

O Fleet 10

# J/24 District 10 Championship July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Coconut Grove, FL.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** 

# 1. RULES

The Regatta is organized under the authority of J/24 Biscayne Bay Fleet 10 and hosted by J24 Fleet 10 with venue at US Sailing Center Miami (USSC). This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current 2021-2024 The Racing Rules of Sailing.

# 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lower breezeway at (USSC).

# 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the Competitors' Meeting to be effective on Saturday, July 29, or 0800 on Sunday, September 30 to be effective on that date. On-the-water changes may be made to the Sailing Instructions in accordance with Rule 89.2[c] after Flag L is displayed.

# 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at (USSC). When flag AP is displayed "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race Signal AP.

# 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Six races are scheduled. One race constitutes a regatta.Saturday 07/29/2023Sunday 00900-1100 Registration0930 - H1130 - Competitors Meeting (USSC)1030 - H1200 - Harbor HornAddition1300 - First SignalNo warnAdditional races to followNo

<u>Sunday 07/30/2023</u> 0930 – Harbor Horn 1030 – First signal Additional races to follow No warning signal will be made after 1400

# 6. CLASS FLAG

The starting flag for the J/24 Fleet will be a J/24 Class Flag.

# 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses will be windward/leeward (See Attachment A).
- 7.2 Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark may be used.
- 7.3 The racing area will be that part of Biscayne Bay in the vicinity of Quick Flash Mark Red "2", 25043.266 N 080012.467 W, approximately ½ mile north of the east end of the Dinner Key Channel.

#### 8. MARKS

Marks of the course will be White inflatable cylinders. Starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatables. The offset mark will be a yellow mark.

#### 9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a orange starting mark at the port end.
- 9.2 Boats may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal.
- 9.3 Courses will be designated by the course number found in Attachment A and will include the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark.

# 10. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number of OCS boats on VHF channel 69.

Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast, or failure of the race committee to broadcast recall numbers, or the boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers is not considered an improper action or omission by the race committee.

# 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee shall change the position of the next mark (or finishing line) and signal all boats in accordance with rule 33 before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

#### **12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and an orange finishing mark.

# **13. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes. Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

# 14. SAFETY

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore. Each boat is encouraged to have a VHF on board. Channel 69 will be the regatta channel.
- 14.2 Boats are requested to check in before the first race each day.

#### 15. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be modified such that a boat's worst score will be excluded after completion of five races. Six (6) races are scheduled of which one (1) shall constitute a Regatta. This modifies Rule A2.

#### **16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

No Alternative Penalties.

#### **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1 Report protests to Signal boat after race with sail number of boat being protested
- 17.2 Protests will be at (USSC) and forms are available at the (USSC) Front Desk.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee boat docks. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.4 Notices of protests will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses.
- 17.5 Protests will be the "3 minute rule" variety with Judge decision final
  - Protests must meet the requirements of RRS 61 and SI 17 to be considered valid.
  - One representative from each party will have one minute each to present their cases. Protestor goes first, then protestee. No witnesses will be heard.
  - Following the presentations, the parties will leave, and the jury will have one minute to decide the protest.
  - If the jury cannot decide, a hearing will be scheduled and heard under RRS 63.

#### **18. RADIO EQUIPMENT**

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats. This also applies to cell phones and the Internet.

#### **19. INSPECTION**

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

#### 20. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

#### 21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to boats scored first, second and third place approximately one hour after docking on day two. The ceremony will take place at USSC on the 2nd floor breezeway.

# 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or Death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

#### ATTACHMENT A

