

J/24 District 19 Championship

Sailing Instructions

July 11-13, 2025 Portland Yacht Club, Portland, Oregon, USA

The Organizing Authority is Portland Yacht Club (PYC) and J/24 Fleet 27.

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the J/24 Class Rules (except as modified by these Sailing Instructions), and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1.3 RRS 60.5 is changed as follows: Add "60.5(f) When the protest committee finds a boat has deviations from the class rules that do not improve the performance of the boat relative to other boats, it shall not penalize her."

1.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Such actions, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with requests may be considered misconduct.

1.5 [DP] The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for the Category "Nearshore" will apply. (www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Monohull-SER-2021.0.pdf)

1.6 Rules V1 & V2 of Appendix V and Appendix T of the RRS will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 on Thursday, July 10, 2025, and by 2200 local time on the day before it will take effect for subsequent days.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the Regatta Website: [Regatta Network Link - to be inserted by OA if different from NOR link]. 3.2 [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68 & 72. 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.4 The Race Committee may report visual signals and other information via VHF channel 72. This information is provided as a courtesy and does not in any way alter a boat's responsibility to observe the visual race signals that govern the conduct of the race. Errors or delays in reporting information via VHF will not be grounds for redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Portland Yacht Club flagpole. 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

5.1 Signals made afloat will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule:

Friday, July 11	1500-1800	Registration at PYC
Saturday, July 12	1000	Registration at PYC
	1100	Competitor Briefing
	1300	First Race Warning Signal
	Post racing	Regatta BBQ Dinner – appx 1 hour after first boat finishes
Sunday, July 13	1100	First Race Warning Signal
	1500	No warning signal will be made after 1500
	ASAP post racing	Awards Presentation

6.2 **Number of Races:** A maximum of 9 races are scheduled.

6.3 One race constitutes a regatta.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on the Columbia River, generally between the Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 bridges.

8. COURSES

8.1 The courses will be Windward/Leeward courses. Diagrams showing the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be posted on the Official Notice Board. 8.2 The Race Committee may change the course after the warning signal by displaying flag C and the new course designation.

9. MARKS

9.1 All marks will be inflatable balls

9.2 The starting/finishing mark will be Race Committee boats and inflatable orange buoys as described in Section 10.

10. THE START LINE

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

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat inflatable orange buoy.

10.3 A boat that starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH LINE

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat inflatable orange buoy.

11.2 The Start/Finish line shall be restricted except while boats are starting or finishing.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For boats that have taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 or 44.2, the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2. 12.2 A boat that takes a penalty under RRS 44.1 or 44.2 shall notify the Race Committee of her action at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing the race.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available at the Race Office.

14.2 For a protest by a boat, the protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee boat at the finishing line immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred, of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the last race of the day finishes.

14.4 Notices of protests and hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing, at a location to be announced on the Official Notice Board.

14.5 On the last day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 One race constitutes a regatta.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.2 [DP] A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day shall, if possible, notify the Race Committee in person or via VHF channel 72 and receive a response from the Race Committee.

17. BERTHING

17.1 Boats (competing and support) shall be kept in their assigned places while they are at Portland Yacht Club.

17.2 To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, contact Piper Easton at Saltinesailing@gmail.com.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 All boats shall have liability insurance currently in effect, covering racing activities, property damage, personal injury and death. A minimum coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence is required.

18.2 Sailors shall present copy of proof of liability insurance during check-in at Portland Yacht Club. This copy will be retained by Portland Yacht Club.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats.

19.2 Additional "fun" prizes and giveaways will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

20.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all of their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

20.3 Competitors will stay clear of commercial traffic. A vessel receiving a 5 horn signal from a commercial vessel will be disqualified by the Race Committee without a hearing.

21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1 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.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For questions not covered below please contact saltinesailing@gmail.com.

22.2 Additional dinner tickets beyond the 5 provided per registrant may be purchased for \$10 each.

22.3 Registration includes 1 event shirt. Additional shirts available for purchase during check-in and the Saturday barbeque.

22.4 Local accommodations

Paradise Point State Park (19 minutes drive time from PYC) \$32/night campsight

McMenamins Edgefield (23 minutes drive time from PYC) \$79/night

Portland Inn (1.4 miles from PYC) \$60/night

Holiday Motel (1.4 miles from PYC) \$82/night

Riverside Motel (1.8 miles from PYC) \$99/night

22.3 Boat Ramps & Hoists

Marine Park, City of Vancouver, parking fee \$10/vehicle*day (1nm from PYC)

James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp, Portland OR, \$5/vehicle*day (1.5 nm from PYC)

Harbor One Crane. By appointment, services available 9-4 PM M-F.

Make arrangements in advance with Rick Christensen, 503.515.8620