



SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2023 J/24 CORINTHIAN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP WEST
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday
September 6 to 10, 2023
South San Diego Bay

1 RULES

- 1.1 Local Advisory: All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads “A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway.” RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (RC) may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing. RRS 90.3 is modified to add that this disqualification shall not be excluded.
- 1.2 [DP] NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP PROTECTION ZONE: A naval protection zone exists in a radius of 500 yards ([CFR 165.2015](#)) around U.S. naval vessels greater than 100 feet in length, except when the large naval vessel is moored or anchored within a restricted area. All vessels within a naval vessel protection zone shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by an official patrol, and when within such zone, no vessel is allowed within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel ([CFR 165.2030](#)).
- 1.3 Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid situations in SI 1.1 or 1.2 provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.4 Add new rule 41(e): (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.5 If the Race Committee boat is damaged as a result of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall be responsible for the repairs.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available online through the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [SWYC Race Calendar](#) website through 5:00pm on Thursday, Sept. 7. From 5:00pm Thursday, Sept. 7 through the end of the regatta on Sunday, Sept. 10, the OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD will be offline and located on the windows of the Staff Commodore's Room at SWYC.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Please contact them to notify of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per SI 18.1.
- 3.3 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the Coast Guard on VHF 16, then contact the RC.**

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Ten races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Race dates are Friday, Sept. 8, Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is **11:55am**. The warning signal for the subsequent races will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

6 CHECK-IN

- 6.1 [DP] Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the RC signal boat displaying the Flag L by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's sail number.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the South San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.
- 7.2 The starting area will be in the vicinity of buoy SD30.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course number, approximate compass bearing to the weather mark, and distance between the RC boat and the weather mark will be displayed onboard the RC boat no later than the first warning signal for each race.
- 8.2 The course will be selected from Attachment A.
- 8.3 In the event only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 In the event the weather offset mark (Mark 1a) is not in position, boats will not be required to round it.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be as follows:
 - W Mark 1: yellow tetrahedron
 - W Mark 1 change mark: orange tetrahedron
 - W Offset Mark 1a : large, orange ball fender
 - Gate Mark 2 (2s & 2p): yellow tetrahedrons; located approximately 100 yards to weather of the RC boat
 - S Mark (start): orange tetrahedron
 - F Mark (finish): small green tetrahedron

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of an orange tetrahedron mark at the other end as shown on Attachment A.
- 10.2 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the first warning the RC will sound 4 horn blasts.
- 10.3 A **green** flag or the J/24 class flag will represent the warning signal for the class.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 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 hail her bow or sail number as soon as possible on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.
- 11.2 Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately, 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 boat's redress for request. This changes 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 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 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3 The race committee may, without signal, adjust a finish line mark while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff with a blue flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of a green tetrahedron near the RC boat at the other end as shown on Attachment A.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.2 is changed to add: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking her penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.

15 TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for each race is 50 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.4 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the race committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 RRS 61 is modified to add this additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. Radio reports of protests will only be accepted from boats that are retiring from the race.
- 16.2 The Protest Time Limit expires 60 minutes after the RC boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the offline OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD per S13.1.
- 16.3 Written protests may be filed with the Protest Ctte. Secretary, Charles Campbell, or any member of the Race Committee. Online protests will be filed to this address: protests@southwesternyc.org.
- 16.4 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the offline OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD and protests will be heard as soon as practicable. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, *Time and Place of the Hearing*.
- 16.5 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing according to RRS Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 where there is no serious damage or injury, if a USSA Certified Judge is available. Protests not resolved through arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Scoring will occur as stated in the NoR.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Informing the RC can be accomplished by either (a) sailing (motoring) past the RC vessel OR (b) radioing the RC vessel (VHF 68).
- 18.2 Notwithstanding any safety requirements, the ultimate safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or charterer. He/she must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that crewmembers know where it is stowed and how it is used.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of crew or change in the number of crew is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee Principal Race Officer or Technical Committee. This changes NoR 1.9.

20 RACE RESULTS

- 20.1 Race results will be published on the online [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page as well as the offline OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*. The race organizers (SWYC, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other

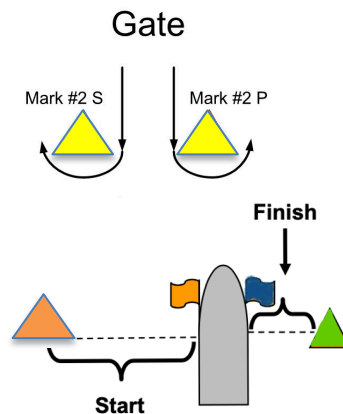
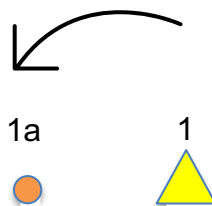
organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against SWYC and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

Attachment A:

Course Chart

(All rounding marks are to port)

Course	Marks
2	S, 1, 1a, Gate (2s/2p), 1, 1a, Finish
3	S, 1, 1a, Gate (2s/2p), 1, 1a, Gate (2s/2p), 1, 1a, Finish



Not drawn to scale!