



# The 2024 J/111

## NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, JUNE 6 – 9



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

*The Los Angeles Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority and the Regatta Host.*

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## 1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it takes effect.

2.2 Oral changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF on channel 71 (unless changed.)

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at [www.layc.org](http://www.layc.org) or on the noticeboard in the clubhouse opposite the front desk.

3.2 The race office is located in the clubhouse, telephone (310) 831-1203, email [www.layc.org](http://www.layc.org)

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

## 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole beside the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.'

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Three windward leeward races will be planned for each day. There could be a random leg race included. This will be decided by race committee.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin multiple horns shall signal one minute to the warning for the next sequence.

6.5 On the last day of racing no more than two races are scheduled, with no warning made after 1500 unless an AP was signaled during this sequence.



## 7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The J/111 Class flag is the J/111 logo.



## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is shown on COURSE CHART J/111 NA 2024. The start/finish is outside the harbor approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile southwest of the Los Angeles Light harbor entrance.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The courses are windward leeward with an offset at the windward mark. Weather marks are to be left to port. The approximate length of the leg will be 1.5 NM. The leeward gate will be one 10<sup>th</sup> of a mile above the start/finish line.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate bearing of the first leg.

9.3 The random leg course will start and finish in the same place. The course will be signaled by the pennant #2 and announced on VHF channel 71. The course will be upwind to a mark to be left to port. Proceed down to the end of the detached breakwater at Belmont (mark 10 on chart) leave to port, leave Island Chaffee to port, pass out through Long Beach light exit and return to finish at the starting location near LA Light entrance. If the random leg course is used it will be the only race that day.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 All marks will be tetrahedrons apart from the signal boat starboard end of the start/finish line which will be either an orange flag on a staff (start) or a blue flag on a staff (finish).

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the tetrahedron at the port end.

12.3 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 race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, or failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



### 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. In the event that only one mark is set (windward or leeward) this mark shall be rounded to port.

### 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a tetrahedron at the port end.

14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### 15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the front desk at the clubhouse.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Transpac Room, located on the lower level of the clubhouse.



## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A.
- 17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 Boats are allowed a spare jib and a spare spinnaker, but these must have been measured in and are to be carried on the boat while racing.

## 21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: flags (RC or photo/official).

## 22 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations.
- 22.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.3 Support person vessels shall be identified with flags.

## 23 BERTHING

- 23.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips while in the harbor.



## 24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

24.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 25 PRIZES

25.1 Daily Firsts. The winner of each race will receive a trophy after racing each day.

25.2 **North American Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.**

The Champion will also receive the Perpetual Trophy.

25.3 The Wootton Trophy Perpetual for most improved will be awarded at the presentation.

To calculate the award, the scores of the first half of the regatta are to be compared to the scores from the second half of the regatta. The boat with the widest margin of improvement shall be the winner.

25.4 The Los Angeles Yacht Club Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy for 2024 will be awarded to the overall winner of the 2024 J/111 North American Championship. The trophy is symbolic of accomplishments in ocean racing.

25.5 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the highest place finisher without any Group 3 sailors in the crew.

## 26 RISK STATEMENT

26.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 27 INSURANCE

27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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