



**2021 Easter Regatta
March 26 – March 28
J24 Fleet 67 and Columbia Sailing Club**

Sailing Instructions

- 1) Organizing Authority** - This regatta is organized by the Columbia Sailing Club (CSC).
- 2) Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), Notice of Race (NOR), these SI’s and regatta regulations of the J24 Class. Per RRS 87, class rules regarding crew are changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury chairman and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 3) Entries** - Eligible boats may enter by registering with the CSC as stipulated in the NOR.
- 4) Notice to Competitors** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located inside the main entrance of the CSC Clubhouse.
- 5) Changes in SI**
 - a)** Any change will be posted either within 20 minutes after the Competitor’s Meeting or before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
 - b)** Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). When the “L” flag is raised with one sound on the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel, all competitors must come by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel stern on starboard and acknowledge the change.
- 6) Signals made ashore**
 - a)** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm in front of the CSC Clubhouse.

- b) Flag AP means “The race is postponed”. The warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS “Race Signals.”

7) Schedule

Friday, March 26, 2021

1200 - 1600 Competitor’s Meeting on CSC front porch.

1500 – 1800 Crane Launching

Saturday, March 27, 2021

0815 Skippers Meeting

0930 Warning signal for the first race; other races to follow.

Sunday, March 28, 2021

0930 Warning signal, racing continues.

1300 No starting sequence will begin after this time.

- 8) **Class Flag** – The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS26.

- 9) **Racing area** - The racing area is between the Lake Murray Dam and the Spence Islands to the west.

10) Courses

- a) Courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs (course 5) or four legs (course 4) for each start will be posted on the display board on the stern of the RC signal vessel.
- b) Appendix A displays the courses.
- c) No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on its stern the numeral “4” or “5” to designate the course to be sailed. The RC may also display the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg. The RC may also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

- d) An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking up wind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10 – 15 boat lengths to port of mark 1.
- e) Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC signal vessel at a distance to the discretion of the RC. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- f) Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.
- g) No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than two legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than two legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and the offset mark will not be regarded as a leg of the course

11) Marks

- a) Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron, mark 1a will be a red sphere, marks 2P and 2S will be orange tetrahedrons.
- b) The following marks are rounding marks: 1, 1a, 2P, 2S
- c) New marks 1, 2P, or 2S, when used in accordance with SI 12 will be yellow cylinders.
- d) The starting marks will be *orange flags on* race committee vessels at each end of the starting line. In the event that the port-end line race committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced with *a yellow tetrahedron*.
- e) The finishing marks will be race committee vessels at each end of the finish line. In the event that the port-end line race committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced with *a yellow tetrahedron*.
- f) A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.3

12) The Start

- a) Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- b) Before the Warning Signal for the first race of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and hail their sail number. The RC will acknowledge by hailing the number back to the skipper.
- c) The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a RC “Pin” vessel at the port end.
- d) Any boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

13) Changing The Next Leg of the Course (RRS 33)

A changed weather mark (Mark "1") will not have an offset mark (Mark "O") for the rest of the race even though the original offset mark (Mark "O") may still be in the water.

14) The Finish

- a) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel and a red fender ball.
- b) Flag A displayed of the signal vessel stern, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

15) Penalty System – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one of more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

16) Time Limits - The time limit is one and a half hours (90 minutes). Boats that have not retired and are still racing but fail to finish within 20 minutes of the first place boat in their class flag start (all boats that started under their class flag) shall be scored two points more (scored TLE, "Time Limit Expired") than the last place boat that finishes within the "finishing window," but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4.2.

17) Retirement - A boat which retires from the race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or notify the RC personnel on shore.

18) Protests

- a) Protest forms and Post-Race Penalty forms are available in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- b) The protesting boat shall deliver a written protest to the protest committee within the 30 minute protest time limit. It begins when the signal vessel docks with one sound. The docking time will be posted on the ONB.
- c) Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing that they are a party to or witness.
- d) RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing a *party* to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.

19) Scoring - A minimum of one (1) race must be completed to constitute this regatta. After five (5) races are completed each boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score that is not excludable (RRS 90.3(b)). This modifies RRS A2.

20) Prizes - Awards will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class.

21) Safety

- a) A PFD shall be worn according to class rules.
- b) The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue racing.

22) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

- 23) No Discharging Trash** - Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters at any location will, after a hearing be scored **DSQ** for all races that day.
All R C and safety vessels will gladly receive our trash.

Appendix A

