



2021 J/24 Western Regional Regatta

October 16 & 17 2021

“SAILING INSTRUCTIONS”

Organizing Authorities:

Richmond Yacht Club,

the San Francisco Bay J/24 Fleet 17

1 RULES and more rules.

1.1 This regatta will be sailed in compliance with current Contra Costa County Covid-19

Health Order. This regatta will be sailed in compliance with the most recent Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order and RYC Protocols. Subsequent Health Orders related to Covid-19 may result in revisions to the Sailing Instructions, up to, and including cancellation and refund of registration fees. All competitors are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations, as well as host club’s restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Per the RYC Board of Directors, skippers and crew members will be required to show proof of vaccination (vaccination card or a picture of the vaccination card) when weighing in. Boats with a skipper or crew who is not vaccinated/doesn't show proof of vaccination can still race, but unvaccinated people are asked to stay off the RYC property during the regatta and to weigh in on Friday prior to the start of the regatta.

1.2 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), and the J/24 class rules.

1.2 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: “Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on race course, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.” Y flag will not be flown.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line, via the Regatta Network notice board (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21980>), all notices will be posted by 2000 (8 pm) the day before. Competitors meeting well be held at 1800 on Friday the 15th on RYC lower deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTIES

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day 1....10/16/2021 first warning by sound and VHF 1100

Day 2....10/17/2021 first warning by sound and VHF 1100

5.1 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement will be made on VHF channel 69 .

7 RACING AREA

Olympic Circle area

"Pelican" will be start and finish boat and will be using inflatable marks for the buoy races. Competitors should note that sailing time can be more than an one hour to reach racing area.

VHF 69 will be the race committee working channel.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Attachments A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 The offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment A**. If the offset mark is not present rounding the weather mark will suffice.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat, and announced via VHF channel 69.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat and an orange inflatable mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours.

12.2 Saturday and Sunday boats failing to finish race within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 SCORING

13.1 Seven races are scheduled. Three races shall constitute a championship. No discards in this series, this changes A.2.1.

14 THE COURSES

Courses for the buoy racing are shown on Attachment A.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available on line and in the RYC race room.

Protests must be filed within 30 minutes of race committee boat "Pelican" docking.

15.2 Notices and hearing times will be posted online within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Check-in: Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning at least 15 minutes before the first start first race each day. **No radio check in is allowed.**

However channel 69 should be monitored at all times for information from the race committee.

16.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area VHF 69. If that is not possible, the competitor shall call the PRO (510-612-2426) immediately after arriving ashore.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

17.2 The Race Committee will use **VHF channel 69** (to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 27. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

18 AWARDS

Awards will be awarded as soon as possible after completion of the event. Meeting place will be the RYC upper deck.

19 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

20 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.

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Attachment A
Buoy Courses
Marks

W – Weather Mark. O- offset mark – L Gate

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) - O (p) -- L Gate – Finish. (once around)

2- Start – W(p) - O (p) --L Gate - W(p) O (p) L Gate Finish (twice around)