



## Addendum to Sailing Instructions

### J/24 Class Only



**The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.**

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The current International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rule”) shall apply, as amended or waived in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class Rule C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding “The **crew** shall not hang on the **mast** or **shrouds** to promote roll tacking or gybing.”

#### **2. Schedule of Races**

A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. Four (4) races are tentatively scheduled for Saturday and two (2) races are scheduled for Sunday. If three (3) or fewer races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.

#### **3. Scoring**

- 3.1 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2023 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.
- 3.2 No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

#### **4. Protests**

- 4.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm.
- 4.2 The Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority shall have authority on all matters within their jurisdiction. Pursuant to RRS 64.4(b), a committee consisting of District 14 Fleet Captains of record or designees and Circuit Representatives chaired by the Governor or designee (“D14 Rules Committee”) shall be the authority responsible for interpreting Class Rules if so requested by the Protest Committee. The D14 Rules Committee will resolve all matters not within the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee (e.g. circuit scoring, helmsperson substitution).

#### **5. Penalty System**

- 5.1 The scoring penalty as provided by RRS 44.3 (Yellow Flag) **will not apply** this year to the J/24 Texas Circuit. Boats that may have broken rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 should comply with RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties) as modified herein.
- 5.2 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 or 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.”

- 5.3 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 changes RRS 44.2.
- 5.4 Post-Race Penalties – If the Organizing Authority has made provisions for Arbitration or Post-Race Penalties in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, then such provisions shall apply as stated therein. If the Organizing Authority has not made such provisions, then a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a 30% Scoring Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident, pursuant to RRS Appendix T1 Post-Race Penalties.
- 5.5 Other penalties as per RRS 64.2 apply for breaking some Class Rules. See Attachment 1.

## **6. Haul-Out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission by submitting a request in writing to the race officials and notifying the Governor or one of the Texas Circuit Representatives (“Circuit Rep”). However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively. Any replies to haul-outs shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **7. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions**

- 7.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 7.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 7.3 Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

## **8. Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement**

- 8.1 Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitutions shall be given only in exceptional cases and requires that the helmsperson submit a written request to the Governor or Circuit Rep at least two (2) hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.
- 8.2 Not more than one mainsail, one jib and one genoa shall be carried aboard. In the event a mainsail, jib or genoa is damaged beyond repair during the regatta, boats may request a sail replacement by submitting a request in writing to the race officials, evidencing written approval by the Governor or Circuit Rep. Said request may be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with Class Rules.

- 8.3 Class Rule C.10.2 is changed in the Notice of Race to allow boats to carry aboard two (2) spinnakers, subject to the following:
- 8.3.1 The Sail/Royalty Tag Nos. for all sails used during each regatta must be declared in permanent writing on the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
  - 8.3.2 Spinnakers may be used interchangeably during a regatta; however, in the event one of the declared spinnakers is lost or damaged beyond repair during a regatta, a replacement spinnaker is not allowed and the boat must sail only with the remaining declared spinnaker.
  - 8.3.3 A competitor or the D14 Rules Committee (as defined herein) may submit a protest for violation of Class Rules C.10.2(a) or (b), as amended. If a violation is found to have occurred, the race officials shall impose a scoring penalty of 40% as calculated by RRS 44.3(c), applied to the race(s) in which such violation occurred, without a hearing.
- 8.4 Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1, the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their boat's hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta by submitting a written request at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested to the Protest Committee informing them of the sail type (e.g. spinnaker) and sail number in which they will be competing. This request shall be approved by the Governor or Circuit Rep prior to presenting to the Protest Committee.
- 8.5 Any requests and replies to sail number changes, crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**9. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 9.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time, without prior notification, pursuant to the Notice of Circuit, for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions, and penalties, if any, shall be administered pursuant to available RRS provisions and Attachment 1.
- 9.2 Inspection Committee – Inspections shall be carried out by an Inspection Committee consisting of two or more of the following: the District Governor, a Circuit Rep, a J/24 class measurer, or a race official.
- 9.3 Inspections shall be carried out in the presence of the registered skipper or designated representative.

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## **ATTACHMENT 1 – Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules**

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

<b>Class Rule</b>	<b>Infringement</b>	<b>Scoring Penalty</b>
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board.	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing Advertising Code standards (World Sailing Regulation 20).	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bucket of minimum 9 liters capacity is not on board.	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional.	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device is not on deck, ready for use.	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor/engine, battery, or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement.	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed.	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole.	20%
	Removal of the boat from the water when Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta.	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.