



**J/88 North American Championship  
Larchmont Yacht Club  
October 16-20, 2019**



The organizing authority (OA) is the Larchmont Yacht Club and the J/88 Class Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed: After the last sentence of Appendix T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration and a hearing is held, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 1.3 Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, will apply.
- 1.4 Class Rules - 6.0 Additional Class Racing Provisions  
Class Rule 6.1, as per 6.2, is waived with permission from the Executive Board and the crew weight of 503.3kg will be used for this event.  
6.1 For J/88 Class or Fleet sanctioned events, the number of crew shall not exceed the driver plus five (5) crew members, except if the total crew weight is in compliance with Rule 6.2.  
6.2 For J/88 Class championship events, the Executive Board may, with at least 90 days' prior notice, waive Rule 6.1 in which case the maximum crew weight (in swimming apparel) is 1,110 lbs. (503.3 kgs) with no limit on numbers of crew. If the sailing instructions require a weigh-in prior to the start of a regatta, a boat complying with the weight restrictions at weigh-in shall not otherwise be subject to a weigh-in during or after the regatta, except for weighing substitute crew.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the veranda of the main clubhouse. Copies may be available at the check in desk.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0930 on the day they take effect, except that 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 ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the yacht club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Time	
Weds. Oct 16	0900 – 1600	Competitor Check in, weigh in, sail measurements and continental breakfast in the Pandemonium
	0900 – 1600	Boat measurement at the work dock
Thurs. Oct 17	0800 – 0930	Competitor Check in, weigh in and continental breakfast in the Pandemonium
	0830	Skippers Meeting in the Pandemonium

Thurs Oct 17 – Sunday Oct 20	1100	First Warning Signal
Thurs Oct 17 – Fri Oct 18		Sailors welcome ashore food, keg and cash bar
Sat Oct 19	1800	Class Meeting
	1900	Event dinner
Sunday Oct 20	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
		Awards ceremony following the completion of racing

5.2 Multiple races are scheduled for each day with a maximum of 11 races for the series.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS AND CHECK-IN

6.1 Class flag will be numeral pennant one

6.2 Before the first warning each day, each boat shall check in by sailing past the signal vessel, hailing her sail number and receiving acknowledgement from the race committee.

## 7 RACE AREA

The starting area will be in the waters off the Larchmont Breakwater. The approximate position of the starting area will be announced approximately 1 hour before the 1st warning signal each day on the Race Course Channel

## 8 COURSES

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

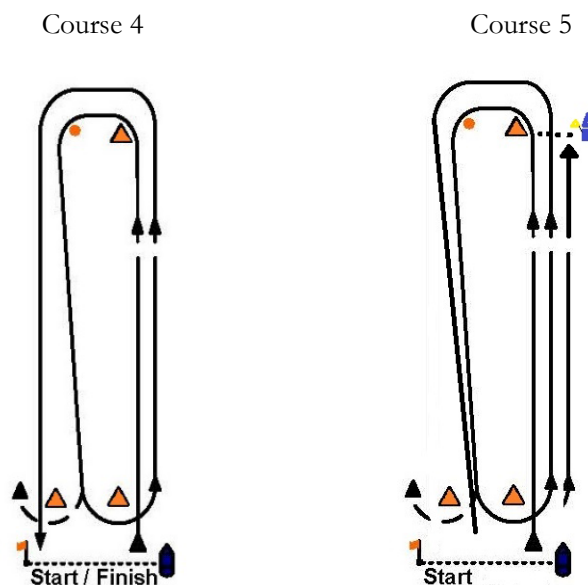
8.2 Courses will be designated as follows:

4 – windward, offset, leeward mark **or gate**, windward, offset, finish to leeward

5 – windward, offset, leeward mark **or gate**, windward, offset, leeward mark **or gate**, finish to windward

All marks shall be left to port, except if a leeward gate is set.

8.3 COURSE DIAGRAMS – **the leeward mark may or may not be a gate** (Schematic – not to scale)



## 9 MARKS

9.1 Original marks will be orange inflatables.

9.2 New marks, as provided in sailing instruction 11, Changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be a yellow tetrahedron.

- 9.3 The offset mark will be a round red inflatable. When a change of course is signaled, there will be no offset mark.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and an orange flag on the port end.
- 10.2 A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.3 Any re-commencement of the starting sequence will be preceded by repetitive sounds and an announcement on the Official VHF channel approx. 1 minute prior to the warning signal. Boats are reminded to stay within range of the starting area
- 10.4 The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by their sail number on the official VHF channel. The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGING 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 finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 For course 4 the start and finish lines will be the same.  
For course 5 the finish line will be between the course side of the windward mark and yellow flag on the race committee vessel to starboard.
- 12.2 The race committee may assign a finish position to any unfinished boats, provided that the appropriate finish place for those boats can be determined in a reasonable manner.
- 12.3 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 2 hours. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This modifies rule 35.

## **14 PROTESTS**

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest for an incident while racing is requested to notify the race committee promptly upon finishing the race by VHF or by hailing the committee boat after finishing.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the front desk.
- 14.3 Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee desk located at the top of the main staircase of the clubhouse no later than 60 minutes after the race committee comes ashore.
- 14.4 The protest time limit and a list of protests and requests for redress submitted to the protest desk will be posted promptly.
- 14.5 Parties to a hearing and their witnesses should remain in the protest area. If they are not available when called, they may not be heard.
- 14.6 Hearings and arbitration will begin as soon as practicable after protest forms are filed at the protest desk.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion.
- 15.2 Three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 15.3 A boat scored TLE will be given 2 points more than the number of finishers, except that she will not be scored worse than DNF

**16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee, after consultation with the class measurer or his designee.
- 16.2 All boats shall be in the water by 1600 on October 16, 2019 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NoR 12.2.

**17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats.
- 17.2 The race committee intends to use VHF 78A to broadcast information to competitors. Competitors shall monitor the VHF channel designated by the race committee.

**18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through fifth place overall as well as best overall Corinthian.
- 18.2 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

**19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors are reminded of the Disclaimer of Liability to which they agreed as stated in the notice of race.

**20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Regatta information: contact LYC Regatta Committee: [racecommittee@larchmontyc.org](mailto:racecommittee@larchmontyc.org).  
Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538, phone 914-834-2440.

J/88 Class President: Iris Vogel  
Event Chairman: Brian McCloskey  
Regatta Committee Chairman: John May  
Principal Race Officer: Cynthia Parthemos  
Protest Committee Chair: Mary Savage  
Technical Committee: J/88 Class Measurer