

## **2019 J/24 U.S. National Championship**

21-25 August 2019

International J/24 Class and Rochester Yacht Club

Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester, New York, USA

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Draft #3 MH 080519**

The Organizing Authority is J/24 Fleet 41 and the Rochester Yacht Club in conjunction with the US J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of that 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*.
- 1.2 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until the end of the regatta. Bow numbers will be used to identify the boat during the regatta. [NP]
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Support Vessels – 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 RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 1.6 RRS 61.1(a) is 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.
- 1.7 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
- 1.8 Class rule C.10.2 will be changed by NOR and SI to Class Rule J.2 regarding a spare spinnaker.
- 1.9 RRS 60.4(a)(1) is changed to read: “...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or...”
- 1.10 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and RRS Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the Burgee Bar at the Rochester Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer. Written questions and answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1145 on Thursday, August 22, and before 0900 on Friday, August 23, through Sunday, August 25. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club's main flagpole on the Northwest corner of the property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Flag B (Bravo) displayed ashore with one sound signal means that protest time ends in 60 minutes. Flag B lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended." This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5 SCHEDULE AND OTHER EVENTS

- 5.1 The Race Committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing with a maximum of ten (10) races for the regatta.

### 6 PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Wednesday, August 21

- 0900 to 1400 Early Launch Hours  
1300 to 2100 Check-In/Equipment inspection and event measurement  
1830 Just for fun – RYC PHRF racing – PHRF RC will offer a separate start for J/24s  
~~1700 to 2100 Welcome beer keg at RYC Burgee Bar~~

#### Thursday, August 22

- 0900 to 1600 Sail Measurement  
0900 to 1600 Crew Weigh-In  
0900 to 1600 Check-In  
0900 to 1800 Boat Launching  
1200 Competitors briefing  
1330 Practice racing first warning signal  
1800 Welcome ceremony and ~~drinks~~ beer keg

#### Friday, August 23

- 0700 to 0900 Last Minute Crew Weigh-In  
0800 to 1000 Breakfast Fundraiser by RJYC  
0915 Competitors briefing  
0945 Harbor Start  
1130 First Warning Signal  
After Racing Daily Awards and Debrief, music, card games, corn hole and more!

#### Saturday, August 24

- 0800 to 1000 Breakfast at RYC  
0915 Competitors briefing  
0945 Harbor Start  
1130 First Warning Signal  
1800 to 2200 BBQ Dinner, Drinks & Live Band

Sunday, August 25

- 0800 to 0930 Breakfast Fundraiser by RJYC
- 0845 Competitors briefing
- 0915 Harbor Start
- 1030 First Warning Signal
- 1330 No warning signal after this time
- After Racing Boat Hauling
- 1500 to 1900 Post Race Party
- 1700 Awards Ceremony

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be the J/24 class insignia or the numeral pennant 1.

**7 RACE AREA**

7.1 Racing will take place in the waters of Lake Ontario near the Genesee River. See Attachment C.

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course, approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

8.2 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed:

<b>Course 4:</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate (2S/2P) - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)
<b>Course 5:</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate (2S/2P) - 1 - 1a - Gate (2S/2P - Finish (Upwind)

8.3 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark. The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10-15 boat lengths (70m-110 m) to port of Mark 1.

8.4 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If only one mark of the gate is present, it shall be rounded to port. Unless there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC signal boat. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.

8.5 Unless there is a change of course, the finish for course 4 will be downwind of the gate.

8.6 Unless there is a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of Mark 1.

8.7 The RC will broadcast the course, bearing and distance to the first mark before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.8 No 5-leg course will be shortened to fewer than four legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to fewer than three legs in length. The distance between mark 1 and the offset mark is not a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

**9 MARKS**

9.1 Marks will be:

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 12.1
1	Orange Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron
1A (offset)	Red Ball	Red Ball
2S and 2P (GATE)	Orange Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron

9.2 The starting marks will be two RC vessels or one RC vessel and a nearby inflatable mark.

9.3 The finishing marks will be two RC vessels or one RC vessel and a nearby inflatable mark.

9.4 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: NONE.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC vessel or the course side of a nearby inflatable mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than six minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.3 The RC will broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start. Failure to broadcast, or to hear broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(b).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 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.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC vessel or the course side of an inflatable mark.

13.2 If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the flag R (Romeo) with no sound while the boats are finishing. This changes RRS race signals.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties will apply.

14.2 Other penalties per RRS 64.1 apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See Attachment B.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 The target time for races is 70 to 85 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats still racing more than 45 minutes after the first boat to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the blue "on station" flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

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

16.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk, located in the RYC office building on the east side of property. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after flag B (Bravo) is hoisted ashore. See SI 4.3. Flag B will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to the harbor at the discretion of the RC. The RC will post the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board at or before the hoisting of flag B.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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 RYC office building on the east side of property beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

**17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 A "TLE" score is defined as two finishing places greater than the number of boats that have finished within the finishing window described in SI 15.2. This changes A4, A5 and A11.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race, leaves or returns to the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.2 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat displaying flag L (Lima) and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's bow number.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors not declared at registration will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND 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. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules or the notice of race.

**21 ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION/EVENT STICKERS [NP]**

- 21.1 Boats shall display bow numbers and event stickers provided by the OA during the event. Placement instructions will be provided at registration. The crew shall ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

**22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

RC vessels	
Protest Committee vessels	White Flag with Black 'J'

Press vessels	Yellow Flag with Black 'P'
Measurement/Equipment Check vessels	White Flag with a Black 'M'
VIP	White Flag with a Black 'VIP'

**23 SUPPORT VESSELS [NP]**

- 23.1 Support vessels shall register at the registration desk.
- 23.2 Support vessels shall be marked by a yellow pennant and remain no less than 150m from the race course from the Preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.3 Failure of a support vessel to register or to comply with SI 23.1 or SI 23.2 may result in protest against the boats associated with the support vessel. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support vessel shall be at the discretion of the PC and may not be excluded from their score. This modifies RRS 64.1(c) and A2. [DP]
- 23.4 Support vessels shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the race committee VHF channel 71.
- 23.5 Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the RC/OA.

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]**

- 24.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water.

**25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS – See NOR 14.**

**26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 26.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

**27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 27.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 27.2 The RC will use VHF radio channel 71 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow#/sail# or failure to hear them shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 27.3 Each boat is strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio on board capable of receiving channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72 and to monitor the radio on while in the racing area.

**28 PRIZES – See NOR 17**

- 28.1 The OA may award additional prizes at their discretion

**29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – see NOR 19**

**30 INSURANCE**

- 30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

**31 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

31.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as provided and specified by the OA.

**32 MEDIA RIGHTS – see NOR 20**

**33 CODE OF CONDUCT – see NOR 18**

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**RACE OFFICIALS**

<b>Regatta Chair:</b>	Travis Odenbach	phone
<b>PRO:</b>	Matt Hill (USA)	cell # (401) 266-4102
<b>Protest Committee:</b>	Chairman	

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Course 4 and Course 5**

**COURSE 4**

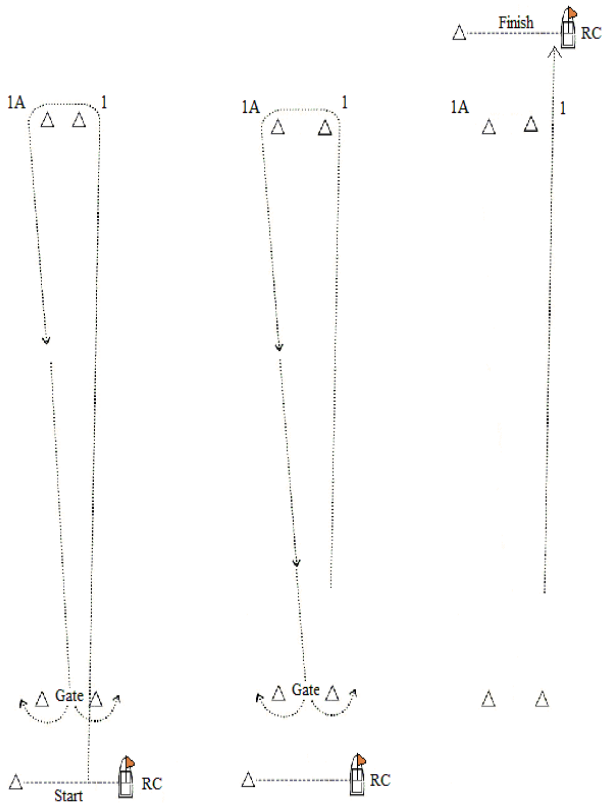


Start – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A – Finish

Start – Finish may be between either the RC boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby mark  
or  
between two RC boats each displaying an orange flag.



**COURSE 5**



Start – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A – Gate - Finish

Start – Finish may be between either the RC boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby mark  
or  
between two RC boats each displaying an orange flag.

## ATTACHMENT B - Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification. All these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

<b>Class Rule</b>	<b>Infringement</b>	<b>Scoring Penalty</b>
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.9.4 & C.9.5	Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9-liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a) (10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a) (11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%
	Removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.

**ATTACHMENT C**

Racing Area and RYC Club House location

