



Berkeley Yacht Club

1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley CA 94710

2015 J/24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 22-24, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Berkeley Yacht Club
Berkeley, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 RRS 41, 44.3(a), 61.1 (a) and 49.2 will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 41: From the time a boat leaves her mooring and/or dock-slip for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41(a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
 - RRS 44.3(a) is changed so that code flag "I" may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag "I") shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
 - RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
 - RRS 49.2 is changed by deleting the second sentence. There will be no hiking between the lifelines.
- 1.5 Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat, and if assigned, will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers, if assigned, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the BYC clubhouse.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee PRO. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

- 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony above the main entrance to the BYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.
- 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 5.1** Thursday, May 21st
- 1600 hours: Warning signal – J/24 Practice Race.
 - 1800 hours: All competing boats must be launched.
 - 1930 hours: Local tides and weather presentation.
- Friday, May 22nd
- 0930 hours: Skipper's meeting at BYC clubhouse.
 - 1130 hours: Warning signal for first race of the day.
 - 1800 hours: No-host BBQ at BYC clubhouse.
- Saturday, May 23rd
- 1130 hours: Warning signal for first race of the day.
 - 1800 hours: Participants' Dinner at the BYC clubhouse.
- Sunday, May 24th
- 1130 hours: Warning signal for first race of the day.
 - 1430 hours: No starts to take place after this time.
 - No host bar and trophy presentation at the BYC clubhouse after racing.
- 5.2** After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 79 may be made.
- 5.3** Nine races are scheduled over three consecutive days.
- 5.4** Three races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four may be sailed in a single day.
- 5.5** No race will be started after 1430 hours on Sunday May 24th.
- 6 CLASS FLAG** The class flag will be a white flag with a J/24 logo.
- 7 RACING AREA** The starting area for all starts will be in the vicinity of Berkeley Circle.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** **Appendix A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** Mark G is a gate. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining leeward mark to port.
- 8.3** There may be an offset Mark 1a set a short distance from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.
- 8.4** The course to be sailed will be designated by numeral pennants displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS All Marks will be as described in the sailing instructions.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange mark on the port end of the line.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11 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 a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finish line will be on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line. The finish will be between a blue flag on the signal boat and an orange mark on the port end of the line.
- 12.2** If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the flag Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing. This changes the RRS race signals.

13 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

14 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 14.1** For safety reasons, a line bounded by the west end of the ruins of Berkeley pier and the east end of Berkeley pier where it meets the shoreline, is an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from sailing across this line while racing.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties, along with the time and location of the hearing. Such notice shall serve as notification per RRS 63.1 and 61.1(b).
- 15.3 Requests to reopen a hearing held on May 24th shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the regatta table within 30 minutes of a party receiving the hearing results in writing. This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Nine races are scheduled, of which four must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Scoring will use the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, as modified by SI 16.3.
- 16.3 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat’s score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS A2.
- 16.4 Only entrants that have completed all requirements for entry as stated in the NOR and SIs, shall be included on the list of competitors used for scoring.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (turns penalties) are not in use for this regatta. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA (table below).

Action\Penalty	20%	30%	40%
Touching a mark	X		
Breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room")	X		
Breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room") within the zone		X	
After Race Scoring Penalty for touching a mark		X	
After Race Scoring Penalty for a breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room")		X	
After Race Scoring Penalty for a breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room") within the zone			X
Penalties imposed without a hearing: This modifies RRS 63.1			
If some, but not all requirements of a properly taken Scoring Penalty are met			X



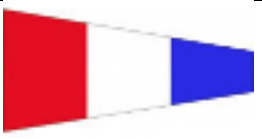
- 17.2 RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying the scoring penalty percentage, shown in the table above, that best suits her situation against the number of boats competing and rounding to the

- nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.
- 17.3** The reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b) may be satisfied by contacting the Race Committee via VHF on Channel 79.
- 17.4** In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a “Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form” available from the Regatta Table prior to the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.5** After Race Scoring Penalties may be taken by filing a “Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form”, available from the Regatta Table, prior to the start of a hearing involving the incident.
- 17.6** A boat that complies with some but not all of the requirements of 44.3(a), 44.3(b) and SI 17.4 will receive an After-Race Scoring Penalty of 30% without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 17.7** Breaches of SI 1.5, NOR 1.8, NOR 13, NOR 14, or NOR 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.8** RRS 64.1(a) is changed to allow the Protest Committee to assign penalties in accordance with SI Appendix C: Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules.
- 18** **SAFETY REGULATIONS** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF 79.
- 19** **INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS:** Yachts shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor and or the race committee. Compliance with RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. The penalty for a violation of this rule shall be disqualification not excludable under rule 90.3(b) or A2.
- 20** **RADIO COMMUNICATION** The Race Committee may use VHF channel 79 to communicate information about course selection and the bow numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the race committee to communicate the bow numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 21** **PRIZES** Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, May 24th, at the BYC clubhouse.
- 22** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

Hans Opsahl – Principal Race Officer

Michael Whitfield – Regatta Chair

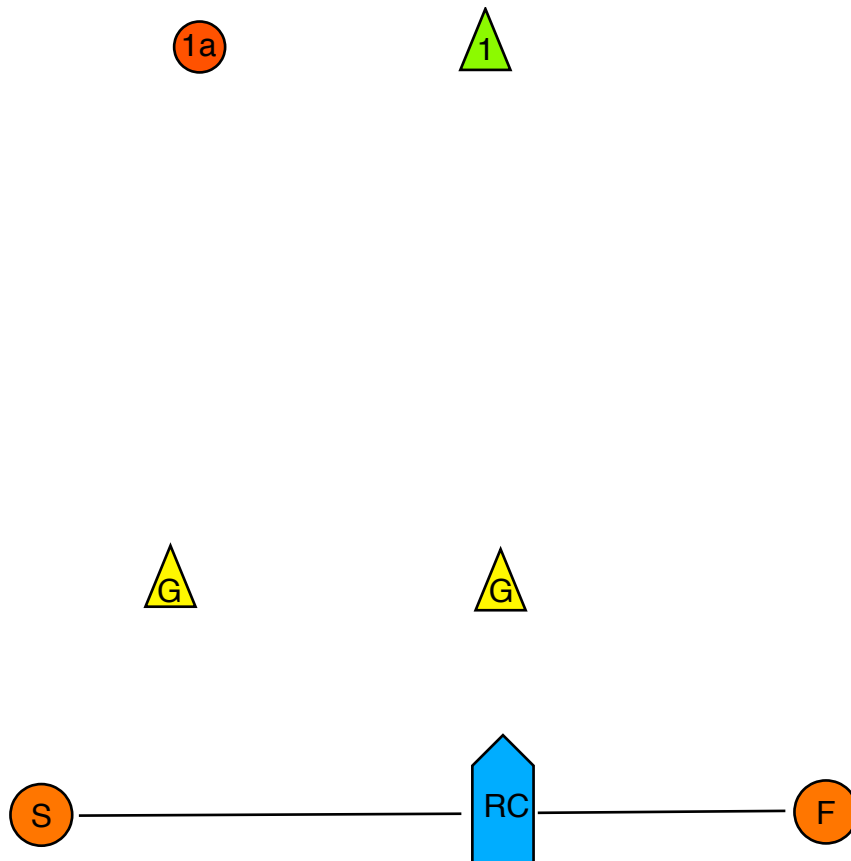
APPENDIX A – COURSES

Course		
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	
2	Start – 1 – 1a – G – 1 – 1a – Finish	
3	Start - 1 - 1a - G - 1 - 1a - G - 1 - 1a - Finish	

1. Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark.
2. Mark G is a leeward gate.
3. The finish line is on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.

APPENDIX B – COURSE DIAGRAM

(not to scale)



APPENDIX C

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING SOME CLASS RULES

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as follows, modifying RRS 44.3(c):

The race score for a boat that takes a scoring penalty for infringement of one of the following class rules shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying the scoring penalty percentage shown for the particular rule against the number of boats entered and rounding to the nearest tenth of a point (rounding 0.05 upward). However she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties.

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	SCORING PENALTY
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment are not aboard the yacht. (One or both items)	5%
2.6	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	5%
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)	10%
4.1.7	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	20%
4.1.10	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%
4.1.1	The compass is missing or is inoperable.	20%
4.1.4	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	20%
4.1.6	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container is not secured against movement.	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where not specifically allowed.	10%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	10%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	10%
8.3	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	10%

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. The jury will decide to which race(s) the penalty shall apply.