



2016 J/24 Great Lakes Championship
District 7 Championship
Sailing Instructions
July 16th and 17th 2016
Rochester Yacht Club, NY

RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *'rules'* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The exception described in rule 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in J-24 class rule 8.2.
- 1.3 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI) shall be submitted in writing at OYC registration area. The questions and any answers will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the OYC deck.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between a provision of the Sailing Instructions and a provision of the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will govern.
- 1.5 Class Rule 2.5.3 shall be modified to allow a Yacht to compete that is in the process of Measurement or has completed Yacht Measurement form D in lieu of a completed Measurement Certificate. A Measurement Certificate or Yacht Measurement Form Part D, and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment, Part C, shall be completed and available. Boats may be checked at any time during the regatta for compliance.

2 REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Eligible competitors shall complete registration with the Organizing Authority within the times specified in SI 6.1. Registration will take place at OYC registration area. To complete registration, competitors shall:
 - a) Pay all entry fees.
 - b) Provide proof of membership in the national J/24 Class Association as required in IJCA Regatta Standard "F".
 - 2.1.1 Provide Proof of \$300,000 Insurance as required in Notice of Race.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the jury and posted by 0830 hours on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1930 hours on the day before it will take effect, on the Official Notice Board, located on the outside wall, on the east side of the Yacht Club main floor.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Mast on the OYC deck.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal 'AP'. The earliest time of the warning signal may be posted on the Official Notice Board before 'AP' is lowered. This changes Race Signal 'AP'

5 COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 The race committee intends to use VHF 71 to broadcast information to the competitors while on the water.

6 SCHEDULE

15th July - Friday

All Day Launch

Available dock slips will be posted at the launch site for your convenience.

1500-1900

Check in/ Registration

16th July - Saturday

0700-0830

Late Registration Burgee Bar

0900

Skippers Briefing

0930

Harbor Signal

1030

First Warning First Race

1600

Last Possible warning signal for the day

17th July – Sunday

0900

Harbor Signal

0930

Racing, First Warning

1300

Last Possible Warning

ASAP

Post Race Awards

6.2 The starting sequence for the next race will begin as soon as practical after the last competitor has finished the preceding race.

7 COURSES

7.1 The racing area will be located approximately 0.5-1.5 miles ENE of the Summerville Pier entrance.

7.2 The courses will be WINDWARD/LEEWARD with 4 or 5 legs as diagrammed in Figure 1. An offset mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 75 meters to port of Mark 1. Both Mark 1 and the Offset Mark shall be rounded to port. Mark 3 will be a gate consisting of two marks. Boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and then round Mark 3 to port or Mark 3a to starboard. Marks 3 and 3a are *not* marks of the course on the 1st leg.

7.3 The length of the course will be set for a target time of 60-80 minutes for each race. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). (Redress)

7.4 The approximate compass bearing from the center of the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed on the race committee signal boat before or with the Warning signal. Failure to display the compass bearing, will not be grounds for redress.

8 MARKS

8.1 Marks 1, 3, 3a, and the Starting Mark, will be an inflatable. The Offset Mark will be a ball.

8.2 Change mark(s), as provided in SI 12, will be an inflatable.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

9.2 The class flag for the J/24's will be a white flag with or without the J/24 logo on it.

9.3 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on a staff onboard the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end starting mark. See Figure 1, Course Diagrams.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 63,A4 and A5.

10 RECALLS

10.1 Individual recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.1 with the following condition: If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will, twice, attempt to broadcast her sail number or bow number or boat name on VHF Channel 71. The race committee will not alter the broadcast list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start. Failure to make an attempted broadcast or failure of a boat to hear the broadcast or failure of a boat to hear the broadcast and the timing and order of such broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS

11 STARTING PENALTIES

11.1 The race committee may notify competitors who have broken rule 30.3. Failure to hail boats that have broken Rule 30.3 will not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it may be a different color than the original mark. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 SCORING PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, as modified herein will apply. The penalty shall be 4 places. RRS 44.2, one turn and two turns penalty, deleted.

14.2 The boat accepting a scoring penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable), with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. This changes rule 44.3(a).

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 90 minutes.

15.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 to complete the first leg of the course within 45 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and be scored two points more than the last boat finishing, however no boat will receive a score worse than the number of points awarded a DSQ. This changes rule 35 and Appendix A.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag, with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, from a leg of the backstay adjuster. This changes rule 61.1(a).

16.2 Protest forms are available at the registration table. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks or the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later. This time shall be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Boats will be informed of protests against them by the race committee or jury by notices posted on the Official Notice Board. Such notices fulfill the requirements of rule 61.1(b).

16.4 A list of protests to be heard will be posted to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5 The jury will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt.

16.6 Breaches of SI 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest chairman so decides.

17 ARBITRATION

17.1 For protests in which a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. For protests for alleged infringements of rules other than those of Part 2, the Protest Chairman will determine whether an arbitration hearing will be held. This changes Part 5, section B, of the RRS.

17.2 Following the filing of a protest form in accordance with SI 16.2, one designated representative from each party, meeting the requirements of rule 63.3(a), shall appear before an arbitrator. Witnesses are not permitted. This changes rule 63.6.

17.3 After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator will give one of the following opinions:

17.3.1 There was no breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. If the protestor accepts this opinion, the protest shall be withdrawn and shall not be resubmitted.

17.3.2 There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 4 place penalty, or submitting the protest to the protest committee. If the 4 place penalty is accepted, the protest will be withdrawn and the hearing will not be reopened nor made the subject of a request for redress. This changes rules 60.1 and 66.

17.3.3 The protest should be submitted to the protest chairman.

18 SCORING

18.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will apply.

18.2 A minimum of one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 A boat's series score will be the sum of all her race scores, less one throwout, if 6 or more races are sailed.

19 SUBSTITUTION OF CREW & EQUIPMENT

19.1 There shall be no substitution of any registered crewmember without the prior written permission of the PRO.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Boats will not be permitted to use replacement sails displaying the sail number of another boat competing in the event, without Race Committee approval.

20 INSPECTION

20.1 Random inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with class rules.

21 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

21.1 A boat shall receive no outside assistance not available to all competitors, including verbal or any other form of communication with support boats, after leaving the harbor area for the first race of the day, until she returns to the harbor area after the last race of the day.

22 DOCKING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by 2200 hours on Friday, Aug. 9th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the PRO.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

23.1 Underwater breathing apparatus (except mask and snorkel) and plastic pools (or their equivalent) shall not be used during the regatta.

24 CAREENING

24.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 SAIL NUMBERS

26.1 There shall be no change of sail numbers without the written permission of the jury.

27 PRIZES

27.1 Skipper and crew awards will be presented to the top 5 J-24 finishers.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.