

2024 J/24 District 19 Championship Regatta

July 5,6 and & 7

“SAILING INSTRUCTIONS”

Organizing Authorities: North Flathead Yacht Club, J24 District 19

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that a penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This is an addition to rule 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 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 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the NOR's and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

1.3 All final race management decisions, including but not limited to abandoning/shortening races, course changes, postponements, etc. will be determined by the Race Chairpersons.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0645 prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2200 hrs on the day before it shall take effect.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Regatta Network will serve as the official notice board.
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/>

3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at North Flathead Yacht Club scheduled for Friday, July 5th at 0700hrs.

3.3 Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee will be on VHF 68.

3.4 [NP] The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals (this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41): Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as OCS and general recalls; changing courses or marks and identify marks; shortening the course; time limits.

3.5 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Exception - competitors are encouraged to inform the race committee of a retirement or safety issue.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]

4.1 Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Officer's boat.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Day 1....7/5/2024 All boats afloat by 0700, first warning at 0800, no races started after 1600.

Day 2....7/6/2024 first warning at 0730, no races started after 1600.

Day 3....7/7/2024 first warning at 0730, no races started after 1400

6.2 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 68 .

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag that will be used is a white flag with a blue class logo.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 An area east of Somers Bay near the north shore of Flathead Lake.

9 THE COURSES

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

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

9.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat, and announced via VHF channel 68.

9.5 In the event of a shortened course, the race committee will notify the competitors and have the ability to finish boats either upwind or downwind.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1 will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

10.2 Marks 2S and 2P (the gate) will be green inflatable tetrahedrons.

10.3 Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be a small green tetrahedron.

10.4 The starting mark (F) will be an orange ball, or an anchored vessel displaying a staff with an orange flag.

10.5 The finishing mark (F) will be an orange ball, or an anchored vessel displaying a staff with a blue flag.

10.6 The "change marks" as explained in addendum #1 will be either an inflatable orange tetrahedron or an orange ball.

11 THE START

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

11.2 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 or an anchored vessel.

11.3 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.

11.4 "The Signal boat may trail a substitute mark which will be considered part of the Signal boat"

12 THE FINISH

12.1 Downwind 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 ball or an anchored vessel.

12.2 Upwind Finish: The finishing line will be between the windward mark to port and the mark set boat displaying a blue flag.

13 TIME LIMITS

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

13.2 Boats failing to finish the race within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 SCORING

14.1 Ten races are scheduled. Three races shall constitute a championship.

14.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If the fleet completes six or more races, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. Scores for Disqualification are not excludable.

15 THE COURSES

15.1 Courses for the buoy racing are shown on Addendum A.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available on line and in the RYC race room. Protests must be filed within 30 minutes of race committee boat docking.

16.2 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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 of the first race each day. Radio check-in is permissible.

17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course either by hailing or by radio.

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

18.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 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.

19 AWARDS

19.1 Awards will be awarded as soon as possible after completion of the event.

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.

21. AFLOAT AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS 1

21.1 All boats must be launched and afloat by 0700 Friday, July 5th.

21.2 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the PRO and Regatta Chairman. This includes rudders. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively after that time.

21.3 CAREENING Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

21.4 PLASTIC POOL AND DIVING EQUIPMENT Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1 The official committee boats can be identified by the RC Flag being flown from them.

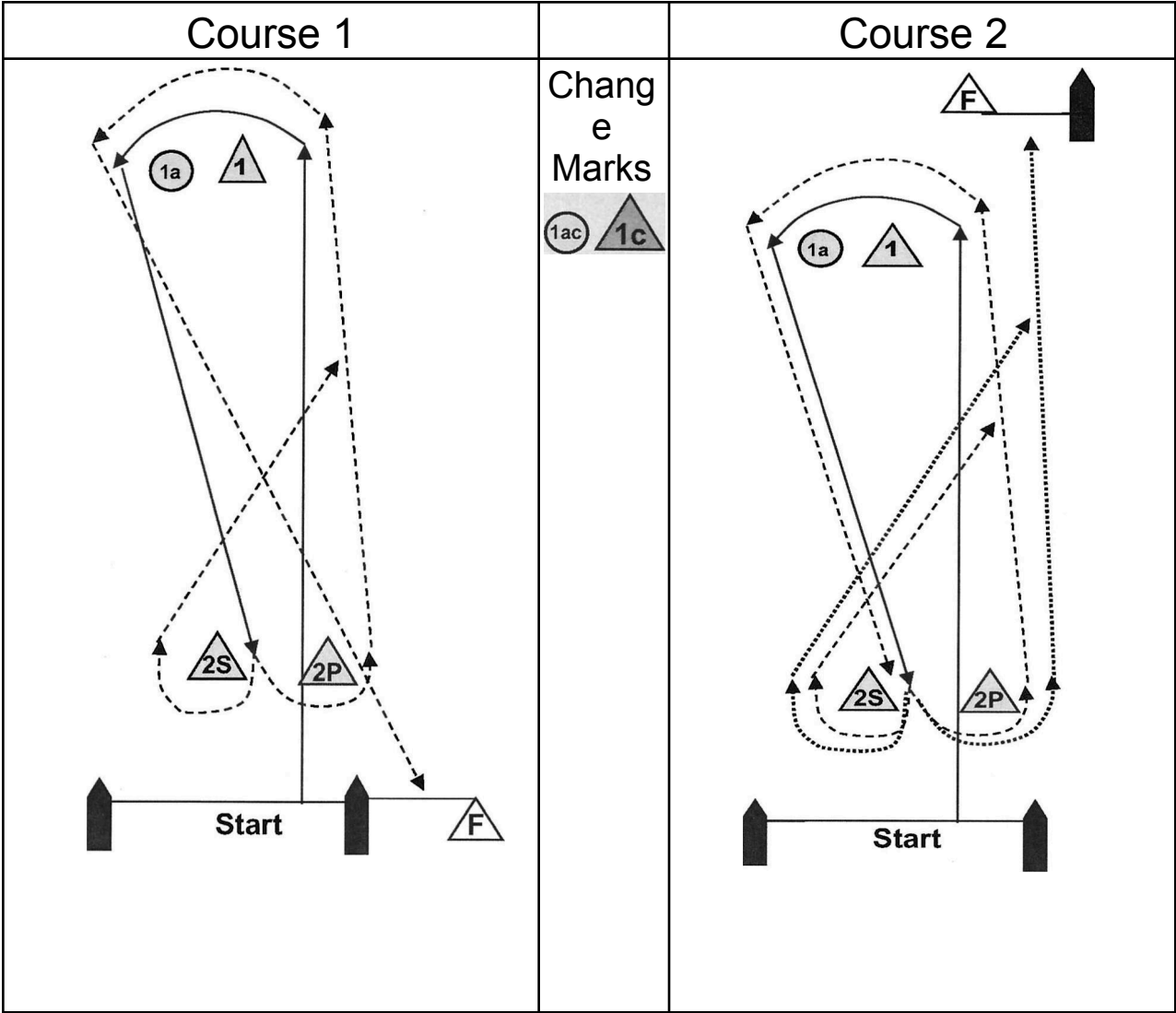
23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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.

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.

SI Addendum A — Sample Course Diagrams



Start, 1 (port), la (port), between 2S and 2P, 1 (port), la (port), Finish (F)		Start, 1 (port), la (port), between 2S and 2P, 1 (port), la (port), between 2S and 2P, Finish (F)
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Note: shapes and colors of marks are for illustrative purposes only

Other possible courses:

Course 3: Start— I — la - 2S/2P— Finish (F) (Upwind)
