



# *J/24 District 12 Championship*

**September 21-22, 2019**

**Organizing Authority: Sandusky Sailing Club  
Sandusky, Ohio**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *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 If there is a discrepancy between the NOR and 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 SSC clubhouse next to the Bar.

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no 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 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole @ SSC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Friday	1800 SSC Bar opens 1900 Final Scratch sheet posted. No on-site registration.
Saturday	0900 Skippers Meeting. All boats must be launched by this time. 0915 One hour harbor gun warning. 1010 Warning of Race #1. Multiple races scheduled. Post-race Regatta Party and Live music @ SSC 1800 Dinner - Cameos Pizza & Beer - \$10 per person
Sunday	0900 One hour harbor gun warning. No starting signal will be made after 1300. Awards to follow the last race of the series.

### **7. CLASS FLAG**

The Class Flag will be a yellow flag with J24 insignia.

## **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 3, 4, 5, or 6.
- 8.2 All races will be Windward Leeward courses sailed on Sandusky Bay.
- 8.3 The course diagrams are on the Attachment. They show 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 may be used as signified on the course diagrams. A gate may be used as signified on the course diagrams. The absence of either the offset or gate shall not be grounds for redress.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The Offset Mark, if used, will be a small orange ball.
- 9.3 The starting pin will be a yellow cylinder.
- 9.4 The finish pin will be a small orange ball.
- 9.5 Change marks will be yellow cylinders.

## **10. CHECKING IN**

Before the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3 Boats identified OCS at the start will be hailed over VHF 69. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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

- 12.1 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 new mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 12.2 In the case of a course change to the windward mark, the offset shall be disregarded.
- 12.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13. THE FINISH**

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

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 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. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 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, A4, A5, and A11.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at Sandusky Sailing Club in the Commodore's Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 1 hour of the race committee docking time.

- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 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.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.
- 16.2 Five races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 In the event five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 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 by hailing the RC on VHF 69.
- 17.2 A boat returning to the racing area after leaving shall also notify the race committee of her intent to race.

## **18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 18.1 All boats must be launched and afloat by 0900 on Saturday, September 21.
- 18.2 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **19. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

## **21. INSPECTION**

- 21.1 Inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.
- 21.2 This regatta will not require boat measurement, sail measurement, or crew weigh-in. This changes Class rule B.1.1(b), B.3.1, G.2.3, and C.2.1.

## **22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the top 5 boats.

## **23. 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.