

Sailing Instructions
2015 J/24 Easter Regatta
April 2-5, 2015
J/24 Fleet 67 & Columbia Sailing Club
Lake Murray, South Carolina

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and by the J/24 class rules except as modified in the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3. Class Rule 2.5.3 is changed to allow a completed yacht Measurement form Part 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 for compliance at any time during the regatta.
- 1.4. The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.5. The exception described in RRS 42.3 (c) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in Class Rule 8.2.
- 1.6. Any discrepancy between the NOR and these SIs will be decided in favor of the SI. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7. Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and any answer will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1. Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. Each boat must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming an official competitor.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change in the SI that will take effect on Friday will be posted within 15 minutes of the end of the Competitors Meeting. Any change that will take effect on Sat or Sun will be posted before 0800 hours on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. Changes in SI on the water per RRS 90.2 (c) will be made by hoisting "L" flag with one sound and will be lowered when all the checked in competitors have acknowledged the change.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm located on the front lawn of CSC.
- 5.2. When "AP" is displayed ashore, the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board before "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The competitor's meeting will be held at 1100 on Friday, on the clubhouse porch.
- 6.2. Races are scheduled as follows:

Day	Time of first Warning Signal
Friday	1230
Saturday	0930
Sunday	0930

- 6.3. No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday.
- 6.4. One or more races will constitute a regatta.
- 6.5. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

7. CLASS FLAG

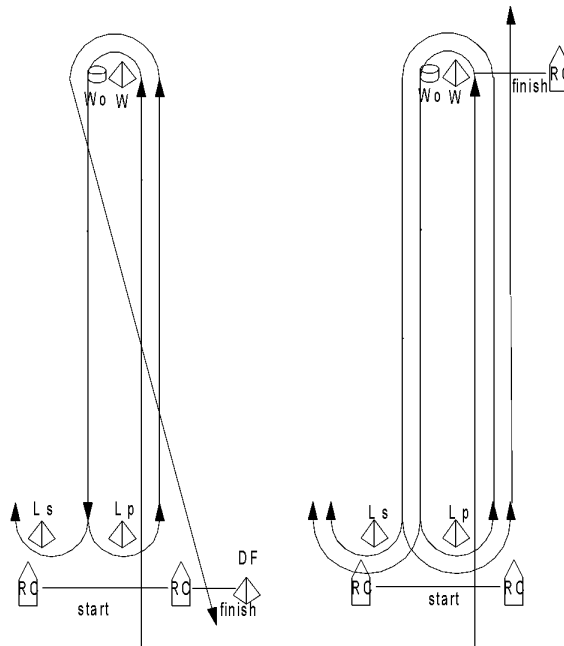
- 7.1. The class flag is white and bears the J/24 emblem.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the sailing club. The racing area is roughly bounded by the Lake Murray Dam on the east and the Spence Islands on the west.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram below shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The distance between the windward and leeward marks will be set to achieve a race duration of approximately 45-60 minutes.
- 9.2. Courses will be 4 or 5 legs as shown below, and signaled by Code Flags “4” or “5” respectively. The flag of the course to be sailed will be displayed from the stern of the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal.



Course 4 (4 legs)
Start-W-L-W- Leeward to Finish

Course 5 (5 legs)
Start-W-L-W-L- Windward to Finish

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The starting marks will be orange flags on the starboard end RC signal boat and on the port end “pin” RC boat.
- 10.2. Rounding marks W, Lp and Ls will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark Wo will be a red sphere.

- 10.3. A new mark W, Lp, or Ls, will be a yellow cylinder.
- 10.4. The downwind finishing mark, DF, on Course 4 will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 10.5. If a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced, the competitors shall treat the remaining mark as a leeward mark and round it, leaving it to port.

11. CHECKING IN

- 11.1. Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's bow number.
- 11.2. A boat that competes but fails to check in shall, without a hearing, receive a scoring penalty of 20% for the boat's first race that day. The penalty will be applied using the procedure described in RRS 44.3(c). This modifies RRS A5.

12. THE START

- 12.1. In addition to the starting signals described in RRS 26, an audible gather signal may occur 1 minute before the warning signal. This gather signal, if sounded, will be a series of short sounds.
- 12.2. A boat that has not started within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS, DNC, or OCS, whichever is appropriate.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the RC will attempt to promptly broadcast the bow number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 74. The following shall not be grounds for redress: failure of a boat to receive a recall broadcast, failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers, failure of the RC to broadcast an individual recall number, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers, promptness of the recall broadcast.

14. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 14.1. The RC may, without a signal, adjust the offset mark (Wo) after all competitors have completed the first weather leg, and/or adjust one of the gate marks (Ls or Lp) after all competitors have completed the first run.
- 14.2. A changed weather mark, W, will not have an offset mark (Wo) for the rest of the race.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and either Mark W or Mark DF, as appropriate for the designated course.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1. If no boat reaches Mark W within 45 minutes or no boat finishes within 2½ hours, the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 32.
- 16.2. Boats still racing but not finished 30 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored "TLE" (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will receive two points more than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A4.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing, or that leaves the racing area prior to the last race of the day, should notify the RC via VHF channel 74 either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low Point Scoring System will be used.
- 18.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This modifies Appendix A. When five or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 19.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 as modified in SI 19.2, will apply.
- 19.2. The yellow flag referred to in RRS 44.3 shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster.
- 19.3. A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.3 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- 19.4. A boat which complies with some but not all of the requirements of Instructions 19.2, 19.3, and RRS 44.3 shall, at the discretion of the jury, receive a 40% scoring penalty, however, no boat shall receive a score worse than the number of points awarded for DSQ. This changes appendix A5.

20. PROTESTS

- 20.1. The protest flag referred to in RRS 61.1 shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster.
- 20.2. Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered to the jury's representative there within the protest time limit.
- 20.3. Any protests by the RC will be posted on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- 20.4. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after docking of the RC signal boat. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 20.5. Within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the boat garage near the back cove.
- 20.6. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order posted.
- 20.7. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress shall be delivered a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the last day of the regatta. This changes RRS 66. Additionally, the time limit expressed in RRS 62.2 as "two hours" is changed to "30 minutes".

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. 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.

22. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 22.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters and sail numbers of a boat belonging to the helmsman.

23. HULL- RELATED RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, written permission of the Jury Chairman.
- 23.2. 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.
- 23.3. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the starting signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24. RADIO EQUIPMENT

- 24.1. While afloat, a boat shall neither transmit nor receive strategic or tactical information via special electronic communications not available to all competitors on standard VHF frequencies.

25. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 25.1. Any substitution of crew not declared at registration requires prior written permission of the Jury Chairman.

- 25.2. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Jury Chairman, not later than 1½ hours before the warning signal, but in the case of emergency may be granted retroactively after that time. The number of crew shall not change.

26. INSPECTIONS

- 26.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

27. BOW NUMBERS

- 27.1. Bow numbers will be assigned and provided to each participant.
- 27.2. Bow numbers must contrast with the color of the hull and must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:
- (a) The leading edge of the forward number shall be approximately 12" aft of the stem.
 - (b) the leading edge of a following number shall be not more than 4" aft of the leading number
 - (c) The top edge of each number shall be approximately 6" below the sheer line.

28. PRIZES

- 28.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top six boats, with crew trophies for the top three boats.
- 28.2. An individual race trophy will be awarded to the top finisher in each race.
- 28.3. Also, the name of the First Place winner will be engraved on the *Perlita Trophy*, the perpetual trophy of the Easter Regatta, and on the J/24 half-hull perpetual trophy, which are both owned by, and maintained at, the Columbia Sailing Club.
- 28.4. The name of the highest ranking member of J/24 Fleet 67 will be engraved on the Fleet's half-hull perpetual trophy, which is also maintained at the Columbia Sailing Club.