

**SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2025 J/24 CORINTHIAN NATIONAL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA**



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and  
Sunday  
September 3 to 7, 2025  
South San Diego Bay

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 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." The Race Committee (RC) may protest a boat infringing this instruction. A penalty for a breach of this rule shall be DNE.
- 1.3 [DP] NAVAL 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. All race boats shall observe this protection zone.
- 1.4 Any R/C vessel displaying the R/C insignia is authorized to signal and direct any racing vessel or any class to alter course for clear compliance with SI 1.2 and 1.3.
- 1.5 Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid ships in the channel, or to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.6 If the Race Committee boat is damaged because of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall be responsible for the repairs.
- 1.7 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited, declared crew substitution. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the technical committee.
- 1.8 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

## **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.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee PRO. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately, 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. 5, Saturday, Sept. 6, and Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.
- 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.
- 5.4 A practice race day is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4. Practice will consist of multiple starts and several short races. The practice will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

## **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.
- 7.3 The racing area for the practice day will be in the vicinity of SD Buoy 17, just outside the entrance to the Shelter Island basin.

## **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 Courses will be windward/leeward and selected from Attachment A.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be as follows:  
W Mark 1: yellow tetrahedron  
W Mark 1 change mark: orange tetrahedron  
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
- 9.2 All marks listed are considered rounding marks.
- 9.3 In the event only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.

## **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 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 61.4(b)(1).

## **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 downwind 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.
- 13.2 The upwind finishing line is between a staff with a blue flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of Mark 1 (the weather mark) at the other end as shown on Attachment A.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 As stated in the NoR.

## **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 61.4(b)(1).
- 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 [Event Notice Board](#).
- 16.3 Written protests may be filed with the PRO, Colleen Cooke, or any member of the race committee. Online protests will be filed to this address: [sailorcookie@cox.net](mailto:sailorcookie@cox.net).
- 16.4 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the online [Event 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 RACE RESULTS**

- 19.1 Race results will be published on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [SWYC](#) website .

## **20 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.

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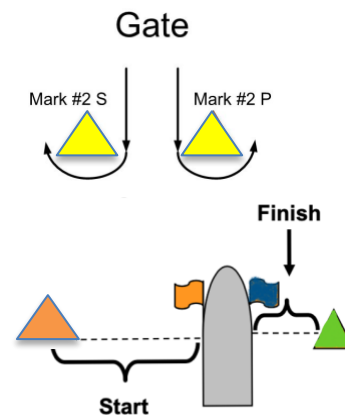
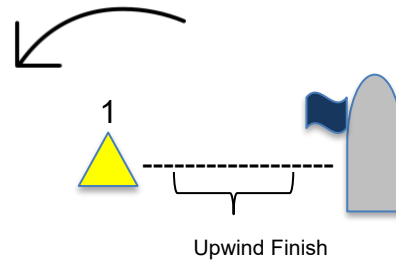
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## **Attachment A:**

### **Course Chart**

(All rounding marks are to port)

Course	Marks
2	S, 1, Gate (2s/2p), 1, Finish Downwind
3	S, 1, Gate (2s/2p), Finish Upwind at 1



*Not drawn to scale!*