



# Sailing Instructions

## 2011 J120 & IRC South Beach Invitational Regatta

### July 16 & 17, 2011

### South Beach Yacht Club



#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012* (RRS). The J 120 Fleet will be sailing under J 120 Fleet Five rules, and for the IRC Fleet, the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2, and 3 shall apply.
- 1.2. All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device while racing. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3. Add new rule, A4.3. "A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take an, "After Race Scoring Penalty" (ASRP) after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty of 30% of the starters in that race, and per RRS 44.3(c). However, if she caused injury, serious damage or gained significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire. If a protestee chooses to take an ARSP, the protestor may then agree to withdraw the protest. If the protestor does not, a protest committee must hear the protest.

#### 2. ENTRY FEES

- 2.1. Entry fees are as follows: \$90 if received by July 14, 2010; \$125 if received after July 14, 2010.
- 2.2. Late registration will be held on-site on Saturday, July 16 between 0930 and 1030.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Official notices will be posted on the windows by the south door of South Beach Yacht Club.
- 3.2. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1130 on the day they are to take effect.
- 3.3. Competitors should monitor VHF Channel 78 for on the water communications with the Race Committee.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the deck of South Beach Yacht Club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1. A Competitors meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21 at 1100 hours in the SBYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers after the racing on Sunday, August 22 in the South Beach Yacht Club Clubhouse between 30 minutes and one hour after the conclusion of the scoring of the Regatta.
- 5.3. Five races are scheduled in the series as follows (all courses will be Windward/Leeward courses):

Race No.	Race Day	Time of Warning Signal
1	Saturday	1300 Hours
2	Saturday	Immediately after race #1
3	Saturday	Immediately after race #2 (time permitting)
4	Sunday	1300 Hours
5	Sunday	Immediately after race #4 (time permitting)

#### 5.4. CLASS FLAG (IN STARTING ORDER)

Class	Flag
IRC	Alpha ("A")
J120	Juliet ("J"), or white J-120 class flag



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**4. RACING AREA**

- 4.1. The race will be sailed in the South Bay Waters of San Francisco Bay located in the general area east of South Beach Harbor and around Anchorage 9.

**5. THE COURSE**

- 5.1. The marks courses and rounding are described in Appendix "A", MARKS AND CHARTLET, COURSES AND ROUNDING ORDER. Code and course flag(s) will be displayed from a staff on the Race Committee boat.
- 5.2. All rounding marks are to be passed to Port. Both windward (Mark W) and leeward (Mark L) rounding marks shall be an inflatable orange tetrahedron buoy. The windward offset mark (Mark O) shall be a small round orange mark that is roughly 2 feet in diameter, or an inflatable orange tetrahedron buoy.

**6. THE START AND FINISH LINES**

- 6.1. The start line and finish line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an large inflatable yellow round buoy (Mark S). The lines will be set to leeward of Mark L. The Race Committee may set a separate finish line on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the start line.

**7. TIME LIMITS**

- 7.1. The time limit for each race is 3 hours.
- 7.2. A boat starting, but not finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat to finish in any race will be scored DNF by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 7.3. A boat must start within five (5) minutes of the start signal for her to be scored in that race.

**8. SCORING**

- 8.1. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) must completed to constitute a series.

**9. PROTESTS**

- 9.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at South Beach Yacht Club from the Race Committee and shall be delivered to a Race Committee Representative within one hour after the Race Committee Boat returns to the dock. The Race Committee Boat's return time shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at South Beach Yacht Club.
- 9.2. The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at the South Beach Yacht Club within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. It is each boats responsibility to check the Regatta Notice Board to see if they are a party to a protest or redress hearing. This shall serve as proper notification per RRS 63.2.
- 9.3. For all protests involving a rule of, 'Part 2 - When Boats Meet' or RRS 31, and after a Protest Form has been properly filed, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the scheduled protest hearing. (Refer to Sailing Instruction 10, ARBITRATION.) This changes RRS 63.1
- 9.4. Prior to a protest hearing the party who filed the protest may make a (binding) verbal request to a PC or RC Representative that the protest be withdrawn. Once a protest has been withdrawn, it can not be reopened, appealed or redressed.



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**10. ARBITRATION**

- 10.1. The arbitrator may not be a member of the Race Committee, but may be a member of the Protest Committee.
- 10.2. When available, *Parties* to a protest involving a rule of, 'Part 2 - When Boats Meet' or RRS 31 shall participate in an arbitration hearing per Sailing Instruction 9.3 (above). One designated representative from each *party* shall testify before an arbitrator.
- 10.3. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 10.4. After hearing testimony from each representative, the arbitrator shall offer ONE of the following opinions:
  - 10.4.1. That the Protest Committee would find that the protest was invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - 10.4.2. That the Protest Committee would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - 10.4.3. That the Protest Committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. The Arbitrator will then offer each boat(s) the option to accept an After Race Scoring Penalty (ASRP) or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - 10.4.4. That a protest hearing is appropriate.
- 10.5. The Protest Committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an ASRP will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.
- 10.6. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes RRS 63.1

**11. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND/OR INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS**

- 11.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the commercial vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage of violated USCG Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by vessel traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to seven (7) days after the conclusion of the Regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 11.2. The South Beach Yacht Club and the South Beach Yacht Club Race Committee shall cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other governmental authority.

**12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1. Boats and competitors compete in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the South Beach Yacht Club, J-120 Fleet 5, the IRC Fleet and/or any of their collective agents or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.



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## APPENDIX A

### MARKS AND CHARTLET

### COURSES AND ROUNDING ORDER



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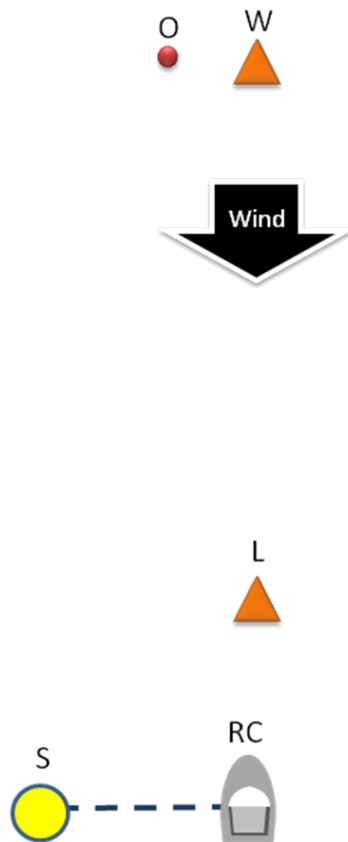


FIGURE 1, COURSE LAYOUT

### Courses and Rounding Order

Course	START	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FINISH	FINISH DIR.
1	S	W	O								F	DOWNWIND
2	S	W	O	L	W	O					F	DOWNWIND
3	S	W	O	L	W	O	L	W	O		F	DOWNWIND