



# International J/24 Class Association SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

J/24 One Design Regatta 2014

October 25th & 26th, 2014  
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron  
376 Purcell's Cove Rd, Halifax, NS  
<http://www.rnsys.com>



Organizing Authority: Atlantic J/24 Class Association in conjunction with the  
Canadian and International J/24 Class Association

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Racing RRS 41 will be changed as follows:

RRS 41: While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. In addition, from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41 from any outside source other than boats under the direction of the organizing authority or other competitors.

- 1.5. Any questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the regatta office on the third floor of the RNSYS club house. The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board located at the entrance to the Ward Room no later than 0800 of the day following submission.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board(s) located at the entrance to the Ward Room in the RNSYS club house.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day they will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 hours the day before the change is to take effect except that running an extra race, or races, as per SI 5.3 will only be noticed on the water as per SI 5.5.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole at the rear of the club house.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40. applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Schedule of racing is as follows:

Saturday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	0900-1000	Registration
Saturday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Skippers Meeting
Saturday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	1200	Scheduled first warning, additional races to follow
Sunday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Scheduled first warning, additional races to follow
Sunday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	1600	Prizes

- 5.2. Number of races:  
Six (6) races are scheduled. Refer to SI 19.1 for minimum number of races needed to constitute a series.
- 5.3. The race committee may run more than three (3) races on any day. If the regatta is on schedule, one extra race may be sailed, so that the regatta becomes not more than one race ahead of schedule. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of five (5) races on any day may be sailed.
- 5.4. Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed on the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.5. When the race committee intends to start another race on any day, they will display the 'R' flag with no sound from the finishing committee boat while boats are finishing.
- 5.6. After a delay or postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the race committee will display a blue flag with a long sound accompanied by an announcement on VHF Channel 72 for at least four minutes before a Warning signal. The race committee will remove a blue flag with 4 short sound signals one minute prior to the Warning signal.

5.7. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400, Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

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

## **7. RACING AREA**

Attachment A shows the location of the racing area(s).

## **8. CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT**

8.1. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee boat displaying flag 'L' prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating the boat's number.

8.2. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1. The courses will be windward/leeward, with 4 legs (Course 4) as diagrammed in Attachment B.

9.4. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will the approximate compass bearing and distance for the first leg from the starting line to mark 1.

9.5. No 4-leg course shall be shortened to less than three legs in length.

## **10. MARKS**

10.1. Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron, mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.

10.2. New marks, when used in accordance with SI 13.1 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

10.3. The starting marks will be the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and a yellow inflatable pin at the port end of the starting line.

10.4. The finishing marks will be the race committee boat at the port end of the finish line and a yellow inflatable pin at the starboard end of the finish line.

10.5. A race committee boat which is also a starting or finishing mark may set a limit buoy. For purposes of RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) and RRS 28.1 (Sailing the Course) the limit buoy, the race committee boat, and the line connecting them shall be considered a single mark. A boat shall neither touch the limit buoy or the race committee boat nor pass between them. No other requirements of RRS 31 or 28 are modified by this paragraph.

## **11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

No areas are designated as obstructions.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.  
The race committee working VHF channel will be 72. Competitors may monitor the race committee working VHF channel but may not broadcast on it except in emergencies, to withdraw/retire, or to satisfy the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b). The race committee may broadcast the intended time of warning signal and to count down the last ten seconds before the Warning Signal, Preparatory Signal and/or Starting Signal and competitors are encouraged to monitor the broadcast. Failure to make or to receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable pin at the port end.
- 12.3. The starting line shall be to leeward of mark 2 if this mark is set prior to the start.
- 12.4. A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5.
- 12.5. The race committee will attempt to broadcast bow numbers on VHF channel 72 of boats if:  
any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified;  
any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal.  
Failure of a boat to hear the recall or warning broadcast, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers, or failure of the race committee to broadcast any or all numbers shall not be grounds for granting redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 12.6. When RRS 30.3 (Black Flag Rule) is in effect and a boat breaks RRS 30.3, the race committee intends to redisplay the black flag after the start to notify the fleet that one or more boats will be penalized (this changes RRS 30.3). The race committee also intends to announce the sail and/or bow numbers of the boats that have broken RRS30.3 via VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her number or of the race committee to post her number or make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1. A change of the next leg of the course will be signalled according to RRS 33.
- 13.2. 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.

#### **14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable pin.

#### **15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1. If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2. If no boat has finished within 2 hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SI 18.3, Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the orange flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period expires. This changes RRS 35.
- 15.4. The target time for the races is 60 minutes.

#### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1. A boat failing to comply with SI 8.1, Check-in, shall receive a 20% scoring penalty in the next race without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 16.2. Penalties for breaking instructions 8, 19, 20 and 21 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

#### **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1. RRS 61.1(a) is changed such that the red flag shall have a hoist of at least 150 mm and a fly of at least 200 mm and shall be flown from a leg of the back stay adjuster above the deck.
- 17.2. Protest forms are available at the race office on the third floor of the main club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests or requests for redress by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 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 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Chart Room in the main club house, beginning as soon as practical after a protest has been filed.

- 17.6. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted. Such posting within the protest time limit satisfies the requirement to inform boats as soon as reasonably possible under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.7. Breaches of instruction 21 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. On the last scheduled day of racing the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting party reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 17.9. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.10. Any boat that interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship will be subject to protest and possibly disqualification. Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a 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 RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be kept aboard and deposited in a trash receptacle on shore.

## **21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 21.1. Boats shall be afloat by Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1000.

- 21.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

**22. DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND CAREENING RESTRICTIONS**

- 22.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time and date specified in SI 21.1 and the end of the regatta.
- 22.2. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited, unless permitted in writing by the protest committee.
- 22.3. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

**23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

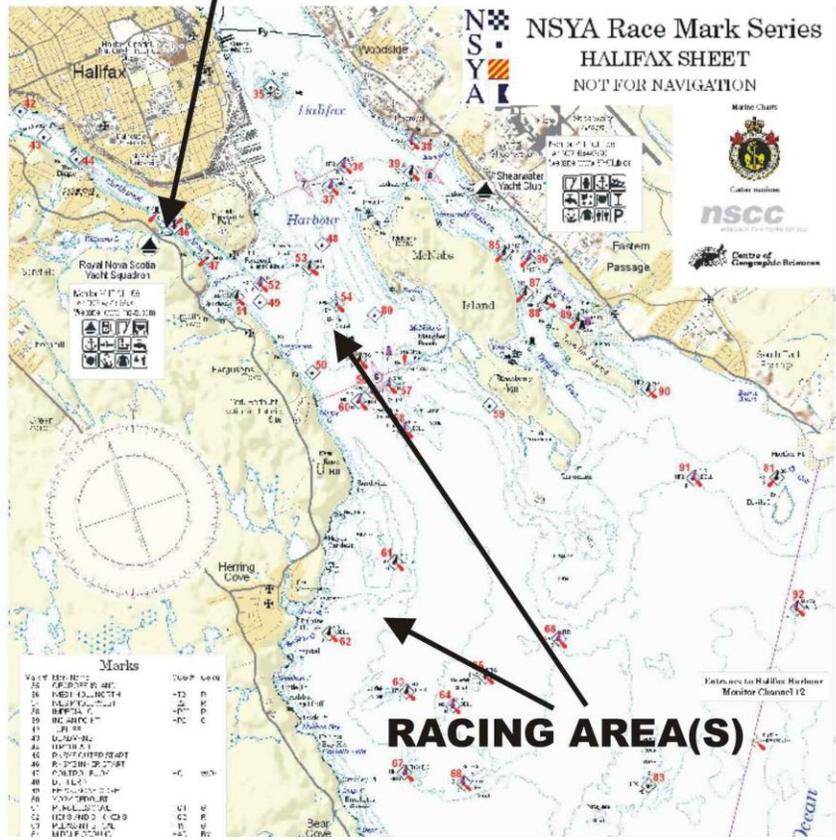
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**25. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 or the equivalent during the regatta.

Attachment A (Race Areas)

# REGATTA HARBOUR



Attachment B (Course)

