

# Regatta Information and Sailing Instructions

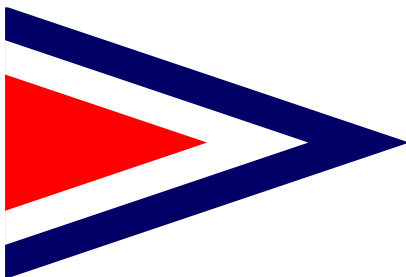
40th Annual J/24 Changing of the Colors Regatta

September 29 - October 30, 2018

The Lake George Club

Diamond Point, NY

USJCA District 7, Fleet 24



## **Welcome Sailors**

It is our privilege to welcome all those sailors participating in this the 40th Annual Changing of the Colors Regatta here on beautiful Lake George. For those of you who have attended before we know why you come back year after year. We are continually striving to improve our formula to attract sailors that are "stewards of the sport" along with the right mix of competitiveness, a warm and friendly social environment, and a venue that we believe delivers a premium product.

For those of you attending our regatta for the first time we hope that it meets all your expectations, and that when you arrive back home weary and exhausted you will wake up the next day and start planning your return next year.

To all participants a warm; Welcome! Bienvenue! Bienvenida!

We thank you for your dedication to this regatta, and more importantly, to the sport of sailing and the J/24 class.

Sail fast and good luck,

Fleet 24

## Regatta Schedule

### Friday, September 28th

0800-1900	LGPC Boat Inspection LGC Boat Yard
0800-1130	Check-in LGC Junior Club Room
0800-1130*	Launching LGC Hoist
1200-2000	Check-in LGC Junior Club Room
1200-2000	Launching LGC Hoist
1600	Welcome Party Grotto (Free Beer & Food)

### Saturday, September 29th

0730-0830	Breakfast Buffet (Cash) LGC Main Dining Room
0830	Skippers Meeting LGC Front Steps
0900	Harbor Signal LGC Harbor
0930	Warning Signal, Race 1 Starting Area
1600-1800	Post Racing Keg LGC Bar (Free)
1830-1930	Cocktails LGC Bar (Cash)
1930-2030	Regatta Dinner - LGC Main Dining Room (Cash/Check-Purchase tickets at check-in)
2030-2300	Entertainment/Dancing LGC Main Dining Room (all invited) & Cash Bar

### Sunday, October 30th

0730-0830	Breakfast Buffet (Cash) LGC Main Dining Room
0900	Harbor Signal LGC Harbor
0930	Warning Signal, Race 1 Starting Area No warning signal after 1300
1400-1600	Post Racing Keg LGC Bar (Free) & Lunch (Cash) immediately following racing LGC Main Dining Room
1500	Awards Presentation ASAP LGC Main Dining Room



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**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](http://WWW.LGBoatInspections.com) for locations and hours of operation.

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2017–2020 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; and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 This regatta is designated a Category "C" event with restrictions as defined in Rule 2.6.1 of the IJCA Class Rules.  
Crew substitution is allowed. This changes the J24 class rule 5.3

### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 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.  
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

- 3.1 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.  
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.

### 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

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat located in the harbor adjacent to the club.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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. Races are planned as follows:

#### Saturday, September 29th

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 30th

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.

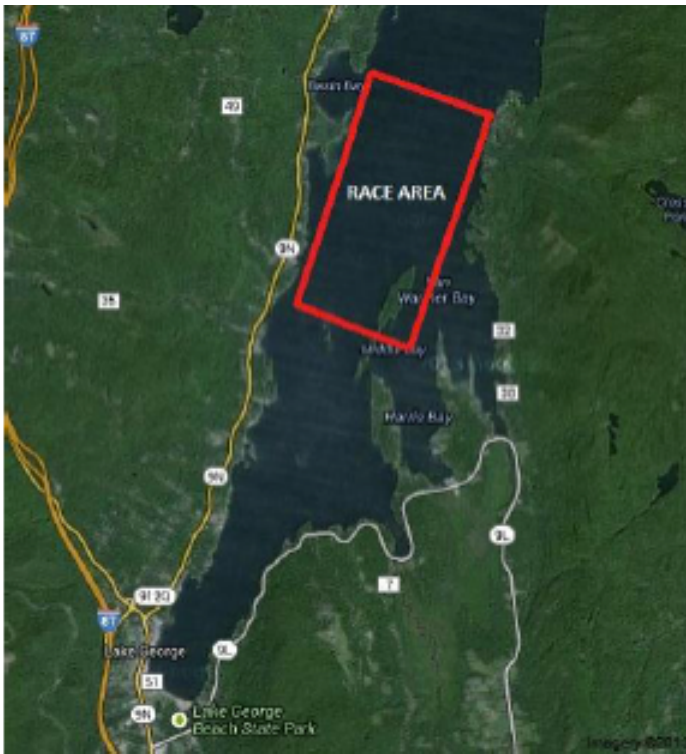
No warning signal will be made after 1300.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area is shown on the chart at below.

## 8 THE COURSES

The courses will be "15," "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. "W3") if displayed by the Race Committee Boat before the Warning Signal. An offset mark will be placed to port and at a right angle to the windward leg 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 the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg from Race Committee Boat. This changes RRS 27.1.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. The offset mark placed at a right angle to the port side of Mark 1 will be a smaller orange inflatable mark. The leeward gate marks will be of equal size and will be placed at a right angle to the windward leg.

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.

9.4 A moved or new windward mark, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12.0, 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.

9.5 The starting and finishing line and finishing marks are described in Sailing Instructions 10.0, THE START, and 13.0, THE FINISH.

## 10 THE START

10.1 Code Flag "L" will signify that the Race Committee Boat has arrived on station at the starting line. Code Flag "L" will be lowered not less than one minute prior to the Warning Signal.

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. VHF Radio is not to be used for this purpose.

Races will be started using RRS 26.

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.

A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

The class flag used in accordance with RRS 26 will be a white flag with a blue J/24 insignia.

## 11 RECALLS

11.1 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.

11.2 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

A blue flag will signify that Race Committee Boat is on station at the finish line.

13.2 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at one end of the line and the course side of the Finishing Mark at the other end at a right angle to the windward leg.

The Finishing Mark will be a small orange mark.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 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.

14.2 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 25 knots or higher.

## 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 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, as modified herein.

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.

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.

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.

There will be a 10% scoring penalty for hitting a mark. All other infractions will receive a 20%.

## 18 PROTESTS

18.1 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.

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.

The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

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 decides.

## 19 PROTESTS BY RACE COMMITTEE

Notices of Protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 20 SCORING

20.1 The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a regatta.

20.4 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.

## 21 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.

## 22 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.

## 23 HAUL-OUTS

23.1 No boat shall be hauled out nor her rudder removed during the regatta without prior written permission of the Race Committee Chairman.

Assigned bow numbers designates the order of haul-outs at the end of the regatta.

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.

## 24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

**1st – 3rd place, helmsman & crew**

**4th & 5th place, helmsman recognition**

**“Changing of the Colors Fleet Trophy”**

(awarded to the top visiting fleet)

**“Mid-Fleet” award**

**“Best Local Boat Trophy” “Mid-Fleet” award**

(awarded to the top finisher of Fleet 24)

**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

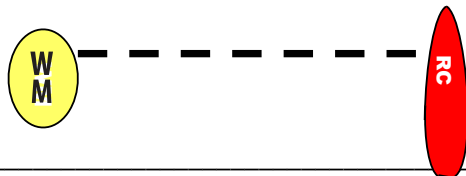
**“I”** Start and Finish in the middle of the course, Finish is closed when set.

**“W”** Start, and Finish at either end.

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:

#### START



= “W” & “I” Course Start Line between an oblong yellow West Marine buoy and RC. “I” Courses start in the middle (The start line is open on all legs)

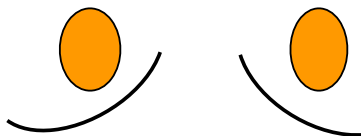
#### MARK 1



= Windward Mark 1 + Offset Mark

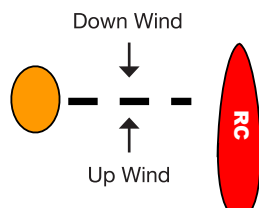
Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron. The offset mark to the port side of Mark 1 will be a smaller orange inflatable mark.

#### MARK 2



= Leeward Gate, Mark 2 will be two orange inflatable tetrahedrons of equal size and will be placed at a right angle to the Windward Mark the windward leg.

#### FINISH



= “W” & “I” Finish between RC & orange Mark



# Lake George Association

*Protecting Lake George Since 1885*

## Join us in keeping the Lake beautiful and fun.

With a class-AA-special-water-quality designation, Lake George is one of the cleanest lakes in New York.

For 125 years, LGA members have worked hard to keep it that way!

### The Oldest Lake Association in the USA.

The LGA is a non-profit organization with 5,000 members. Established in 1885, the LGA is the oldest lake association in the United States.



The LGA works together to protect, conserve and improve the quality and beauty of the Lake George Basin. Our approach to watershed management is both comprehensive and balanced. We are actively involved in monitoring lake quality, engaging people of all ages in education and stewardship, in providing accurate and balanced information and counsel, and in conducting lake-saving projects.

### Over 70 Lake Saving Projects help keep the Lake clean.

The LGA actively identifies, designs, funds and oversees infrastructure projects in the Lake George Watershed to reduce pollutants, sediment and nutrients from entering the Lake.

Since 2000, we have successfully coordinated dozens of complex lake-saving projects, involving regulatory agencies, municipalities, home-owners and land developers. We have fixed, or are currently engaged in fixing, over 70 problems in streams, roadsides, ponds, deltas and more.

Our lake saving infrastructure projects are in-the-lake, along the shoreline and inland. The input of members, residents, engineers, environmental consultants, and our Geographic Information System is vital to providing the information we need to identify potential and existing problems and to implement workable stormwater management solutions.

### Stewardship and Education to keep the Lake beautiful, now and in the future.

Over 1000 school children and visitors board the LGA's FLOATING CLASSROOM to learn about water quality and lake stewardship through hands-on experiences.

We train volunteers how to participate in the Citizens State-wide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). These volunteers test the Lake's water quality on a regular schedule throughout the summer. Results are sent to CSLAP for analysis.



LGA publications, presentations and professional courses educate the public on a wide variety of topics, from alternative septic systems and lake-friendly gardening, to the management of nuisance geese.

Property owners come to us for advice on topics like buffers, native plantings and stormwater management, and invasive species. Our popular Citizen Science programs engage folks



in monitoring turtles, loons and water quality, as well as zebra mussels and other invasives.

Each summer LGA's Lake Stewards inspect thousands of boats coming from other lakes to launch at Lake George sites. The stewards identify and remove invasive species and educate

the boaters, encouraging CLEAN boats and CLEAN waters.

### Become a 125th Anniversary LGA member.

#### You'll receive:

- The satisfaction of knowing you are a Lake George caretaker; preserving the Lake for generations to come;
- Access to LGA's staff of professionals for technical assistance, information & answers;
- LGA newsletters, E-mail alerts and event invitations;
- Recognition in LGA's Annual Report;
- Opportunities to serve and save the Lake!

