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## J/44s TO RACE WITH ONE-DESIGN SAILS

NEW YORK, March 17, 1995 - The J/44 Class Association, Inc. has approved the purchase and use of one-design racing sails for use by the J/44 fleet. Under a plan announced today by Executive Director, Chip Barber, all J/44s racing in designated one-design regattas will use identical sails. The J/44 Class Association will own and manage the sails.

The Association's one-design sails will make their inaugural appearance in June at the Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race Week. Twelve J/44s are expected to be in attendance. Other regattas in which these sails will be used include; *Sailing World's* N.O.O.D Regattas, the PHRF New England Championships, American Yacht Club's Fall Series, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club's fall Series, *Yachting's* Key West Race Week, and other regattas in which J/44s race level.

Class Association President, Jim Bishop, Sr., stated, "One-design sails will help promote the J/44 fleet by helping to equalize the boats and by reducing the costs associated with racing". Bishop further noted that *all sailors* may benefit, as the owners in other one-design classes realize that great level-racing can be achieved without having to maintain an expensive inventory of racing sails.

This initiative is also expected to reduce the cost of racing in open/handicap events by reducing wear and tear on the owner's personal inventory of racing sails.

The sails, a mainsail and a 152 percent genoa, are being built to strict tolerances to ensure exact equality. Sails will be rotated between yachts at the end of each day's racing to further ensure parity and to help maintain equal wear in the inventory. Additional sails may be purchased in the future.

According to Chip Barber, the J/44 is the first large-boat class to purchase one-design racing sails. In the past, small boat classes have had success in

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### 1995 Schedule Announcements

#### CRUISING RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULED

The Class Association will sponsor a rendezvous on Narragansett Bay on August 12 and 13. J/44s will meet in an anchorage near Newport RI for this first ever non-racing family get-together. Owners will receive information and instructions in the mail.

#### NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1995 NAs will be held at Block Island Race Week. Racing will take place June 26-30.

