



J/30 North American Championship

Friday-Sunday, 25-27 August 2023

Bristol Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Including Amendments #1& 2)

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change(s) to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Please note that this rule may be changed in the event of a postponement ashore, as noted below.
- 2.2 In the event that there is a postponement ashore, a change in the sailing instructions may also be made by the display of code flag “L” from the BYC flagpole, the posting of the change on the official notice board at least 15 minutes before AP is lowered, and a radio announcement of the change on channel 71 when AP is lowered.
- 2.3 In the event that oral changes are required on the water, the RC will display code flag “L”, make radio announcements, and make every effort to see that all boats are informed.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be on the porch of the Bristol Yacht Club. If possible, there will also be courtesy announcements made on the event website.
- 3.2 Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and make courtesy announcements to competitors on VHF radio channel 71 while on the water. Competitors shall monitor this channel.
- 3.3 Courtesy announcements, whether on the event website or on the water by VHF, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at from the BYC flagpole, located at the head of the BYC dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	24 August	1000-1820	Class Measurement, Registration & Crew Weigh-in
		1730	All boats must be inspected and afloat
		1730	Skipper’s meeting
Friday	25 August	0800-0900	Crew weigh-in
		1100	Warning Signal for first race of the day
			After racing Competitor’s Social at BYC
Saturday	26 August	1100	Warning Signal for first race of the day
			After racing Competitor’s Social at BYC
Sunday	27 August	1100	Warning Signal for first race of the day
		1330	No warning Signal after this time
			After racing Awards party at BYC



5.2 Races will be started according to RRS 26. The Race Committee will provide an attention signal (a series of short horn signals) approximately one minute before the warning signal for each start.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be International Signal Flag “J”.

7 RACING AREA

RC will rendezvous at 1000 each morning in the vicinity of government mark GR “OL” Bell, which marks Ohio Ledge, WNW of the northern point of Poppasquash Neck. See Figure 2.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are shown in Figure 1.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the RC Signal Vessel opposite the start line.
- 8.3 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

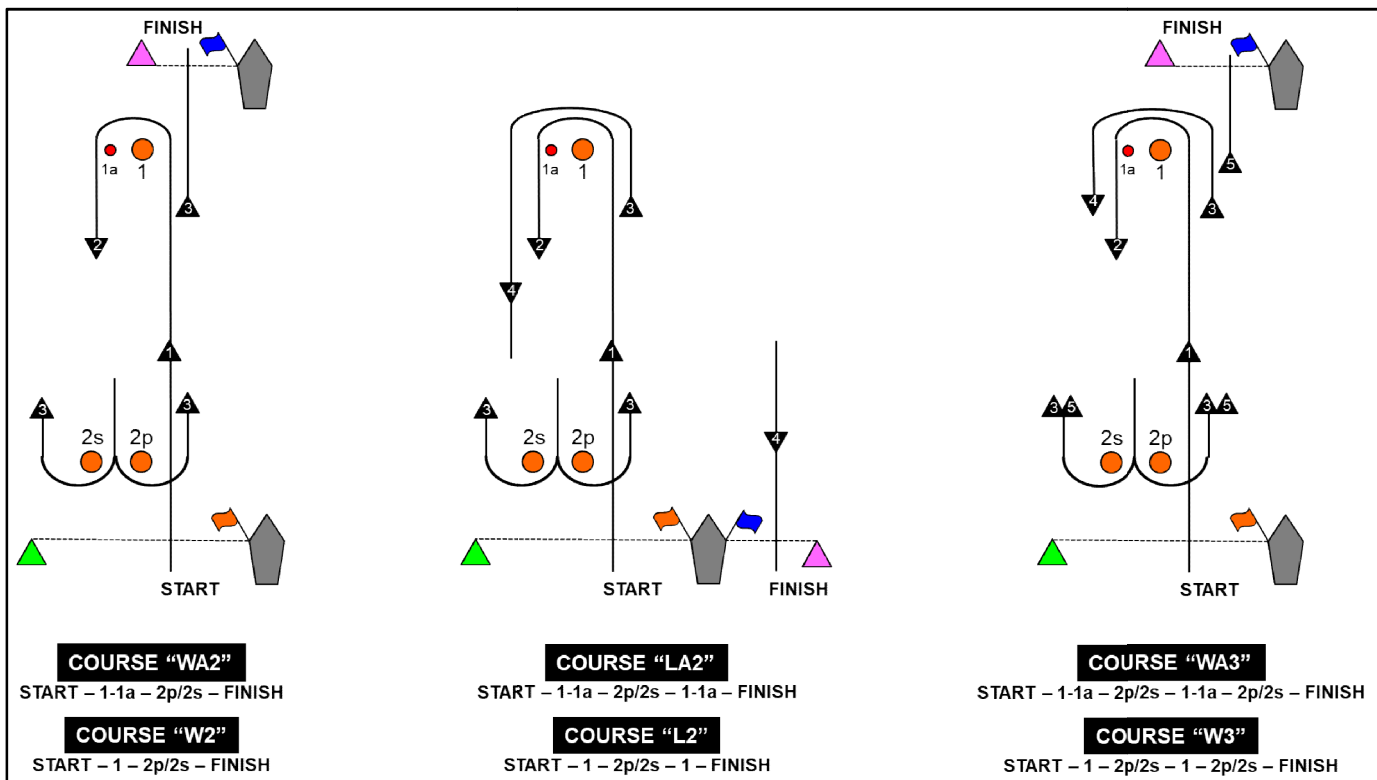


Figure 1. J/30 North American Championship Course Diagrams

9 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	4-foot Green Cone or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Cylinder (Weather Mark)
1a	3-foot Red Cylinder (Weather Offset Mark)
2p/2s	5-foot Orange Cylinders (Leeward Mark/Gate)
Change for 1	4-foot Yellow Tetrahedron
Finishing	5.5-foot Red Tetrahedron



10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel or the course side of a green cone at the port end.
- 10.2 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 attempt to hail her sail number. An RC failure to hail a boat's number, a boat's failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the red tetrahedron finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat passes Mark 1 within forty-five (45) minutes after the Warning Signal.
- 13.2 The race time limit for the first boat to finish is one hundred-twenty (120) minutes.
- 13.3 After the race time limit has expired, boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes, without subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.
- 13.4 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat in her class that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted at the protest desk within the Protest Time Limit.
- 14.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1, Penalty At The Time Of An Incident, shall apply.
- 14.3 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted in person at the protest desk at the Bristol Yacht Club.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time.
- 14.5 The Protest Committee will post a schedule of hearings on the official notice board within 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 71 and shall include the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number, and is not valid until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 15.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
 - (a) the boat does not gain any advantage;
 - (b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,



- (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 15.4 [NP]The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 15.2 and/or 15.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

16 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

[DP] A request for the substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be submitted in writing at the first reasonable opportunity after the need is identified, and must be approved in writing by either the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or the Chief Judge (CJ).

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 17.2 A boat shall not have any of her underwater portions cleaned from the Preparatory Signal of the first race through the end of the regatta.

18 ENVIRONMENT

[DP]This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. There will be refilling stations aboard all the RC boats, and competitors are encouraged to use them.





RACING AREA (Figure 2):

