



2015 J/24 CHANGING OF THE COLORS REGATTA

October 1 – 4, 2015

THE LAKE GEORGE CLUB

Lake Shore Drive, Route 9N Diamond Point, NY 12824
USJCA District 7, Fleet 24

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NEW LGPC REGULATIONS: ALL BOATS MUST BE INSPECTED FOR INVASIVE SPECIES AT LGC BEFORE LAUNCHING! See the NOR for details on LGC inspection times and procedures. If you chose to have your boat inspected before arrival at LGC, visit: WWW.LGBoatInspections.com for locations and hours of operation.

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2013–2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation; the Prescriptions of US Sailing; the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association; the Notice of Race (except as altered by these Sailing Instructions); and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
2. RRS 42.3(b) is deleted and replaced by Rule 8.2 of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) Class Rules: Restrictions When Racing.
3. Rule 2.5.3 of the IJCA Class Rules, which requires a Measurement Certificate, shall be waived. However, in lieu of, Yacht Measurement Form Part D and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment shall be completed and available to verify.
4. This regatta is designated a Category “C” event with restrictions as defined in Rule 2.6.1 of the IJCA Class Rules.
5. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
6. Crew substitution is allowed. This changes the J24 class rule 5.3

2. ENTRIES

1. J/24 Class boats—as defined by the IJCA—may enter. Owners and helmspersons must meet Class membership requirements. All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.
2. Bow numbers—determined by the order of receipt of entries—will be furnished to each competitor at the registration desk. The numbers shall be affixed on both port and starboard sides of the bow no further than 4” down from the rail and 8” back from the leading edge of the bow.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board. After registration on Friday the board will be located at the club’s main entrance.
2. Any questions concerning these Sailing Instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee Chairman in the office. The question and any answer will be posted on the official regatta notice board.

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4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in these Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee Chairman and posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 2100 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat located in the harbor adjacent to the club.
2. When flag AP is displayed ashore with two sounds, means, "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be no earlier than 25 minutes after AP is lowered (with one sound). This changes RRS Race Signals.
3. Before races each day the Race Committee flag is hoisted with one sound, will be the Harbor Signal, signifying not less than 25 minutes until the Warning Signal for the first race.
4. After races each day, a red flag hoisted and one sound signal means "Protest Time has begun." When lowered with one sound, it means, "Protest Time has ended."

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The actual number of races and start times are at the discretion of the Race Committee PRO. However, up to eight (8) races are planned as follows:

Friday, September 26th

Skippers meeting, LGC steps: 1200

Harbor signal, LGC harbor: 1230

Warning signal, Race 1: 1300

An attention signal (see Sailing Instruction 10.1) for subsequent races will be made as soon as possible after the last finish of the previous race.

Saturday, September 27th

Skippers meeting, LGC steps: 0830

Harbor signal, LGC harbor: 0900

Warning signal, race 1: 0930

An attention signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as possible after the last finish of the previous race.

Sunday, September 28th

Harbor signal, LGC harbor: 0900

Warning signal, race 1: 0930

An attention signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as possible after the last finish of the previous race.

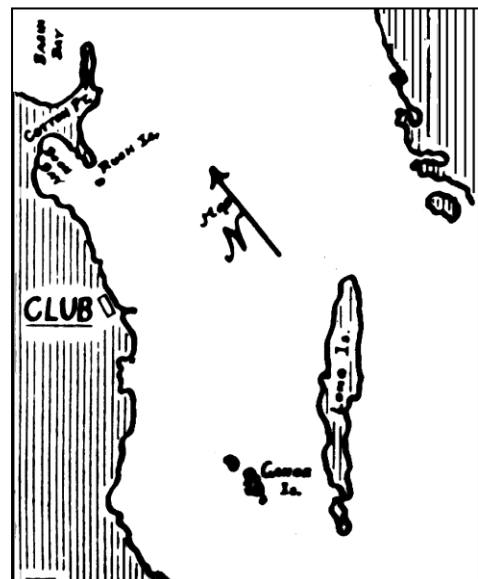
No warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area is shown on the chart at right.

8. THE COURSE

The courses will be "I5," "W4" or "W5". The diagrams and text in Attachment A describe the courses and marks, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. A course may be longer or shorter (e.g. "I3", or "W3") if displayed by the Race Committee Boat before the Warning Signal. An offset mark will be placed approximately at a right angle to the windward leg, approximately 200' from Mark 1. The Race Committee will determine the distance from the starting line, and from Mark 1 to Mark 2. **No later than the Warning signal or, when Sailing Instruction 10.1 applies the Attention Signal, the Race Committee Boat will display on a white board the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg from Race Committee Boat. This changes RRS 27.1.**



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9. MARKS

1. Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. The **offset mark** to the port side of Mark 1 will be a **smaller** orange inflatable mark.
2. If when a leeward gate is part of the course and one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded, leaving it to port.
3. A moved or new windward mark, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12, CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START, will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. If the moved or new windward mark is subsequently changed, the original orange tetrahedron mark will be used.
4. The starting and finishing line and finishing marks are described in Sailing Instructions 10, THE START, and 13, THE FINISH.

10. THE START

1. A yellow flag will signify that the Race Committee Boat has arrived on station at the starting line. The yellow flag will be lowered not less than one minute prior to the Warning Signal.
2. Before the Warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
3. Races will be started using RRS 26.
4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end mark. The port end mark will be an oblong yellow "West Marine" inflatable buoy.
5. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.
6. The class flag used in accordance with RRS 26 will be a white flag with a blue J/24 insignia.

11. RECALLS

1. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the bow numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start on VHF Channel 72. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
2. Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast or the timing and order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) in a new position in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not then be in position. If the new mark is a windward mark, no offset mark will be used. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark, no offset.

13. THE FINISH

1. A blue flag will signify that Race Committee Boat is on station at the finish line.
2. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end.
3. The **Finishing Mark** will be a small orange mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

1. If no boat passes Mark 1 within one hour of the start of the race or, the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours, the race will be abandoned.
2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored one more point than the finishing position of the last boat to finish within the time limit, without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

15. WIND STRENGTH

Races will not start if the sustained wind strength is 30 knots or higher.

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16. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee Boat as soon as possible.

17. PROTESTS

1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, as modified herein.
 - a. RRS 44.3(a) is changed such that codes flag 'I' is an acceptable alternative to the yellow flag. The flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
 - c. The Race Committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF radio. Mediation will be used prior to hearings for protests involving RRS Part 2.
 - d. There will be a 10% scoring penalty for hitting a mark. All other infractions will receive a 20% scoring penalty.
2. Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Protest Form available at the club's front office and lodged there within the one hour Protest Time; see SIs 5.4. Protest Time will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
3. Protest notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board within 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.
4. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.
5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 19, 20, 21 will not be grounds for a redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

18. PROTESTS BY RACE COMMITTEE

1. If the Race Committee observes a rule violation, such as OCS, failure to properly round a mark, touching a mark, etc., the Race Committee will complete a protest form for each incident, making sure the protest form (a) specifically identifies the Race Committee member who was a witness, (b) the race number and the specific leg of the race, (c) the course for that race, and (d) the proposed penalty.
2. Those protest forms will be presented to the Protest Committee within one hour of the commencement of the protest period (1 hour after the committee boat signals back on shore).
3. Within 1.5 hours after the protest period begins (30 minutes after close of the protest period), the Protest Committee will post the specific boats that have been protested by the Race Committee, with the nature of the infraction alleged. Any boat wishing to challenge the action of the Race Committee is required to submit its own counter-protest form within one hour, i.e., within 2.5 hours of the commencement of the protest period.
4. A hearing will be held for any boat protesting the determination of the Race Committee. In the hearing, the determination of the Race Committee will be presumed correct, although that presumption will be rebuttable, and the Protest Committee can reject the finding of the Race Committee upon a proper showing by the protested boat. The Race Committee member observing the violation may have to be called as a witness if facts are disputed.
5. In the event a boat, which has been notified of a protest by the Race Committee, does not file a counter-protest, the factual determination of the Race Committee will be accepted, with the Protest Committee determining the appropriate penalty (usually DNS, DNF or DSQ).

19. SCORING

1. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.
2. Up to eight races may be held.
3. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a regatta.
4. If fewer than five races have been completed, a boat/s series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat/s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY / INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (See also the Notice of Race)

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). J/24 Fleet 24 and The Lake George Club and their officers, members, staff, and volunteers, and any other affiliated organization or official, including the Town of Bolton, and the State of New York and their departments and agencies ("Race Organizers"), will not be responsible for, and participants hereby release them from, any claim, cause of action or liability for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after this regatta on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. Each participating boat shall be required to present proof at registration that boat is insured with valid third-party liability insurance in an amount of at least \$100,000/\$300,000.

21. WASTE DISPOSAL

Because we wish to preserve the drinking water quality of Lake George, the disposal or discharge of waste, human or otherwise, is illegal and will be considered misconduct under RRS 69, in addition to fines and/or penalties as prescribed by the Lake George Park Commission, Warren County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Competitors are accordingly required to hold any waste and discard of it in proper containers at the Club. Before launching a boat in Lake George, competitors are required to drain all water and wash the hull and all underwater surfaces to remove any foreign organisms, particularly Zebra Mussels, Asian Clams, and Eurasian Water milfoil. Also, be sure that sails are clean and dry. Inspections and purging may be required by Race Organizers prior to launching any boat, or participating in any race.

22. HAUL-OUTS

1. No boat shall be hauled out nor her rudder removed during the regatta without prior written permission of the Race Committee Chairman.
2. Assigned bow numbers designates the order of haul-outs at the end of the regatta.
3. Trailers will not be moved from their assigned parking spots to either the club hoist or Yankee Marina until instructed to do so by the Regatta Chairman or his assignee.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to

- 1st – 5th place, helmsman & crew (6th – 10th place, helmsman recognition)
- "Changing of the Colors Fleet Trophy" (awarded to the top visiting fleet)
- "Best Local Boat Trophy" (awarded to the top finisher of Fleet 24)
- "Mid-Fleet" award
- **North Sails** "Best Family Boat" award (2 or more on boat)
- **North Sails** "Most Improved During Regatta" award
- **North Sails** "Best Female Helm" award

Attachment A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

“ I 5 ” = “I” Start, Mark 1+offset, Mark 2 gate, Mark 1+offset, Mark 2 gate, Upwind Finish in the middle between Finishing Mark and RC

“ W 4 ”= “W” Start, Mark 1+offset, Mark 2 gate, Mark 1+offset, Downwind Finish between RC and Finishing Mark.

“ W 5 ” = “W” Start, Mark 1+offset, Mark 2 gate, Mark 1+offset, Mark 2 gate, Upwind Finish between Finishing Mark and RC.

All Marks shall be left to port, except when there are leeward gate marks, boats shall sail between the marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

MARK DESCRIPTIONS:

