



**2021 Good Samaritan Hospital J/24 North American Championship**  
**June 16-20, 2021**  
**Sayville Yacht Club and the US J/24 Class Association**  
**Blue Point, NY 11715, USA**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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).

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions as stated in NOR 1.1
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If race committee displays Race Signal AP over H or AP over A, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. 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 regatta.
- 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 Appendix T: Arbitration shall apply to this event, except as modified by SI 15.1.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) is modified 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.
- 1.10 The international jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DP), for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.11 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution. Emergency crew changes may be made only with the written permission of the race committee.
- 1.12 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

**2. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 09.30 am on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 08.00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

**3. Communications with Competitors**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13168>  
The onshore unofficial notice board is in the main club house under the stairs to the second-floor offices.
- 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 [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, 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).
- 3.5 The VHF channel for communication with competitors will be posted on the official and unofficial notice boards by 0900 on the first day of racing.

**4. Code of Conduct**

- 4.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing



authority, Sayville Yacht Club, its employees and/or volunteers supporting this regatta 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.

**4.2** All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver.

**4.3** Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

**4.4** The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

## 5. Signals Made Ashore

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yacht club flagpole.

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5.3** When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## 6. Schedule of Races

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	16-June	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
Thursday	17-June	0800 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
		1400 - 1600	Practice Race/Sail maker debrief directly after racing
		1700 - 1900	Food & Beverages
		1800	All boats Afloat
Friday	18-June	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in *
		0900 - 1000	Opening Ceremony/Competitors Meeting
		1100	Warning for the First Race of the Day
Saturday	19-June	0800 - 0930	Buffet breakfast/Crew Weigh-In *
		1100	Warning for the First Race of the Day
		1700	Sail Maker debrief
		1800	Dinner & Entertainment
Sunday	20-June	0800 - 0930	Buffet breakfast/Crew Weigh-In *
		1030	Warning for the First Race of the Day
		1430	No starts after this time
		1700	Awards Ceremony & refreshments

**6.1** \* These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for approved replacement crews per NOR 1.11 and SI 1.11.

## 7. Class Flag

The class flag will be a white flag with a blue J/24 logo.

## 8. Racing Area

Racing will occur in the waters of the Great South Bay in the vicinity of Blue Point Long Island, NY.



## 9. Courses

**9.1** Courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs (course 5) or four legs (course 4).

**9.2** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

**9.3** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat 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. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**9.4** 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.

**9.5** Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2S and mark 2P). 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 boat at a distance to the discretion of the race committee. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.

**9.6** Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.

**9.7** 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 the offset mark 1a will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

## 10. Marks

Marks 1, 1a, 2S and 2P, start and finish will be:

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 13.1
1 and	5ft Cylinder -orange	Yellow Tetrahedron
1a(offset)	3ft Cylinder - orange	
2S and 2P (gate)	5ft Cylinder - orange	Yellow Tetrahedron
Start	Yellow inflatable mark	
Finish	Yellow inflatable mark	

## 11. Areas That Are Obstructions

No areas are designated as obstructions.

## 12. Start

**12.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 - warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**12.2** The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and either the course side of the starting mark or the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

**12.3** Race committee may broadcast starting information, countdowns and the bow numbers of any boats OCS on the VHF. This is courtesy only. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**12.4** The race committee may attempt to broadcast the bow or sail numbers of all boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1); it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.

**12.5** RRS 30.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display the bow number(s) after a general recall.

**12.6** [NP] A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.



### 13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard.

### 14. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing line boat and nearby finish mark.

### 15. Penalty System

**15.1** RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below.

**15.1.1** A boat may accept a Post-Race scoring penalty of 30% only until the end of the Protest Time Limit by completing a Penalty Acceptance Form available at the Protest Desk. This changes RRS App T.1(a) and T.1(b).

**15.1.2** A boat accepting a Post-Race scoring penalty after an arbitration hearing shall be penalized 40%. This changes RRS App T.1(b).

**15.2** The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

**15.3** Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

**15.4** RRS Appendix P applies, as below:

**15.4.1** Rule P1.1 is changed to read, "Only members of the Jury may serve as observers and act in accordance with rule P1.2."

**15.4.2** P1.2 is changed to read "An observer appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident."

**15.4.3** Rule P2.1 is changed to read, "two-turns penalty" is changed to "one-turn penalty".

**15.4.4** Rule P2.2, P2.3 shall not apply.

### 16. Time Limits and Target Times

**16.1** The target time for races is 60 to 80 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

**16.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat 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, A4, A5, and A11. The RC finishing vessel will lower the blue finish line flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed. This changes RRS "Race Signals."

### 17. Hearing Requests

**17.1** Protest forms will be located online on the official notice board and will be submitted as detailed in NOR Addendum B section C. - Hearing Procedures.

**17.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

**17.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

**17.4** The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee 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.

**17.5** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats



under RRS 61.1(b).

**17.6** Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

### **18. Scoring**

**18.1** Four completed races are required to constitute a championship.

**18.2** 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.

### **19. Safety Regulations**

**19.1** [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.

**19.2** [NP][DP] Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating her bow number.

### **20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

**20.1** There shall be no crew replacement or substitutions unless allowed and described in SI 1.11.

**20.2** Even if replacement/substitution is allowed, the number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

**20.3** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution of spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and carry event limitation marks for this event may be done without notification.

### **21. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

Equipment checks may be done at any time. 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.

### **22. Event Advertising**

[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.

### **23. Official Vessels**

Official Vessels shall display official flags as provided by the organizing authority.

RC boats:	Race Committee flags
Jury boats:	Black and white checkered flags
OA Support boats:	White Flag with 'OFFICIAL' printed on them

### **24. Support Vessels**

**24.1** [NP][DP] Support vessels shall comply with SI 1.4

**24.2** [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.

**24.3** [NP][DP] Support vessels and support persons shall remain no less than 100m from the race course from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee has signaled a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

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

### **25. Trash Handling**

[NP][DP] Trash shall not intentionally be disposed of in the water and shall be held for proper disposal ashore.



**26. Afloat and Haul-out Restrictions**

[NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat by June 15, 1800 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee. This includes rudders.

**27. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions**

**27.1** [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.

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

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

**28. Prizes**

**28.1** Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 5 places.

**28.2** The IJCA North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top finishing North American driver. A berth to the 2022 J/24 World Championship will be awarded to the top finishing North American driver.

**29. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

Regatta Committee

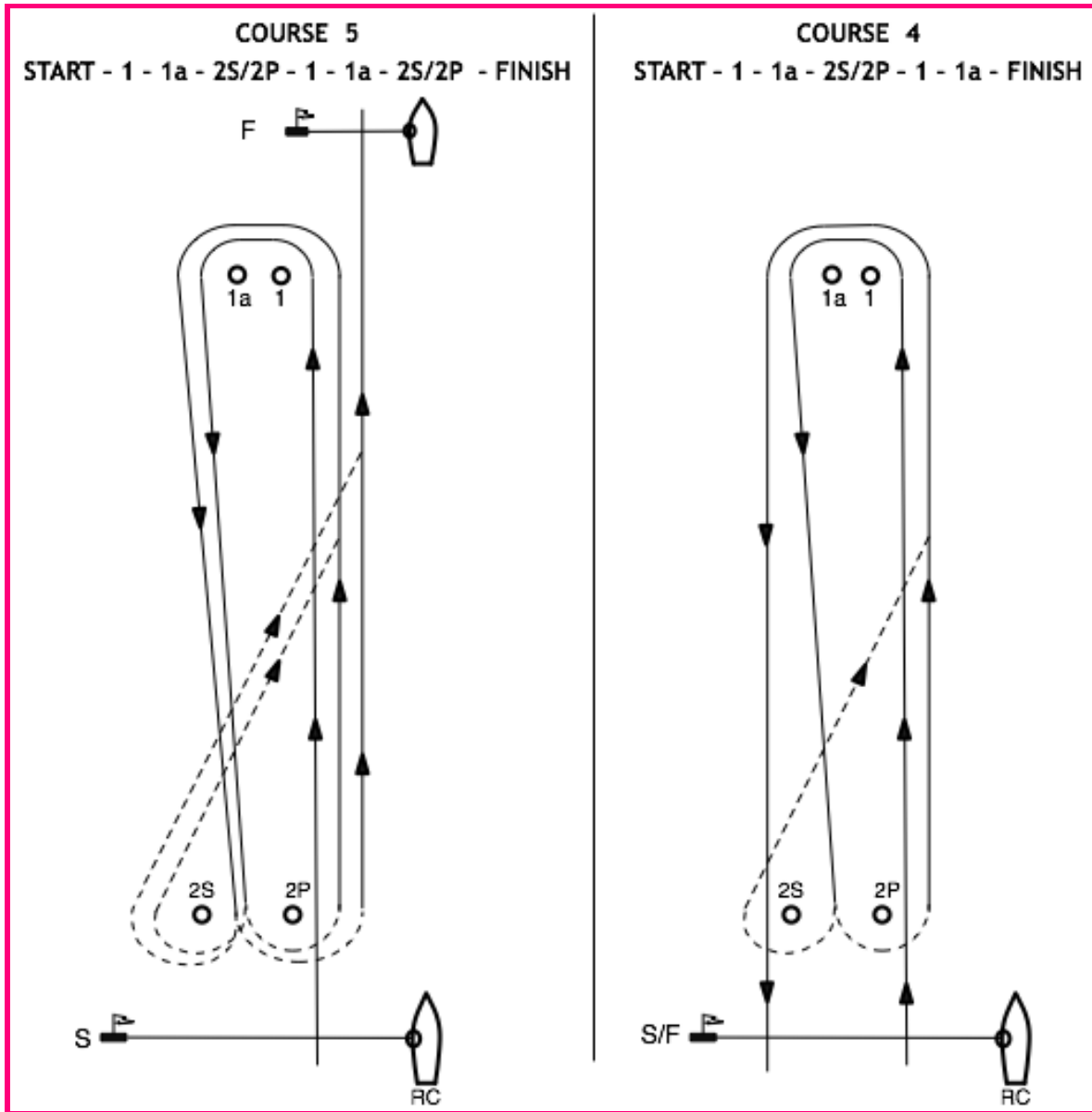
Regatta Chair: Joseph Buonasera

PRO: Susan Reilly

Jury Chair: Steve Wrigley

Technical Chair: Curt Barnes

**ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS**



**NOTE:**

If the gate (mark 2P and mark 2P) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2P and 2S, and shall be rounded to port and 2S/2P in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by mark 2.



**ATTACHMENT B – RACING AREA LOCATION**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the shaded area.

