



J/24 District 12 Championship

August 10 - 12, 2018

**Organizing Authority: Port Clinton Yacht Club
Port Clinton, Ohio**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the J/24 class, and these sailing instructions.

1.2 Rule 42.3(b) is deleted and replaced by Class Rule C.1.1.

1.3 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing the event organizer. The question and any answer will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

1.4 If there is a discrepancy between the NOR and these SIs, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ENTRY

Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. Entrants must meet all ownership, Class membership, and 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 Regatta Notice Board located outside the PCYC sail garage (across from the hoist).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in these Sailing Instructions after the Skipper's Meeting will be posted not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Skippers Meeting, 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 If any signals are made ashore they will be displayed on the North Shore flag pole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday 1600 - Boat Launch begins

1800 - Online Registration closes

Saturday 0830 - Competitor's Meeting. All boats must be launched prior to the Competitor's Meeting.

0955 - Preparatory Signal, 1st Race.

Sunday 0900 - One-hour harbor gun warning.
No starting signal will be made after 1400.
Awards to follow last race of the series.

7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be a solid purple flag.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying a placard on the port side of the signal boat. This will be numerals 1, 2, or 3.

8.2 All races will be Windward Leeward courses sailed on Lake Erie north of PCYC.

8.3 The course diagrams are on Attachment A, showing the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. An offset mark will be used as signified on the course diagrams.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be Yellow Marks.

9.2 The Offset Mark will be a small orange Mark.

10. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of the first race each day, boats 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.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a RC flag on the race committee vessel's Port Side and an orange Start Mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS). This modifies rule A4.2.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the race committee may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the VHF channel announced at the skipper's meeting.

12.2 If rule 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.

12.3 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. 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be an Orange Mark.

13.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a RC flag on a race committee vessel's Port side and the course side finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour, or the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "TIME LIMIT EXPIRED" (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats who finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

16. SAFETY

16.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing, or decides she is done racing for the day, shall notify the race committee before leaving the course.

16.2 A boat returning to the racing area after leaving shall also notify the race committee of her intent to race.

17. SCORING

17.1 RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

17.2 Five races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

17.3 In the event five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Five races must be completed to have a 'throw-out'.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 In the event of a protest in the racing area, the yacht shall communicate verbally to the race committee signal boat her intent to protest. This shall be communicated immediately after her finish. This changes RRS 61.1.

18.2 Protest forms are available at PCYC Sail garage. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 1 hour of the race committee docking time.

18.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

18.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. AFLOAT AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 All boats must be launched and afloat by 0830 on Saturday, August 11th.

19.2 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the PRO and Regatta Chairman. This includes rudders. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively after that time.

20. CAREENING

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

21. PLASTIC POOL AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

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

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats.

23. INSPECTION

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

23.2 This regatta will not require boat measurement, sail measurement, or crew weighing. This changes Class Rule B.1.1(b), B.3.1, G.2.3, and C.2.1.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury/death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment A: Course Diagrams

Course 1: S - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - F

Course 2: S - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - F

