



2023 J/24 US National Championship

May 17th - May 21st, 2023



THE LAKE GEORGE CLUB

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

(version 05/15)

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.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the Protest Jury may award a penalty other than disqualification. This is added to RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA).
- 1.2 The only US Sailing prescriptions that shall apply are: RRS 32, 63.2, 88.2 and Appendix V.
- 1.3 [DP] [NP] Bow numbers, if furnished, shall be affixed to both sides no further than 3" down from the shear line and 20" aft of the bow stem fitting.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change in the SIs will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes over VHF before the next warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted only online on the official notice board located at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19642> ...or...



- 3.2 The race office is located next to the Grotto room.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 72.
- 3.4 [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC signal vessel in the harbor adjacent to the club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 25 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 4.3 Before racing each day, the RC signal vessel will display the RC flag with one sound signifying the Harbor Signal.
- 4.4 After races each day, a red flag displayed with one sound signal on the docked RC signal vessel means the "protest time limit has begun" and removed with one sound means the "protest time limit has ended".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled.

Friday, May 19th

- 0930 – Competitors' meeting on the club steps
- 1100 – Harbor signal
- 1130 – Scheduled first warning signal

Saturday, May 20th

- 0930 – Harbor signal
- 1000 – Scheduled first warning signal

Sunday, May 21st

- 0900 – Harbor signal
- 0930 – Scheduled first warning signal
- 1300 – No warning signal will be made after this time

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be a white flag with a J/24 logo or numeral pennant #1.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is located on the waters of Lake George in the vicinity of the club.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in SI Attachment #1 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the distance to the weather mark.
- 8.3 If a leeward gate is missing or out of place, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

9 MARKS

Mark	Original Mark	Change Mark
1 (weather mark)	Orange MarkSetBot	Yellow tetrahedron
1a (offset)	Green MarkSetBot	(none)
2s – 2p (leeward gate)	Orange MarkSetBot	Orange MarkSetBot
Starting marks	RC vessels	
Finishing marks	RC vessels	
Finishing pin (upwind)	Green MarkSetBot	
Finishing pin (downwind)	Orange MarkSetBot	

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the Canoe Islands and Long Island.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail or bow number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This is added to RRS 62.1(a).

11.3 A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within four (4) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is added to RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 RC may, without signals, make minor adjustments to change the direction of a leg, the length of a leg or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gates provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

12.2 When a change is signaled in accordance with RRS 33, RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on a finishing mark and a nearby abeam finishing pin.

13.2 Flag A displayed with no sound signal while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply except that "30%" is replaced with "20%".

14.2 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This is added to RRS 44.

14.3 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 The Finishing Window is 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks and will be posted on the online official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available at the jury desk near the club's front office.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Hearings will be held upstairs on the second floor of the club in private rooms beginning at the time posted.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This is added to RRS A2.

18 [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Before the first warning signal of each day, boats shall pass by the stern of the RC signal vessel and check in by sail or bow number and have her sail or bow number acknowledged by the RC.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 The disposal or discharge of trash, including waste (human or otherwise), is illegal and will be considered, 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 the OA prior to launching any boat or participating in any race.

20 [NP] [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Chief Judge, OA or the PRO.
- 20.2 Assigned bow numbers designate the intended order of haul-out at the end of the event.
- 20.3 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 OA or their assignee.

21 RISK STATEMENT

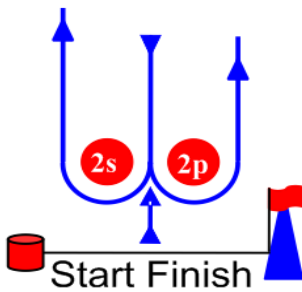
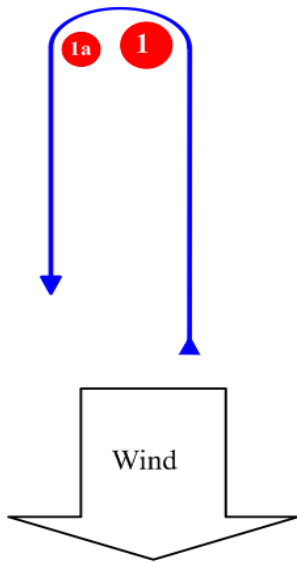
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22 EVENT CONTACTS

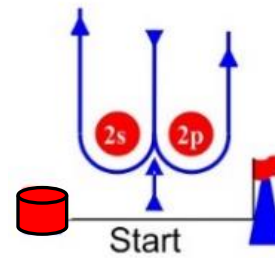
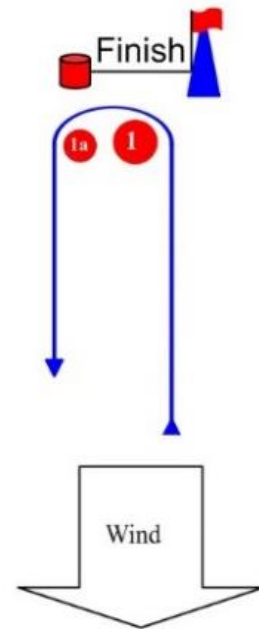
Regatta Chair – Alfie Merchant	518-260-9638	alfie2598@gmail.com
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Principal Race Officer – Chip Till	843-556-6554	chiptill5351@gmail.com

SI Attachment #1: Courses

(not to scale, for diagram purposes only, actual marks may be different than pictured)



Course	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish



Course	Mark Rounding Order
5	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish