



2009 J/24 Midwinter Championship

January 7-10, 2009

Sailing Instructions

J/24 District 10, Fleet 86



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta is classified Category "C" per rule 79 and International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20, and by IJCA rule 2.6.1.
- 1.3 IJCA rule 5.1 is modified with permission of the IJCA: See NOR item 1.2
- 1.4 Rule 41 is changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in rule 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the rules.
- 1.5 Any questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Regatta Office, located on the ground floor, Southwest side of the clubhouse. The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board.
- 1.6 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after the boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located on the West exterior wall on the lower level of the Clubhouse.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with competitors on the water.
- 2.3 Hails will use bow numbers when possible, but sail numbers may also be used.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the SI will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the West end of the property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Tuesday, Jan. 6
1800 – 2000 Registration (no measurement)
- Wednesday, Jan. 7
1000 – 1800 Registration
1000 – 1800 Weigh-in and Measurement
1400 Practice racing with Race Committee
1745 Launch Deadline
1800 Competitors Meeting
1830 – 2030 Rules Seminar: "**Mark-Room and Other Game Changes**"
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday (Jan. 8-10)
0900 Harbor start
1000 First warning signal
ASAP Subsequent races
Social activities to follow
- Saturday, Jan. 10
1830 Regatta Banquet and Awards

- 5.2 Eleven races are scheduled. Refer to 18.1 for minimum number of races needed to constitute a series.
- 5.3 When the race committee intends to run another race on any day, they will fly flag "R" from the finishing committee boat. The warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the J/24 insignia.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the Clubhouse. Appendix I shows the location of the racing area.



7.2	Tides:	Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet
		Th 8	Low	6:51 AM	-1.1
		Th 8	High	10:43 PM	2.8
		F 9	Low	7:46 AM	-1.2
		F 9	High	11:43 PM	2.9
		Sa 10	Low	8:35 AM	-1.4

8 CHECK-OUT

A boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area early shall promptly notify the race committee either by hail, over VHF, or by telephone to the Clubhouse at (813) 251-1158.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course will be windward/leeward, with 4 or 5 legs as diagrammed in Appendix II, COURSE DIAGRAMS ('4' or '5').
- 9.2 An offset mark will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 200 ft. to port of Mark 1, looking upwind.
- 9.3 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks set approximately 200 ft. apart.
- 9.4 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance for the first leg from the starting line to mark 1.
- 9.5 Course example:

5	Five legs finishing to windward
2 7 0	270 magnetic from starting line to first mark
1.2	1.2 miles from starting line to first mark

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2p and 2s will yellow inflatable shapes.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a red ball.
- 10.3 New marks, when used in accordance with SI 13 will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 10.4 The starting mark will be a green inflatable shape.
- 10.5 The finishing mark will be a red ball.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. The race committee will announce the imminent start of a sequence with an announcement on VHF with 4 (four) short sound signals one minute prior to the warning signal. The race committee may use VHF to count down the last few seconds before the warning signal.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 The starting line will be to leeward of marks 2p and 2s.
- 11.4 The inflatable ball tethered to the stern of the signal boat will be considered a part of a starting mark under the preamble to RRS Section C, and not a temporary attachment.
- 11.5 No boat may start more than 10 minutes after the starting signal.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to inform boats that are OCS, by hail of the bow or sail numbers over VHF.
- 12.2 When a starting penalty of rule 30 is in effect, the race committee will attempt to inform boats that are OCS, by hail of the bow or sail numbers over VHF during the minute before the start as well as after the start.
- 12.3 The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1.

13 CHANGE OF 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 finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with 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 LIMITS

- 15.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 If no boat has finished within 120 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 30 minute period expires. This changes rule 35.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 as modified herein, will apply.
- 16.2 The boat accepting a scoring penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (code flag "T" is acceptable), with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. This changes rule 44.3(a).
- 16.3 In addition to the reporting requirements of rule 44.3 (a), a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available at the Regatta Office. The form is to be lodged with the protest committee secretary within Protest Time.
- 16.4 Penalties for breaking instructions 1.6, 8, 19.2, 20, 23 and 24 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.5 Rule 64.1 is changed to allow the protest committee to assign penalties in accordance with Appendix III: PENALTIES FOR BREAKING SOME IJCA RULES.



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16.6 Add to rule 64.1(c): If a boat receives a penalty when not racing under in SI 16.5 or 16.6 that penalty shall apply to the race designated by the protest committee.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 The protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity, conspicuously display a red flag (with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm). This changes rule 61.1 (a).
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 17.5 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Office, beginning as soon as practical.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.7 Breaches of instructions 15.3, 19.1, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 17.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 Appendix A is changed so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, A5, and A11.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Crew substitutions declared at registration shall be made in accordance with Notice of Race 1.3. Other changes shall be made in accordance with SI 19.2, and 19.4.
- 19.2 Substitution of competitors will be allowed only with prior written approval of the protest committee.
- 19.2.1 Unless the protest committee specifies otherwise, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only.

19.2.2 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the protest committee or on the water by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.4 Requests for substitution and any reply shall be posted on the regatta notice board.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

See NOR item 6.5.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will fly a RC flag.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are obliged to comply with SI 1.4.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

See NOR items 12 and 13.

24 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND CAREENING RESTRICTIONS

See NOR item 13.

25 RADIO EQUIPMENT

A boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or mobile phone communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 PRIZES

See NOR item 15.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

See NOR item 17.

28 INSURANCE

See NOR item 3.4.



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APPENDIX I: RACING AREA LOCATION

DAVIS ISLANDS YACHT CLUB



APPENDIX II: COURSE DIAGRAMS

Course 4		Course 5
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1a (port), finish</p>		<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p>

APPENDIX III: PENALTIES FOR BREAKING SOME IJCA CLASS RULES

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in rule 44.3(c) and shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	SCORING PENALTY
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	20%
2.6.1	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	20%
3.8.5	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container are not secured against movement.	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%
8.1.4	The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment.	20%
8.4	The 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 can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury.

Amended to include Class Rule Changes Effective February 1, 2007



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