



## 2016 J/Fest Regatta Selected as Narragansett Bay Qualifier for 2016 US Adult Championship



The 2016 [U.S. Adult Championship](#) for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy will be held October 12-16 at St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco, CA. The championship will be sailed in J/22s.

This year Narragansett Bay Yachting Association will select the winning J/22 team from the 2016 J/Fest, hosted by the Bristol Yacht Club and the J/22 Class, as NBYA's team to represent Narragansett Bay to compete for the Mallory Trophy. J/Fest will be held at Bristol Yacht Club August 11-12.

Up to 20 teams will participate in the Championship. Each Regional Sailing Association may submit one team's resume for consideration. If more than 20 resumes are received, they will be evaluated by US Sailing's selection committee and invitations will be extended by September 1st. If an NBYA team is selected to attend, NBYA will provide a \$2500 grant to the team to offset travel expenses.

Important information for NBYA teams:

- Teams of four sailors must come from NBYA clubs
- Sailors must turn at least 19 in the current calendar year
- All team members must be members of US Sailing and NBYA
- If the winning boat cannot attend, the second place team, then the third place team, will be offered the opportunity to represent NBYA
- If no J/22 team is able to attend, NBYA may offer this opportunity to teams in another class

Resumes will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 40% Sailor Criteria – number of major events sailed in the past three years, number of races in these events, number of attendees
- 20% – qualified through a regatta at the Regional Sailing Association level
- 20% Class Criteria – size, diversity, depth and activity of class they normally sail nationally
- 10% – sailors under 30 make up 25% of the team
- 10% – female sailors make up at least 25% of the team
- Bonus: Additional 10% if the helm is a woman

Time to register will be **very short** – J/Fest concludes on Sunday, August 12, and resumes are due August 15. Entry instructions and assistance will be provided to the team by NBYA immediately following selection.

Invited teams will be notified on or before September 1. Information on discounted flights and hotels will be provided for accepted teams.