

District 7 Pennant Series Regatta
Rochester Yacht Club
May 31-June 1, 2008

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the IJCA, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRY

Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. Entrants must meet all ownership, Class membership and yacht measurement requirements, 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 Official Regatta Notice Board located in the RYC clubhouse .

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in these Sailing Instructions after the Skipper's Meeting will be posted by 1900 on the day before it is to take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the RYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday / May 31	First signal for the first race of the day will be 1055. There will be as many races as possible. No starting signal will be made after 1700 on Saturday
Sunday / June 1	First signal for the first race of the day will be 1030. There will be as many as races as possible. No starting signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday.

7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be a large white flag with the J-24 logo..

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be of Windward/Leeward design incorporating a Leeward Gate and a Windward Offset Mark. Attachment "A" diagrams the course(s), the order in which Marks are to be rounded and the direction each Mark is to be passed. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset Mark will be placed at a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 150 feet from Mark 1. Conditions permitting, Mark 1 will be approximately 0.8 to 1.5 nautical mile from the starting line. Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of 2 marks: boats must pass through the gate and then round 2p to port, or 2s to starboard. Conditions permitting, the distance between 2p and 2s will be approximately 120 feet. There are a total of four or five legs. The distance between Mark 1 and the Offset Mark is not considered a leg of the course. The gate marks are not marks of the course on the finishing leg.
- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat before or with the warning signal.

9. MARKS

Marks will be yellow cylinder and orange tetrahedron type inflatable marks.

10. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat 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 by repeating the boat's sail number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty of 20% applied as described in rule 44.3(c). This modifies rule A5.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS). This modifies rule A4.1.

12. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to promptly broadcast the bow number of each recalled boat on the VHF CH 9. 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. 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. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 13.1 To change the position of the next Mark, 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. If a new Mark 1 is set, a new Offset Mark will also be set.
- 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 an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour, or the first boat to finish does not finish within one and a half hours, the race shall be abandoned. Boats that fail to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "DID NOT FINISH" (DNF). This modifies rules 35, A3 and A4.1.

16. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

17.2 As many races as possible are scheduled, one race will constitute a regatta.

17.3 Each boats score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be excluded

18. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

18.1 The Scoring Penalty, as provided in rule 44.3 and as modified herein, will apply.

18.2 The infringing boat shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I is acceptable) with a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly not less than 200mm, flown from the port backstay adjuster, in accordance with rule 44.3(a).

18.3 The infringing boat shall file a written declaration of the infringement on a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form", which will be available at RYC Clubhouse (Trophy room), and lodged with the Jury's representative located at the RYC Clubhouse within one hour after the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18.4 A boat which complies with some but not all of the requirements of Sailing Instructions 18.2, 18.3 and rule 44.3 shall receive a 50% scoring penalty, however, no boat shall receive a score worse than the number of points awarded for DNF. This modifies rule A5.

19. PROTESTS

19.1 Protests shall be in accordance with rule 61 as modified herein.

19.2 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm, flown from the starboard backstay adjuster, in accordance with rule 61.1(a), the protesting boat must also notify the RC immediately after the finish.

19.3 Protests shall be written using US SAILING protest forms available at the RYC Clubhouse(Trophy room), and lodged with the Jury's representative located in the RYC Clubhouse within the Protest Time, which will begin at the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat and end one hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.4 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties.

19.5 The Jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

Boats shall receive no outside assistance not available to all competitors, including support boats, after leaving the harbor area for the first race of each day.

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the Jury; but in the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively after that time.

23. 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.

24. PLASTIC POOL AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

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

25. RADIO EQUIPMENT

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

26. CREW REQUIREMENTS

26.1 Any substitution requires prior written permission of the Jury, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

26.2 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing through the Jury, not later than 1-1/2 hours before the warning signal, but in the case of emergency may be granted retroactively after that time.

26.3 Substitution approvals from the Jury will be in writing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

27. INSPECTION

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

29. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five boats, and the top finishing master.

Attachment A