerned that there is a negative trend in participation in all Atlantic J/29 regattas with the recent exception of Charlottetown. With a focus on high quality racing and exciting social events at regattas we hope to spur renewed interest which will bring participation from area boats who have decided not to race in recent years. A J/29 North American Championships in our own backyard may just do that!

## Proposed Format;

- Regatta will be run under the NA class rules with the following provisions
  - 1500 pound weight limit will be changed to 1600 pound weight limit. No weigh in at registration required however is recommended. This limit is enforceable by protest.
  - Boats will have the option to remove outboard motors or leave them on transom
  - All boats can race level or with the time allowances as stipulated in the NA class rules (TBD)

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- 3 Day regatta is recommended for the best possible event and to assist in soliciting US competitor participation
  - If time restraint is a concern we recommend that the class does not count the Wed of Race Week to allow for "Other commitments"
- Saturday evening party at Andreas's house put on by LYC and J/29 class association
- In discussions to have cottage rentals available in Lunenburg area for the event. We believe that the costs will be reasonable with early bookings.