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2023 J/24 Midwinter Championship

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Eau Gallie Yacht Club and Melbourne Yacht Club

Indian Harbour Beach, FL

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. RRS 41 will be changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in RRS 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.3. US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

2. Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1. The online Official Notice Board is located on the event site at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25481>
- 2.2. The onshore unofficial Notice Boards is located on the white board on the West Terrace near the youth sailing classroom at EGYC

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1. Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be appropriately posted and signaled no later than 10 minutes after the end of the competitors meeting. Any change in the schedule of the races will be posted by the end of Protest Time on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made at the flag pole adjacent to the outdoor dining area and pool at EGYC.

4.2. When flag AP is displaced ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 40 minutes” in the race signal AP

5. Schedule of Races:

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	22 February	1200 – 1700	Check In/Equipment Inspection/Crew Weigh-In
Thursday	23 February	0900 – 1800 1000 – 1830 1400 1800 1830	Check In/Equipment Inspection/Crew Weigh-In Mobile Crane Launching Available** Practice Race All boats must be afloat Competitors Meeting & Opening Ceremonies hosted by Fleet 87 (Location TBD)
Friday	24 February	0800 – 0930 1100 1800	Crew Weigh-In* Warning Signal for First Race of the Day, additional races to follow Post-Race Social Activities
Saturday	25 February	0800 – 0930 1100 1800	Crew Weigh-In* Warning Signal for First Race of the Day, additional races to follow Post-Race Social Activities
Sunday	26 February	0800 – 0930 1100 1400 1300 – 1900 TBA	Crew Weigh-In* Warning Signal for First Race of the Day No Warning Signal after this time Mobile Crane Retrieval Available Awards/Closing Ceremonies

5.1. *These schedule crew weigh-ins are only for race official approved replacement of crew.

5.2. **A mobile crane will be available for boat launching and retrieval. These times are estimates and may change without the requirement of a Change to Sailing Instructions. A revised schedule may be posted on the official and the unofficial notice board prior to 1900 hrs. on the day before the change is to take effect.

5.3. Three races are scheduled for Friday, four on Saturday, and three on Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

6. Class Flag:

6.1. The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background) shall be used.

7. Racing Areas:

7.1. The racing area is the waters of the Indian River north of the Eau Gallie Causeway.

8. Courses:

- 8.1. The diagram in Addendum 1 shows the course.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee Signal boat will display the number of LEGS, the approximate compass bearing, and the distance of the first leg on a white board at the stern of the Signal boat. The RC will also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1 (a).
- 8.3. If only one mark of a gate is in place, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4. The gate may be adjusted at any time without signaling a course change, provided that one mark remains in place.

9. Marks:

- 9.1. Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron. Mark 1A will be an orange sphere. Marks 2P and 2S will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2. New marks, when used in accordance with SI 12, will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.3. The starting marks will be a race committee boat on one end of the line and an inflatable yellow cylinder at the other. A small buoy maybe attached to the committee boat and is to be considered part of the mark.
- 9.4. The finishing marks will be a race committee boat on one end of the line and an orange inflatable mark at the other.

10. Start:

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START without a hearing. This changed RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11. Recalls:

- 11.1. After an individual recall, the Race Committee may broadcast the bow number of any boats on the course side of the starting line on the VHF channel 72.
- 11.2. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts or the order of transmission shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1 (a).

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.
- 12.2. When the windward mark is replaced, the offset mark will not be set.

13. The Finish:

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

13.2. If code flag A is displayed, without sound signal on the finish boat, it indicates that racing is concluded for the day.

14. Time Limits and Target Times:

14.1. The target time for races is 50-60 minutes. Failure to meet the target shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1 (a).

14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.

14.3. Boats that are still racing, but fail to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

15. Penalty System:

15.1. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to read as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 while in the zone of a rounding or finishing mark, her penalty shall be Two-Turns. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the weather mark, penalties within three boat lengths of the windward mark may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downward leg. This changes RRS 44.2 and V1".

15.2. After a race, a boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing, may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in Rule 44.1 (c). However, Rules 44.1 (a) and (c) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing has begun. A boat takes a post-penalty by informing that jury in writing and identifying the race number and when the incident occurred.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress:

16.1. Any boat intending to protest is required to notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a).

16.2. Protests shall be in writing on forms available from the jury. The protest shall be delivered to the jury after the Signal Boat posts her docking time. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Signal Boat docks. This modifies RRS 61.3.

16.3. Within the Protest Time, the Race Committee shall post the sail numbers of all the boats that are disqualified or penalized under Rule 30. A boat so notified may file a request for redress hearing within 30 minutes of that posting. The Race Committee will post a list of OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the Official Notice Board before the protest time limit. A request for redress shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the posting time or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.4. A notice fulfilling the requirements of RRs 63.2, and indicating the parties, time and order of hearings will be posted no later than 15 minutes following the expiring of Protest Time.

17. Scoring:

17.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17.2. When 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 worst score. Appendix A is changed accordingly.

17.3. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit.

17.4. The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the entire fleet using the competitors scores.

18. Safety Regulations:

18.1. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating her number.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race, does not intend to compete in a race, or returns to the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by hail or VFH transmission.

18.3. Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels navigating in the ICW. Any boat which does so will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

19.1. With permission, IJCA Rule C 2.1 (b) is changed to permit a boat to sail with a different crew on different days, provided the crew changes are declared at registration.

19.2. Crew changes not declared at registration will be allowed only with prior written approval of the race committee. Unless the race committee says otherwise, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only. The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution of spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and are carried aboard may be done without notification.

20. Miscellaneous:

20.1. Except in an emergency or as permitted NOR 3.5, a boat shall neither make or receive radio or other electronic transmissions while racing. This changes RRS 41.

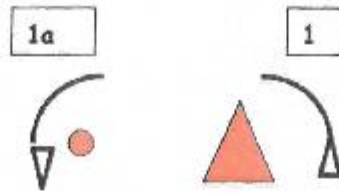
20.2. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or during the regatta.

20.3. The highest placing U.S. driver and Corinthian driver not previously qualified will be awarded a berth for the 2024 J/24 World Championship in Seattle, WA.

ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA LOCATION



Course Diagram



The number of legs will be posted on the signal boat.

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