



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB

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Rochester Yacht Club, the International J/24 Class Association, the US
J/24 Class Association
Rochester, NY, USA
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Sailing Instructions

Preamble: The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times are USA Eastern Time

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA RR), available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/regatta-regulations>, shall apply.
- 1.3 The applicable prescriptions of the US Sailing *The Racing Rules of Sailing* that apply appear in Addendum A.
- 1.4 Class rules changes (as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section H):
CR C.2.1(b) is replaced with CR H.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.

CR C.10.2 is changed to CR H.2 to allow a boat to carry a spare class spinnaker.
- 1.5 [NP][DP] Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and also may be used as identification for the boat during the event. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 1.6 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 2 hours before the scheduled warning 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15691>
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these SI shall be submitted in writing to the race committee. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 3.3 [DP] 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. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
- 3.4 The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet as a courtesy to all competitors. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.5 The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow or sail numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.6 VHF channel 72 will be used to communicate.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the main clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes race signals.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	September 27	2359	Deadline to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.
Wednesday	October 4	0900 to 1600 1600 to 2100	Early Launch Hours and Inspection Check In in Burgee Bar
Thursday	October 5	0900 to 1600 0900 to 1800 1200 1430 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in Boat Launching Coaching by Professional Sailors and Sailmakers Practice Race Welcome Ceremony in Burgee Bar, keg, wings and bar service & food available for

		1800	purchase. All Boats afloat
Friday	October 6	0800 to 0900 0915 0945 1130 After racing 1700	Crew Weigh-in* Continental Breakfast and coffee in Burgee Bar Skipper's Briefing in Burgee Bar Harbor Start Warning for the First Race of the day Daily Debrief hosted by Sailmakers/pros, keg/cider. Bar service available for purchase. Rochester's Famous "garbage plate" dinner buffet, live music, card games, corn hole and more!
Saturday	October 7	0800 to 0830 0915 0945 1130 After Racing 1800 to 2200	Crew Weigh-in* Continental Breakfast and coffee in Burgee Bar Skipper's Briefing in Burgee Bar Harbor Start Warning for the First Race of the day Daily Debrief hosted by Sailmakers/pros, keg/cider, bar service available. Italian Night Dinner (coats for men/dressy) upstairs in Clubhouse, & Live Band
Sunday	October 8	0800 – 0830 0845 0915 1030 1330 After Racing	Crew Weigh-in* Continental Breakfast and coffee upstairs in Clubhouse Skipper's Briefing upstairs in Clubhouse Harbor Start Warning for the First Race of the day No warning signal after this time Boat Hauling Awards Ceremony upstairs in Clubhouse.

*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for technical committee approved replacements or crews specified per NoR 1.4

5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled over three consecutive days.

5.3 No more than four (4) races will be sailed per day.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background).

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be North of RYC on the South shore of Lake Ontario.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with five legs (WA2) or four legs (LA2).

- 8.2 The diagrams in SI Attachment “A” show the courses.
- 8.3 [NP] No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designator, the approximate compass bearing, and the distance of the first leg. The race committee will also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not constitute grounds for granting redress.
- 8.4 An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking up wind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10 – 15 boat lengths to port of mark 1.
- 8.5 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the race committee signal vessel at a distance to the discretion of the race committee. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.6 Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be windward of mark 1.
- 8.7 No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than four legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than three legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and mark 1a will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 32.

9 MARKS

9.1

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 12.1
1	Orange Tetrahedron	Green Tetrahedron
1a (offset)	Orange Mark	Yellow Tetrahedron
2s and 2p (gate)	Orange Tetrahedron	
Start	Race committee vessel and either a race committee vessel or a Yellow Cylinder	
Finish	Race committee vessel and a Yellow Cylinder	

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No areas are designated as obstructions.

11 START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee starting vessels at each end of the line or a Yellow Cylinder.
- 11.3 [NP] The race committee may broadcast starting information, countdowns and the bow numbers of any boats OCS.
- 11.4 [NP] The race committee will attempt to broadcast twice the bow and/or sail numbers of all boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1), UFD (RRS 30.3), BFD (RRS 30.4); it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions after the starting signal.

- 11.5 RRS 30.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display sail numbers or bow numbers after a general recall.
- 11.6 [NP] A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 A course change to the next leg of the course will be signaled according to RRS 33.
- 12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing line vessel and course side of the finish mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2
- 14.2 RRS 60.4(a) is changed to read: "but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46 and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2"

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 [NP]The target time for races is 60 to 80 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5.1, A5.2, and A10. The race committee will lower the blue finish flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

16 PROTESTES AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the protest desk located at the Front Desk in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit for protests and request for redress is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties and the location of the hearing. Competitors are responsible for notifying their own witnesses.

16.4 A list of penalties being assigned by the race committee or jury will be posted prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be either 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Crew replacements are limited to those allowed by SI 1.4 and CR H.4.3. The technical committee may approve a crew substitution during the event in cases of illness or emergency.

19.2 Even if replacement or crew substitution is allowed, the number of crew shall not change during the event.

20 EQUIPMENT OR MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection by the technical committee.

20.2 Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, or at any time by a member of the technical committee.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 [NP][DP] Boats shall display event advertising that is supplied by the organizing authority. Such advertising shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and shall remain in place for the duration of the regatta.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 Official Vessels shall be marked as follows:

VESSEL	FLAG
Race Committee	RC logo
Protest Committee	Flag J

23 SUPPORT VESSELS

23.1 [NP][DP] Support vessels shall comply with instructions of the Race Committee.

23.2 [NP][DP] Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

23.3 [NP][DP] Support vessels and support persons shall remain no less than 150m from the race course from the warning signal until all boats have finished racing for the day.

23.4 [NP][DP] Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party marine liability insurance in the same amount as is required of each participating boat and provide proof of that insurance at registration.

24 AFLOAT AND HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

24.1 [NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat with rudders mounted by 1800 on Thursday, October 5 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

25 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

25.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

25.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

25.3 [DP] Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

26 PRIZES

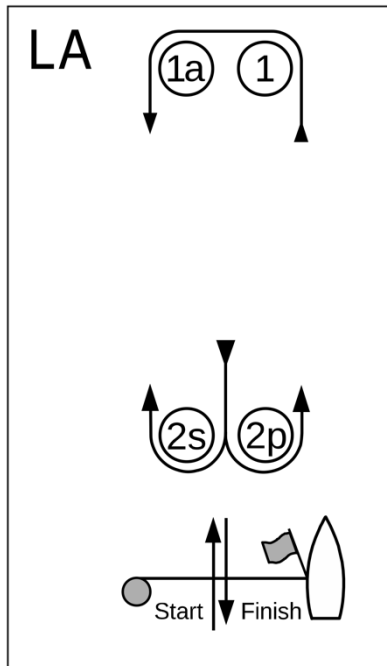
26.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

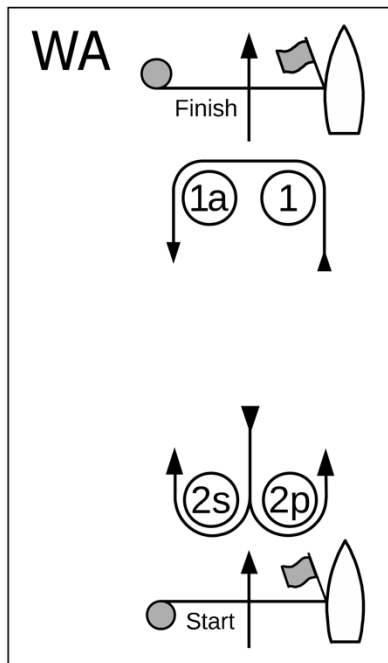
27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

27.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS (see SI 8)



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish