

J/80 North American Championship
Sailing Instructions



2022 J/80 North American Championship
Friday - Sunday, 23-25 September 2022
Hosted by Sail Newport/ NA J/80 Class



Sailing Instructions Including Amendment #1 (In Red)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification (DSQ)

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS)
- 1.2. The International J/80 Class Rules shall apply except as changed in the NOR.
- 1.3. All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS or the Class Rules, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 COMMUNICATION: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Sail Newport's MidPark Building and may also be posted on the event website at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14929>
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races (NOR) will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3. In addition to the signals made in SI 4.3, the Race Committee will confirm the rendezvous locations as described in Attachment1 at 0900 over VHF Channel 69. The failure to make this announcement or for a boat to hear this announcement will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Flag signals will be flown from the yardarm of the flagpole at Sail Newport's MidPark Building (Admiral's Pier)
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. Signals designating the rendezvous location will be displayed at 0900 each race day from the flagpole at Sail Newport.

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5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1.

Monday, Tuesday	19-20/ Sept.	All Day	Boats may arrive at Sail Newport
Wednesday	21/ Sept	1000-1900	Measurement & Weigh in (hoist closes at 1830)
Wednesday	21/Sept	1600-1900	Registration and Check in (SN Lobby)
Thursday	22/Sept	1000-1900	Measurement & Weigh in (hoist closes at 1830)
Thursday	22/Sept	1000-1700	Registration and Check in (SN Lobby)
Thursday	22/Sept	1700	Skippers mtg. Bar Service @SNPT
Thursday	22/Sept	1830	All Boats must be in the water (hoist closes at 1830)
Friday	23/Sept	1100	First Warning Signal
Friday	23/Sept	After Racing	J80 BBQ, Bar Service@SNPT
Saturday	24/Sept	1100	First Warning Signal
Saturday	24/Sept	After Racing	J80 Social, Bar Service @SNPT
Sunday	25/Sept	1100	First Warning Signal
Sunday	25/Sept	1500	No Warning Signal after 1500
Sunday	25/Sept	After Racing	Awards Social, Bar Service@SNPT

- 5.2. A maximum of nine (9) races are planned. Three (3) race shall constitute a series. Up to four (4) races may be sailed each day.
- 5.3. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.4. On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1500.

- 6 CHECK IN.** [DP] [NP] All boats shall check in each race day with their RC Signal Vessel by hailing her sail number until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

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7 COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

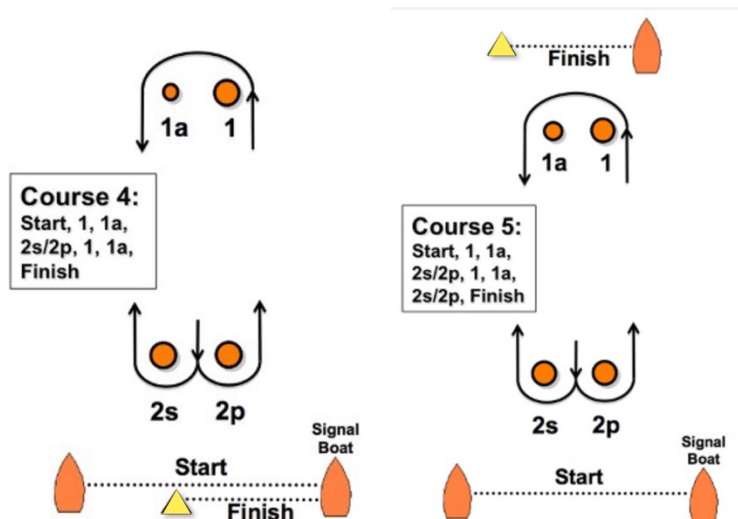


Figure 1. Drop Marks Courses

- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate magnetic heading and approximate distance to the first mark on a board on the side of the Signal Vessel opposite the start line. The RC will also announce the course on VHF 69
- 7.3. Mark 2s/2p is a gate. In the event one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

8 MARKS

- 8.1. The marks of the course are as follows:

Table 1. Marks

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	RC Boat Orange Flags
1	Orange MarkSetBot
1a	Orange MarkSetBot
2p/2s	Orange MarkSetBots
Finishing	Yellow MarkSetBot

9 THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel or the course side of an inflatable mark.

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9.3. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by radio on the VHF channel. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.4. A boat that does not start within eight (8) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee may adjust the course marks up to 5 degrees and 0.1 nm without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

12.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.

12.2. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat **sails the course and** finishes, and not thereafter retiring, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) A TLE score is 2 points more than the score of the last boat to finish **within the finish window**. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 SCORING

13.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A.2.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. The intent to protest and the boat being protested shall be communicated to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity after the boat intending to protest finishes until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.2. Request for hearing forms may be filed at the Protest Committee Secretary Desk in the Great Room of Sail Newport's MidPark Building. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Secretary within one hour of the docking time of the Race Committee signal vessel after the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Protest Committee Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.

14.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Protest hearings will take place on the top floor of the MidPark Building as soon as possible after the notices are posted. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.

14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Protest Committee Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5. When a boat has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if

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she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3(b).

- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Secretary no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS62.2(a).
 - 14.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, if no races are held, a hearing request for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Secretary within one hour after racing has been abandoned ashore or on the water. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.2.
 - 14.8. Video and photos taken from support and/or coach vessels, or spectator vessels shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
 - 14.9. Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
 - 14.10. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
- 15 PENALTIES.** RRS Appendix V will apply. V2 (b) is amended to allow a boat to take a Scoring Penalty of 20% before the end of the Protest Time Limit or 30% if taken after the Protest Time Limit has ended, but before the start of a hearing involving the incident.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1. Overall series trophies will be awarded to the top four (4) finishers.
- 16.2. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

17 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver & Release of Liability form. The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the J/80 North American Championship Yachtscoring page.
- 17.2. **Media Waiver** – Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, Sail Newport Inc. The NA J/80 Class and any official sponsors of the regatta, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the J/80 North American Championship and the participants in the J/80 North American Championship.
- 17.3. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

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18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible by hail on VHF channel 69.
- 18.2. **Restricted Channels:** Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. 20.2 Newport Security Zone: In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area may be defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove and the line defined by the buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 18.3. **Additional Restricted Areas:** There may be additional restricted areas due to US Navy testing facilities in the proximity of Gould Island in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

19 **INSURANCE** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20 **TRASH DISPOSAL.** [DP] This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

21 NOTES

- 21.1. The event website can be found <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14929>.
- 21.2. For further information please contact: Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Dr. Newport, RI 02840 Tel: 401-846-1983 Email: gary.knapp@sailnewport.org



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LEED-COMPLIANT
HEADQUARTERS



SOLAR POWER



RAIN WATER
HARVESTING



RECYCLE



GREEN TEAM



STRAW FREE
CAMPUS



NO SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC BOTTLES



COMPOSTIBLE
FOODWARE



LOCALLY
SOURCED FOOD



OCEAN
CONSERVATION
EDUCATION



PAPERLESS REGATTA
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PROVISION
WITHOUT PLASTIC



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Attachment 1: Race Areas

