

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 Allstate Sugar Bowl J/30 North American Championship

October 19-22, 2017

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB

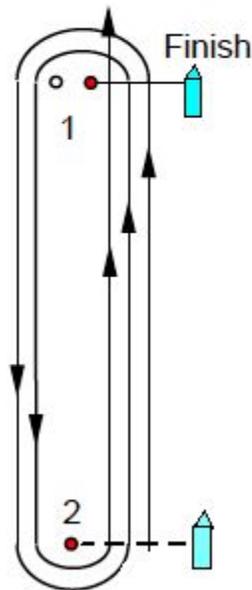
1. **JURISDICTION:** New Orleans Yacht Club - 403 N Roadway St. - New Orleans, LA 70124-1639
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noyc.org
2. **RULES**
 1. This regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions of US Sailing, J30 Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.
 2. J/30 Class Rule (CR) 5.14.1, Sailing Weight, the requirement for hull draft marks is waived; sailing weight may be determined by measurement.
 3. The sail numbers on all sails on a boat must be the same as the mainsail number unless obtaining prior written approval of the race committee. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1 and the US Sailing Prescription to RRS Appendix G2.
 4. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention to her class rules.
 5. RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is replaced by, "If there is a conflict between any rule and a rule in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions and any amendments shall take precedence."

3. **ENTRIES** - All registration, inspection and measurement requirements, except crew weigh in, shall be completed by 1900 Thursday 19 October 2017, unless the race committee grants an extension. All crew must weigh in before racing.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the 2nd floor of the NOYC clubhouse inside the harbor doors.
5. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the NOYC dry storage area.
 1. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in RRS Race Signal AP. The warning signal may be made earlier if all boats eligible to race have checked in.
 2. Flag L over numeral pennant "#" with one sound signal means: "Notice to competitors number #" has been posted."
 3. Flag L over flag B with one sound signal means a request for redress has been filed. Lowering with one sound signal means the end of the sign up period and the beginning of redress hearings.
7. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
 1. There will be a mandatory skippers meeting 1900 19 October 2017.
 2. Three races per day are scheduled on Friday and Saturday, one race on Sunday. Races not completed on Friday or Saturday will be added to the following day's schedule. No more than three races will be sailed per day. Races not completed on Sunday will not be sailed.
 3. The race committee will leave NOYC @1000 each day. The committee will display flag L and proceed to the starting area.
 4. The warning signal for the first race of each day will be made at 1100.
 5. Flag R will be displayed at the finish line if another race will be sailed. Flag R will be lowered with a sound signal one minute before the warning signal for next race.
 6. No starting signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday.
8. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in Lake Pontchartrain off the entrance of the Municipal Yacht Harbor.

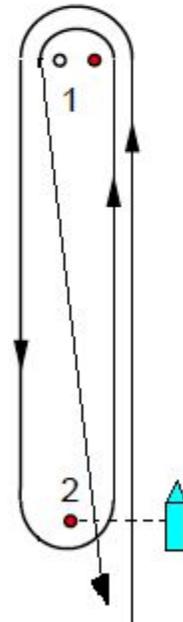
9. **COURSES** - The courses will be as shown in the diagrams and description below.

W2¹/₂

W2



Start



Start/Finish

1. No later than the warning signal a whiteboard on the stern of the r/c boat will indicate the course to be sailed. The approximate distance between the leeward and windward mark will be shown below. The approximate magnetic bearing to the wather mark will be displayed on a separate "digital" sign board adjacent to the course board.
2. For all courses an offset mark will be set 5 – 10 boat lengths to port of the weather mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the windward mark only shall be rounded to port.
3. For any downwind leg the leeward mark will be a gate. If only one of the gate marks is in place it shall be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

1. Original marks will be orange cylinders except the offset which will be an orange ball.
2. New marks when used in accordance with RRS 33 will be yellow cylinders. When a new mark is replaced in a subsequent change, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. **CHECK-IN** - Before a boat's first race of each day each boat shall pass the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee.

12. **THE START**

1. The class flag will be a J/30 flag.
2. The starting line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
3. A committee boat which is also a starting mark may set a limit mark. A boat which touches either the limit mark or the committee boat or passes between them shall be considered to have touched the starting mark. The boat shall treat both the limit mark and the committee boat as a single starting mark for purposes of RRS 31.1 (Touching a Mark) and RRS 28.1 (Sailing the Course). No other requirements of RRS 31 or 28 are modified by this paragraph.
4. The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting their sail numbers over VHF Channel 72. Failure to hear or receive such transmission, or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

13. **FINISH**

1. The finishing line will be between the staff of the orange flag displayed on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark designated by the posted course.
2. If the race committee intends to run another race on the same day, it will display flag R (yellow cross on a red field) with no sound signal while boats are finishing.

14. **TIME LIMITS**

1. The race committee will abandon a race if no boat has rounded the first mark within 40 minutes after the start.
2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is two hours.
3. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue shape with a long sound signal when the 30 minute period expires. This changes RRS 35.

15. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - The Turns Penalties of RRS 44.1 shall apply. RRS 44.1 is changed by adding: "A boat breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 may take a penalty after the incident and prior to the start of a protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c). However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire."

16. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

1. RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding: "A boat displaying a red flag and intending to protest shall inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing by hail until acknowledged. The hail should include the sail

or bow number of the protested boat. Hails on VHF channel 72 are acceptable.”

2. The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest forms are available at the front desk of the NOYC clubhouse. The end of protest time and a list of protest notifications received by the race committee on the water will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of 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 committee room in the NOYC clubhouse as soon as possible, approximately in the order received.
4. If requests for redress are received, they will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible and flag L over flag B displayed. When the signal is lowered the protest period is over and redress hearing(s) will be started.

17. ARBITRATION

1. An arbitration meeting will be scheduled prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, unless the incident is deemed inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. Unless all parties to a protest are represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No additional witnesses will be permitted at the arbitration.
2. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
 - a. The protest committee would find the protest to be invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - b. The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - c. The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. The arbitrator would offer each of those boats the option to accept an After-Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - d. A protest hearing is appropriate.
3. RRS 63.1 is changed by adding “The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.”

18. SCORING

1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply, except that each boat’s series score will be the sum of her race scores for all races (This changes A2.1).
2. One completed race shall constitute a series.
3. RRS 44.3(c) is changed by adding: The boat’s Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered, but not less than four places.”

4. Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5 and A11.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."
2. Boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 13, 16 and 72.
3. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW - Class Rule 6.7, Crew Weight Limit, is modified by adding "In addition to meeting the crew weight limit, boats must sail with the same number of crew in each race. Only crew substitutions declared by name and sailing date at registration will be permitted. Exception may be made in case of illness, accident or other special circumstance upon written approval of the race committee.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL - A boat shall dispose of all refuse in a proper manner upon returning to shore. Discharging refuse overboard may be grounds for disqualification.

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to terms of prior written consent of the race committee.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

1. A boat may not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF channel 13, 16 or with the race committee on VHF channel 72. While racing, a boat shall not receive ANY communication not available to all boats with the exception of those permitted by RRS 41(d). This restriction includes mobile telephones and internet.
2. The race committee may attempt to provide information on VHF channel 72 as a courtesy. In all cases race signals shall govern.

24. PRIZES - Prizes will be awarded to first through fifth overall and a trophy for the top all amateur skipper and crew.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.