

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 Surfin' Safari

Corpus Christi Yacht Club

March 24-25, 2018

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as published by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and amended by the 2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions, the 2018 Notice of Circuit for the J/24 Texas Circuit and the current International J/24 Class Rules (IJCA).
- 1.2 In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate. Any boat without a valid Measurement Certificate may race in the Regatta with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the Regatta.
- 1.3 All boat must also carry aboard while racing the boat's current Measurement Certificate (unless waived) and completed *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rules B.3. This *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* form is the sole responsibility of each owner or helmsman and does not require a class measurer to complete.
- 1.4 Bow numbers assigned to each boat pursuant to the J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta.
- 1.5 RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:
 - C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."
 - C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.
- 1.6 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the regatta office located 98 Coopers Alley Corpus Christi, TX 78401. The questions and answers will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at CCYC-Upstairs on the Upper Deck.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change in these Sailing Instructions must be approved beforehand by the race committee and, when relating to Class or Texas Circuit Rules, the USJCA District 14 Governor ("Governor") or designated Texas Circuit Representative.
- 3.2 Approved changes will be posted not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the Competitor's briefing or 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, whichever is latest.

- 3.3 Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before the change is to take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CCYC Flag Pole.
- 4.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than thirty (30) minutes” in RRS ‘Race Signals’.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. Schedule of racing is as follows:

Saturday, March 24, 2018	1030 hours	First Gun; additional races to follow; there may be as many as four (4) races
Sunday, March 25, 2018	0930 hours	First Gun; remaining races to follow

- 5.2 If three (3) or more races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as two (2) races on Sunday. If two (2) or less races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1700 on Saturday, March 24, 2018 and after 1330 on Sunday, March 25, 2018

6. Class Flag

The J/24 Class Flag displayed will be a pink flag.

7. Checking In, Checking Out

- 7.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying Flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat’s bow number. Boats failing to check-in shall receive a penalty as indicated in SI 15.7.
- 7.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The course will be windward/leeward, with a leeward gate design. Attachment “A” diagrams the course, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each rounding Mark is to be left. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset Mark will be placed at a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 200 feet from Mark 1. Conditions permitting, Mark 1 will be approximately 0.8 to 1.0 nautical mile from the starting line. Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two (2) marks, 2p and 2s. Boats must pass through the gate and then round 2p to port or 2s to starboard. Conditions permitting, the distance between 2p and 2s will be approximately 150 feet. The intended course will be a total of five (5) legs. The distance between Mark 1 and the Offset Mark is not considered a leg of the course.
- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed from the designated race committee boat before or with the warning signal.

9. Marks

- 9.1 Mark 1 and Mark 2 (gates) will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The starting mark and finishing mark will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 The Offset Mark will be orange Hippity-hop.
- 9.4 A new Mark used in accordance with RRS 33, CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, will be Yellow Tetrahedron.
- 9.5 Mark 1 is the finishing mark.
- 9.6 The gate closest to the designated race committee boat displaying an orange flag is the starting mark.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The race committee may announce the imminent start of a sequence with an announcement on VHF Channel 71 and may or may not count down before the warning signal, preparatory signal, or starting signal. Failure to make or to receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the designated race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after the starting signal will be scored “DID NOT START” (DNS) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11. Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the race committee may attempt to broadcast the sail number or bow number of each recalled boat on VHF Channel 71.
- 11.2 If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line one (1) minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal.
- 11.3 Failure of a boat to receive any recall broadcast, failure of the race committee to broadcast recall numbers, order of a boat’s position in the sequence of a broadcast, and/or the promptness of the broadcast by the race committee shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

12. The Finish

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

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within forty-five (45) minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2 If no boat has finished within two (2) hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified or get redress) within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one (1). This modifies RRS 35, A3, A4.1 and A4.2.

14. Scoring

14.1 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2018 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

14.2 No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

15. Penalty System

15.1 The 20% Scoring Penalty, as provided in RRS 44.3 as modified herein, will apply to boats that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2. The One-turn penalty as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.

15.2 RRS 44.3(a) is modified such that the boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I acceptable), and the flag shall have a hoist of at least than 150mm and a fly of at least than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

15.3 RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying 20% against the number of boats competing in the regatta and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

15.4 In addition to informing the race committee at the finish line as required by RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall also submit a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the incident to the arbitrator or a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.

15.5 After-Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) as modified herein. However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) shall apply.

15.6 A boat accepting a 40% After-Race Scoring Penalty shall deliver to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee, prior to the beginning of a hearing, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the race number and where the incident occurred.

15.7 A boat failing to comply with SI 7.1 will receive a scoring penalty of 20% in the next race without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5.

16. Protests

16.1 Protests shall be in accordance with RRS 61, as modified herein.

16.2 RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

16.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be written using protest forms available from a representative of the protest committee located at the front desk of CCYC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the protest committee representative within the Protest Time Limit.

16.4 The Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3. The race committee's docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.5 Notices of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located upstairs at CCYC in the library as soon as practical after a protest has been filed.

16.6 The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

17. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the protest committee. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

18. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

18.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time a boat is launched and the end of the regatta.

18.2 Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.

18.3 The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

19. Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

19.1 Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, the crew must consist of a minimum of three (3) people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400 kg (882 lbs.). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitution requires written permission of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

19.2 Pursuant to Class Rule A.10.2(b), damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. Requests for sail replacement shall be made to the District 14 Governor designated Texas Circuit Representative at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.

19.3 Any requests and replies to crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.4 Any boat whose sail number does not match their hull number may race in the regatta upon prior approval of the race officials by posting a request on the Official Notice Board.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJCA Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

21. Awards

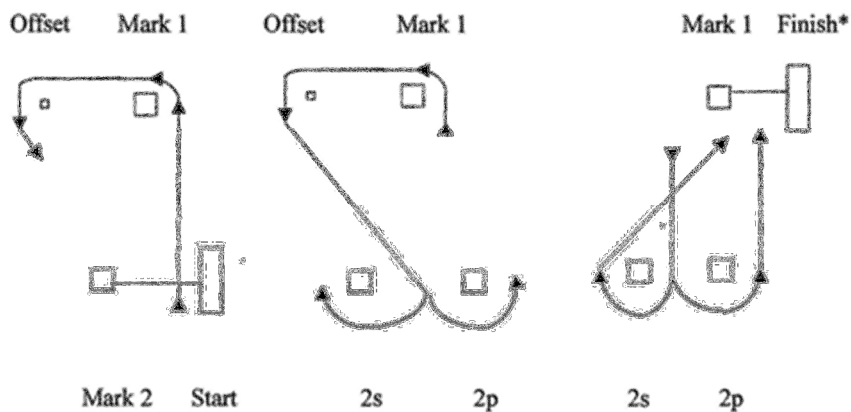
Overall standing awards will be presented to a minimum of the top 3 finishing boats.

22. Texas Circuit Representative

For this regatta, Mark W. Smith is designated to be the Texas Circuit Representative by the District 14 Governor.

Attachment A

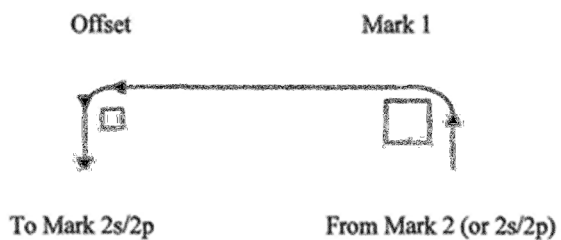
Winward/Leeward with a Leeward Gate Course Diagram



Intended course to be sailed is Start to Mark 1, Offset, Mark 2 (Gate), Mark 1, Offset, Mark 2 (Gate), then to Finish).

*Intended position of Race Committee Finishing boat shown.

Conditions permitting, the distance between 2p and 2s will be approximately 150 feet.



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