



*SPYC Green Bench Regatta*  
*April 1-2, 2017*  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the current International J/24 Class Rules.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located at the St Pete Sailing Center (SPSC).  
2.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 63 to communicate with competitors.

**3 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the SI's will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before the end of protest time on the day before the change is to take effect.

**4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the SPSC.  
4.1 When the AP flag is displayed ashore 1 minute is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals "AP".

**5 Schedule of Races**

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**Saturday April 1st**

- 1230 Competitors' meeting (SPSC)  
1400 Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day (additional races to follow)  
1830 Post race beverages at SPSC

**Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 0930 Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day (additional races to follow)  
1300 No warning signal after this time

- 5.2 One race shall constitute a regatta.

**6. Class Flag**

The class flag will be a yellow flag.

**7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be ESE from the St. Petersburg municipal pier

**8. Retiring**

A boat retiring shall notify the race committee by hail or via VHF channel 63.

## **9. The Courses**

- 9.1 The course will be windward/leeward twice around. Appendix "A" shows the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side to which each mark shall be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the course length and approximate compass heading to the first mark.

## **10. Marks**

- 10.1 Mark 1 and 2 will be large yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a small orange tomato.
- 10.3 The start and finish marks will be orange tomatoes.
- 10.4 The change mark will be a green tetrahedron.

## **11. The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 Before the first warning signal on both days, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. Boats not complying will be subject to a 20% penalty without a hearing. Only the race committee can protest this infraction. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. Recalls**

The race committee may, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1. The delay of such a hail, the order of hails, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

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

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.

## **14. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **15 Time Limits**

- 15.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned
- 15.2 If no boat has finished within 90 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats still racing 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified, or given redress, will be scored TLE and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. This changes RRS A4.2, A5 and A11. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the orange flag with a long sound signal when the 15 minute period expires.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest shall do so in accordance with rule 61 and shall inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing by sailing to the opposite side of the committee boat from the finish line, identifying themselves by sail number and the sail number of the boat they are protesting. The protesting boat will continue

to display a protest flag and not leave the finish area until acknowledged by the race committee.  
This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

- 16.2 The red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- 16.3 Protest forms are available on the regatta notice board at the SPSC. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat has docked.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at SPSC, beginning at the earliest time possible.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

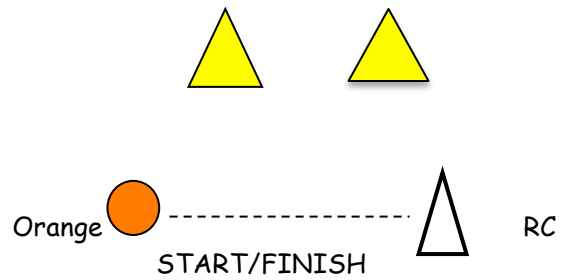
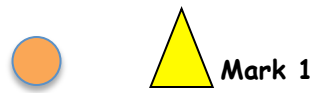
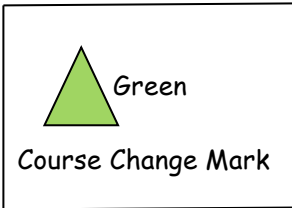
- 18.1 Crew substitutions declared at registration shall be made in accordance with Notice of Race 1.3. Other changes shall be made in accordance with SI 18.2 and 18.4.
- 18.2 Substitution of competitors will be allowed only with prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.3 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.
- 18.4 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the protest committee or on the water by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.5 Request for substitution and any reply shall be posted on the regatta notice board at SPSC.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

# APPENDIX A

COURSE DIAGRAM (not to scale)



## J-24 Green Bench Course

Start - 1 - 1a- 2s/p - 1 - 1a- Finish downwind

ALL Marks are to be left to PORT.