

2016 VYC SAILFEST: J-24 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 23-24, 2016

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- 1 **RULES** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the J-24 Class Rules, except as any of the above are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2 **ENTRIES** Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the Ventura Yacht Club, including all required fees, before 0900 hours on Saturday July 23. **Competitors are encouraged to register online prior to race day. Simply go online to www.venturayachtclub.org and follow the links to Regatta Network. It's easy!**
- 3 **MANDATORY WEIGH-IN FOR CREW MEMBERS** All skippers and crews must be weighed in on the Ventura Yacht Club downstairs patio between 0800 hours and 0850 hours on Saturday July 23. If skippers plan crew changes for Sunday, they must arrange Sunday weigh-ins.
- 4 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the Ventura Yacht Club downstairs patio.
- 5 **SKIPPER'S MEETING** The Skippers' Meeting will be held in the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse at 0900 hours on Saturday July 23.
- 6 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be announced at the skippers meeting. Oral instructions from the Race Committee (R/C) on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the committee boat.
- 7 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 8 **SCHEDULE OF RACES** The warning signal for the first race on Saturday July 23 is scheduled for approximately 10 minutes after the start of the PHRF classes which will commence racing at 1200 hours. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday July 24 is scheduled for 1155 hours. Subsequent races for the J-24 class on Saturday July 23 and Sunday July 24 to follow as time and weather allows.
- 9 **CLASS FLAG** The class flag for the J-24 class will be Red.
- 10 **RACING AREA** The racing will commence from a **starting line located approximately one-half mile south of the Ventura Harbor R2 whistle buoy.**
- 11 **THE COURSES**
 - 11.1 The course diagram and course descriptions for the J-24 class are shown in Figure 1.
 - 11.2 Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled by displaying the number of the course from the R/C signal boat before or with the warning signal for each race.
 - 11.3 The approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the R/C signal boat no later than the warning signal.

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12 MARKS

- 12.1 The start/finish mark illustrated in Figure 1 will be an inflatable tetrahedron.
- 12.2 Marks labeled "W" and "L" illustrated in Figure 1 below will be inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 12.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 16, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be tetrahedrons with a black band.

13 **CHECK IN BEFORE THE START** After the R/C signal boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal for the first race each day of racing, each boat shall check in either by VHF channel 69 or by sailing close hauled on starboard tack, close by the R/C signal boat, and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the R/C. A boat failing to do so shall receive a 20% scoring penalty for that race without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS Rule 44.3[c]. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 and A5.

14 THE START

- 14.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26.
- 14.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an orange tetrahedron at the port end.
- 14.3 **STAND OFF MARK.** A float may be trailed off the stern of the R/C signal boat. For the purposes of RRS Rule 31 any such float is part of the R/C signal boat.
- 14.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other races.
- 14.5 There will be a courtesy signal (multiple sounds) one minute prior to the beginning of the start sequence.
- 14.6 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

15 RECALLS

- 15.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts on VHF channel 69.
- 15.2 The following shall not be grounds for redress [this changes RRS Rule 62.1(a)]:
 - A) Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 - B) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 - C) Failure of the R/C to hail or broadcast numbers.
- 15.3 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2.

16 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** To change the next leg of the course, the R/C will lay a new mark (tetrahedron with a black band) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

17 **RETIREMENT** A boat that retires from a race after checking in shall notify the R/C on VHF channel 69 as soon as possible before leaving the racing area or, when that is impossible, notify the Ventura Yacht Club by phone (805-642-0426) or immediately upon arriving ashore.

18 **THE FINISH** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at one end of the line and the course side of a tetrahedron at the other end of the line.

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19 TIME LIMIT

- 19.1 If no boat has rounded the windward mark within 60 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).
- 19.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.

20 BOAT INSPECTION The R/C reserves the right to inspect any participating boat for compliance with safety equipment or class requirements, and to disqualify nonconforming boats.

21 PROTESTS

- 21.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Ventura Yacht Club office and shall be delivered to the Ventura Yacht Club office within 45 minutes after the time the R/C signal boat docks.
- 21.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Protest Notice Board on the downstairs patio as they are filed. It is the responsibility of each skipper lodging a protest to present himself or herself, and any witnesses, at the jury room when the protest is to be heard.

22 SCORING The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply, except that each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races completed. However, if at least six races are completed, the boat's worst score will be excluded. Eight (8) races are planned, of which two (2) races shall be completed to constitute the regatta.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION The R/C will monitor VHF channel 69.

24 CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 24.1 Any crew substitution requires prior written permission of the R/C, which will be given only in exceptional cases.
- 24.2 Requests for crew substitution shall be made in writing through the R/C, not later than 2 hours before the warning signal, but in case of emergency may be granted retroactively after that time.
- 24.3 Crew substitution approvals from the R/C will be in writing and posted on the regatta Notice Board.

25 HAUL-OUT AND CAREENING RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the Principal Race Officer; but in the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.
- 25.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth. Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used.

26 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

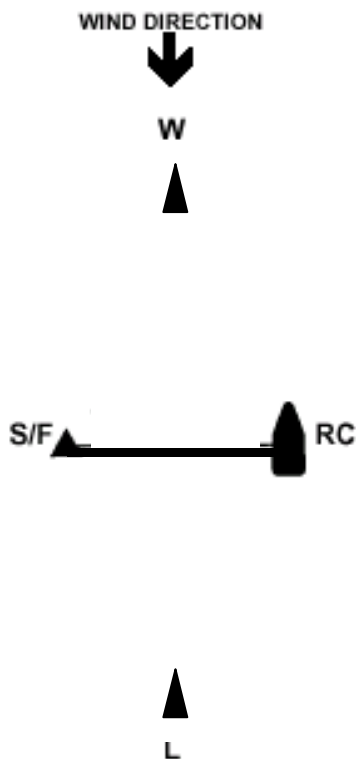
- 26.1 All boats shall carry the safety equipment specified in their class rules.
- 26.2 When encountering boats that are not racing, competitors are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

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Figure 1.

J-24 COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE #	COURSE	FINISH
1	S W L W F	Downwind
2	S W L W L W F	Downwind
3	S W L F	Upwind
4	S W L W L F	Upwind

NOTES:

1. All marks shall be left to port.
2. The start/finish line is not restricted.
3. Course diagram is not to scale.