

USJCA OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For District Championships and World Qualification

District One Championship

October 4-5, 2003

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), the Notice of Regatta (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. The Jury will have final authority on all matters.
- 1.2 If there are to be co-skippers, one of them must be designated as primary skipper for World Championship Qualification purposes.
- 1.3 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event as per RRS Appendix G.
- 1.4 Class Rule 2.5.3 shall be modified to allow a completed Yacht Measurement form D in lieu of a current Measurement Certificate. A Measurement Certificate or Yacht Measurement Form Part D, and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment shall be completed and available. Boats may be checked at any time during the regatta for compliance.
- 1.5 The exception described in RRS 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in Class Rule 8.2.2.
- 1.6 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and any answer will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

2. ENTRY

Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. All boats 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 at the Satuit Boat Club, 66 Jericho Road, Scituate, MA 02066.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions after the skippers meeting will be approved by the Jury and posted before 2100 hours that day, or 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, 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 designated official flagstaff located at the Satuit Boat Club.
- 5.2 The Answering Pennant, "AP", shall be displayed with a numeral pennant. When "AP" is displayed ashore the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP".

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

DAY	DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	Number of races planned
Saturday	10/4/2003	11:00 Hours	up to 3
Sunday	10/5/2003	10:00 Hours	up to 3

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 WINDWARD/LEEWARD The diagram on Attachment "A" shows the course, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset Mark will be placed approximately at a right angle

to the weather leg and approximately 200 feet from Mark 1. Mark 3 will be a gate consisting of 2 marks: boats must pass through the gate and then round 3p to port or 3s to starboard. Conditions permitting, Mark 1 will be approximately 1 nautical mile from the starting line. NOTE: This Course will not have a Mark 2.

7.2 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.

7.3 As a modification to RRS 32, the course may be shortened for the purpose of conducting a subsequent race within the prescribed time limit or schedule.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Orange Tetrahedrons. The Starting mark will be a Red Ball.

8.2 New marks when used in accordance with Instruction 13, CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START, will be Red Ball.

8.3 The Offset Mark will be an Orange Tetrahedron.

9. 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 bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's number. A boat failing to do so will receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with described in RRS 44.3(c).

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, System 2.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark (described in SI 8.1).

10.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

10.4 After one or more general recalls of a race Code Flag "Z", RRS 30.2, may be flown at the discretion of the Race Officer, with the approval of the Jury.

10.5 After two or more general recalls of a race a BLACK FLAG, RRS 30.3, may be flown at the discretion of the Race Officer, with the approval of the Jury.

11. Modifications to RRS 30.2

11.1 RRS 30.2 is changed so that a boat infringing this Rule shall receive a scoring penalty if an Individual Recall is signaled and if that boat properly starts that race.

11.2 The penalty for being premature in two or more restarts of the same race under the "Z" flag shall be the sum of the penalties, however no boat shall received a score worse than points for DSQ.

12. Recalls

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to promptly broadcast the bow number or sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 68. 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 A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

- 13.2 When the Race Committee uses a “+” or “-“ sign with Code Flag “C”, RRS 33 is modified such that the leg in question shall not be lengthened or shortened by more than 30% of its original length.
14. **THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag or “S” flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearest Mark of the course.
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 three hours, the race shall be abandoned. Boats still racing but not finished 1/2 hour after the first boat finishes will be scored “TLF” (Time Limit Failure) and will receive two points more than the last boat finishing. This modifies paragraph RRS 35 and Appendix A. The Race Committee reserves the right after all but one boat has finished, to award the final boat its finish.
16. **SAFETY**
A boat which retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.
17. **SCORING**
17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.
17.2 Up to six (6) Races are scheduled and all will be scored, no throw-outs. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a Regatta for purposes of scoring in the District Championship or World Qualification.
18. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**
18.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.1 shall apply.
19. **PROTESTS**
19.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag, with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, from a leg of the backstay adjuster, in accordance with RRS 61.1.
19.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available at the Satuit Boat Club and lodged with the Jury's representative there 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 Notice Board.
19.3 Protest notices will be posted within one-half hour of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses.
19.4 The Jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.
19.5 Decisions of the Jury that affect World Championship Qualifiers will be final in accordance with 70.4(a).
20. **SUPPORT BOATS**
Boats shall receive no outside assistance not available to all competitors, including support boats, after leaving her mooring for the first race each day until she returns to her mooring.
21. **SAIL NUMBERS**
Class rule 2.5.2 is modified to state that a yachts sail numbers shall all be the same.
22. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the Jury.
23. **CAREENING**
Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

24. **PLASTIC POOLS 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 (Note that Class Rule 8.1.5 is in effect for all races).

26. **CREW REQUIREMENTS**

26.1 Any substitution requires prior written permission of the Jury, or the regatta organizing authority.

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

27. **INSPECTION**

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

28. **BOW NUMBERS**

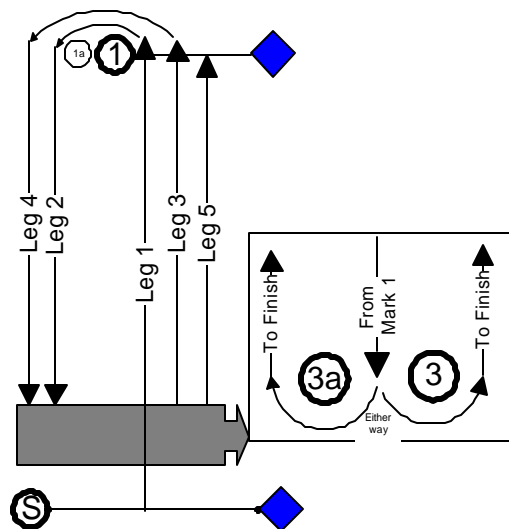
28.1 Bow numbers will be assigned to each participant.

28.2 The numbers must be affixed in accordance with written instructions distributed with the bow numbers.

29. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crews placing first through fifth.

**Attachment "A"
Course**



10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The starting line will be to leeward of Mark 3. Mark 3 is not a rounding or passing mark on the first leg of the course.