

Regatta NAME

DATE

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), the Notice of Regatta (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will have final authority on all matters.
- 1.2 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event as per RRS Appendix 1.
- 1.3 A Measurement Certificate or Yacht Measurement Form Part D, and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment shall be completed and available. Boats may be checked at any time during the regatta for compliance. Yachts without a valid measurement certificate will be allowed to compete but will not be eligible for trophies or world championship qualification.
- 1.4 The exception described in RRS 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in Class Rule 8.2.2.
- 1.5 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and any answer will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

2. ENTRY

Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the on the first deck of the yacht club.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions after the skippers meeting will be approved by the Race Committee and posted before 1000 hours that day, or 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 2100 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the designated official flagstaff located on the yacht club property.
- 5.2 The Answering Pennant, “AP”, may be displayed. When "AP" is displayed ashore the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP".

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WARNING SIGNAL</u>
SATURDAY	xxx xx	xxxx HRS.
SUNDAY	xxx xx	xxxx HRS.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 WINDWARD/LEEWARD: The diagram on Attachment "A" shows the course, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with the windward mark (Mark 1 on Attachment “A”). The Offset Mark will be placed approximately at a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 200 feet from the windward mark. The leeward mark (Mark 2 on Attachment “A”) shall be the pin end of the starting line. Conditions permitting, the windward mark will be approximately 1 to 1.5 nautical miles from the starting line.
- 7.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the windward mark and the number of legs to be sailed will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat before or with the warning signal.
- 7.3 Shortened Course: Courses may be shortened according to the RRS, but no course shall be shortened to less than 3 legs in length. (NOTE: The distance between the windward mark and the Offset Mark is not considered a leg of the Course for purposes of shortening. This modifies the RRS.)

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Windward and leeward Marks will be yellow inflatables.
- 8.2 New marks, when used in accordance with Instruction 13, CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START, will be yellow and black inflatables.
- 8.3 The Offset Mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

9. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's number. A boat failing to do so will receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with described in RRS 44.3(c).

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with the RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark (described in SI 8.1).
- 10.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.
- 10.4 After one or more general recalls of a race Code Flag "Z" , RRS 30.2, may be flown at the discretion of the Race Officer, with the approval of the Race Committee.
- 10.5 After two or more general recalls of a race a BLACK FLAG, RRS 30.3, may be flown at the discretion of the Race Officer, with the approval of the Race Committee.

11. Modifications to RRS 30.2

- 11.1 RRS 30.2 is changed so that a boat infringing this Rule shall receive a scoring penalty if an Individual Recall is signaled and if that boat properly starts that race.
- 11.2 The penalty for being premature in two or more restarts of the same race under the "Z" flag shall be the sum of the penalties, however no boat shall received a score worse than points for DSQ.

12. Recalls

- 12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 71. If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
 - A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
 - B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers
 - C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

13. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. After a change of course the offset mark may, or may not, be used depending on the conditions.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearest Mark of the course.

15. TIME LIMIT

If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour or the first boat to finish does not finish within three hours, the race shall be abandoned. Boats still racing but not finished 1/2 hour after the first boat finishes will be scored "TLF" (Time Limit Failure) and will receive two points more than the last boat finishing. This modifies paragraph RRS 35 and Appendix A.

16. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

17.2 Five races are scheduled and all will be scored. There will be no throw-outs.

18. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

18.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 as modified herein, will apply.

18.2 The infringing boat shall conspicuously display a flag (code flag "I" is acceptable), with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, from a leg of the backstay adjuster, in accordance with RRS 44.3(a).

18.3 In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(a), the infringing boat shall file a written declaration of the infringement on a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available from the race committee and lodged with the Race Committee's representative there within one hour after the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat. Docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.

18.4 A boat which complies with some but not all of the requirements of Instruction 18.2, 18.3, and RRS 44.3 shall receive a 50% scoring penalty, however, no boat shall receive a score worse than the number of points awarded for DSQ.

19. PROTESTS

19.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag, with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, from a leg of the backstay adjuster, in accordance with RRS 61.1.

19.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available from the race committee and lodged with the Race Committee's representative there within the Protest Time which will begin at the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat and end one hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.

19.3 The Race Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

19.4 Decisions of the Committee that affect World Championship Qualifiers will be final in accordance with 70.4(a).

20. SUPPORT BOATS

Boats shall receive no outside assistance that is not available to all competitors, including support boats, after leaving her mooring for the first race each day until she returns to her mooring.

21. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

In accordance with RRS Appendix H3 a chartered or loaned boat for an event may carry national letters and sail numbers of a boat belonging to the helmsman in contravention of Class Rule 2.5.2.

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the Race Committee.

23. CAREENING

Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

24. PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

25. RADIO EQUIPMENT

All yachts shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving radio transmissions. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats (Note that Class Rule 8.1.5 is in effect for all races). A boat shall refrain from listening to Race Committee communication except for the broadcast of OCS boats and notices of general interest to competitors on VHF channel 71.

26. CREW REQUIREMENTS

26.1 Any substitution requires a written request for permission of the Race Committee.

26.2 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing through the Race Committee, during registration, but in the case of emergency may be granted retroactively after that time.

27. INSPECTION

Inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.

28. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to yachts placing first through fifth.

ATTACHMENT "A": Course Diagram: Windward – Leeward Course

