



Ventura Yacht Club
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Sailing Instructions Rev 1, 8/15
Sailfest August 24th & 25th 2019



1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The J 24 Class shall be governed by the current J 24 Class Rules.
- 1.3. Entrants are required to comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (SER)
- 1.4. The following prescriptions of the USS SER have been modified for this event. This event is rated as Nearshore.
 - 1.4.1. USS SER 2.4.4 is in effect and modified to require lifelines even if they are not uncoated Stainless Steel.
 - 1.4.2. USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift (non GPS) magnetic compasses with mounted brackets as long as they are tethered so the device may not be lost overboard.
 - 1.4.3. USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is modified to allow a handheld waterproof VHF or a handheld VHF with a waterproof cover. DSC/GPS capability is not required.
 - 1.4.4. USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level (90's and earlier boats).
- 1.5. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. **RRS 4**
- 1.6. **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.
- 1.7. **HAUL-OUT AND CAREENING RESTRICTIONS**
 - 1.7.1. No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the Principal Race Officer or jury; but in the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.
 - 1.7.2. 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

2. Notice to Competitors and Changes to the SI

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board located inside the downstairs patio.
- 2.2. Any changes to the SI will be posted by 0930 on the day it takes effect. Oral instructions from the RC on station will be displayed using Code Flag L on the RC boat.

3. Signals made ashore

- 3.1. Signals will be hoisted on the VYC Main flag pole or to one of the side arms accompanied by an audible signal.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. Skippers meeting will be 0900 Saturday August 24th.
- 4.2. The warning signal for the J 24 Class first race on Saturday is scheduled for approximately 1155 hrs. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday is scheduled for 1155 hrs. Subsequent races for the J-24 class on Saturday and Sunday are to follow as time and weather allows
- 4.3. Eight races are planned but not limited to.
- 4.4. No warning signal for races will be given on Sunday after 3:30 PM.
- 4.5. Two races must be sailed to constitute a regatta.

5. Class Flags

- 5.1. J 24 Class flag shall be Purple unless a change is made at the skippers meeting.

6. Race Area

- 6.1. The Start/Finish Line will be located approximately one-half mile south of the Ventura Harbor R2 whistle buoy.
- 6.2. Marks will be Yellow or Orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 6.3. When the course to the next mark is changed, the new mark will be a tetrahedron with a black band.
- 6.4. Racers are requested to check in as soon as the RC signals that they are on station by sailing past and hailing or by using VHF channel 69.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. The course diagram and course descriptions are shown in Figure 1.
- 7.2. Mark L will be approximately 0.1 nm upwind from the S/F line.
- 7.3. Distances from the S/F line to the W marks may vary depending on the conditions.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the R/C signal boat no later than the warning signal.

8. The Start

- 8.1. Races shall be started using **RRS 26**.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a tetrahedron at the port end.
- 8.3. As a courtesy, the RC will sound a series of horns 1 minute before the start sequence.
- 8.4. **STAND OFF MARK**. A float may be trailed off the stern of the R/C signal boat. For the purposes of **RRS 31** any such float is considered part of the R/C signal boat.
- 8.5. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes **RRS A4 and A5**
- 8.6. The RC will use VHF Channel 69.
- 8.7. Recalls
 - 8.7.1. The RC is not responsible for hailing boats OCS. The RC shall as a courtesy attempt to hail boats that are OCS.

9. Finish Line

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between 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.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. The 2 turn Penalty **RRS 44.2** applies.

11. Time Limit

- 11.1. 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)**
- 11.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes **RRS 35, A4; A5**.

12. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 12.1. Protest shall be filed on a form available at VYC or online.
- 12.2. Protest shall be filed with the RC within 45 minutes of the R/C Boat signal docking.
- 12.3. These items are not grounds for granting redress.
 - 12.3.1. Failure of a boat to hear a recall hail or broadcast.
 - 12.3.2. A boat's position in the sequence of the recall hail or broadcast.
 - 12.3.3. Failure of the RC to hail or broadcast a recalled boat's number.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. RRS Low Point Scoring, Appendix A, will apply.
- 13.2. If at least six races are completed, the boat's worst score will be excluded

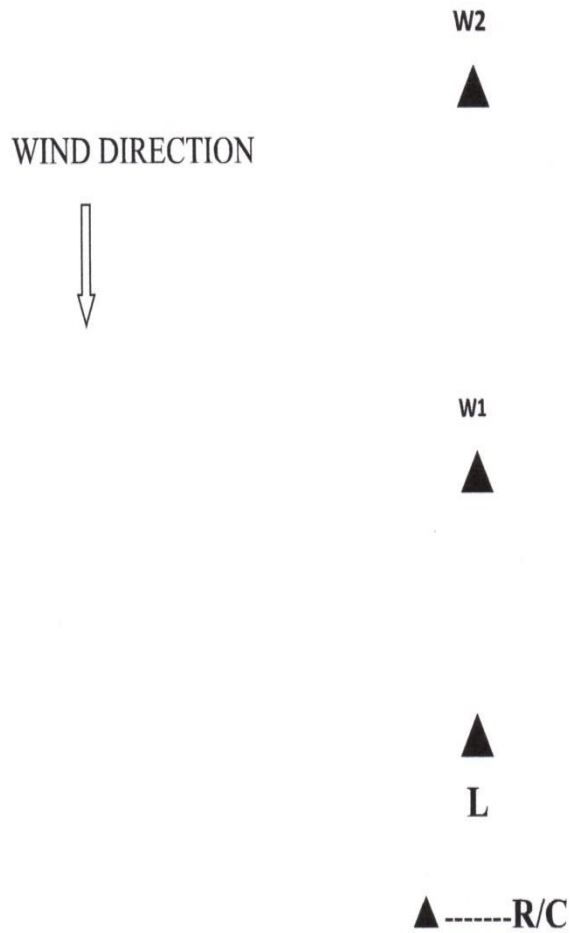
14. Safety Regulations

- 14.1. All Owners, Skippers or Charters shall be responsible for following all US Coast Guard safety regulations and the Safety Equipment Requirements of the National Authority or Class Association unless otherwise modified in these Instructions.
- 14.2. A boat that retires prior to the finish of the day's racing and does not intend to continue, shall radio the RC on VHF Channel 69 or call the VYC Office at 1-805-642-0426
- 14.3. A minimum of 2 people on board is required to race.
- 14.4. The RC may require all participants to wear PFD's by flying the Code Flag Y, **RRS 40**
- 14.5. Each participating boat will have 3rd party insurance. Documentation must be provided upon request.

15. Post-Race and Trophies

- 15.1. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the Sunday's racing.
- 15.2. Refreshments are available at VYC after each day of racing. All skippers, crew and guests are welcome.

Figure 1. Couse Diagram and Course Information



- All marks shall be left to Port.
- Distances may vary based on conditions.

1	S - W1 - F
2	S - W2 - F
3	S - W1 - L - W1 - F
4	S - W2 - L - W2 - F
5	S - W2 - L - W1 - F
6	S - W1 - L - W1 - L - W1 - F
7	S - W2 - L - W2 - L - W1 - F