



# ***J24 District 12 Championship*** **September 30th & October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Organizing Authority: Port Clinton Yacht Club  
Port Clinton, Ohio**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the J/24 class, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 42.3(b) is deleted and replaced by Class Rule C.1.1.
- 1.3 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the event organizer. The question and any answer will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 1.4 If there is a discrepancy between the NOR and these SIs, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2. ENTRY**

- 2.1 Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. Entrants must meet all ownership, Class membership, and must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located at the Port Clinton Yacht Club main entrance.

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change in these Sailing Instructions after the Skipper's Meeting will be posted not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Skippers Meeting, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 0800 hours the day the change is to take effect. Changes will be posted on the back door to the patio.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 If any signals are made ashore they will be displayed on the Yardarm on the Portage River.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### Saturday

0800	Skippers Meeting
0900	1-Hour Gun
0955	Warning Signal J24 Class Flag
1000	Starting Signal

### Sunday

0900	1-Hour Gun
0955	Warning Signal
1000	Starting Signal

Awards to follow last race of the series.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 The Class Flag will be the J/24 Class Flag.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 All races will be Windward Leeward courses sailed on Lake Erie north of PCYC.

8.2 Prior to the start of each race the Race Committee shall display a numerical placard to denote the course to be sailed.

8.3 The course diagram is Attachment A, showing the courses (Course 1 or Course 2), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. An offset mark will be used as signified on the course diagrams.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be green, mark 1a will be white, and 2a & 2b will be yellow.

9.2 Start and finish marks will be Orange

## 10. CHECKING IN

10.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using *Rule 26* with classes starting in the order designated in section 6 of the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The original starting order and class starts will be maintained after postponement. In the event of a general recall, the recalled class will start after the scheduled starts.

11.3 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the orange starting mark.

11.4A 'Limiting' mark may be set by the Race Committee behind the transom of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## 12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29. In addition, the race committee may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the VHF channel announced on 71.

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

13.1 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be a Pink Mark.

13.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### **14. THE FINISH**

14.1 The 'Finish' line will be blue flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and an orange finish mark.

### **15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1 If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour, or the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "TIME LIMIT EXPIRED" (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats who finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

### **16. SAFETY**

16.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing, or decides she is done racing for the day, shall notify the race committee before leaving the course.

16.2 A boat returning to the racing area after leaving shall also notify the race committee of her intent to race.

### **17. SCORING**

17.1 RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

17.2 Multiple races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

17.3 In the event five or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Five races must be completed to have a 'throw-out'.

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

18.1 In the event of a protest in the racing area, the yacht shall communicate verbally to the race committee signal boat her intent to protest. This shall be communicated immediately after her finish. This changes RRS 61.1.

18.2 Protest forms will be available at PCYC Clubhouse entrance. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the race committee docking time.

18.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

18.4 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.

### **19. AFLOAT AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

19.1 All boats must be launched and afloat by 0800 October 1st.

19.2 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the PRO and Regatta Chairman. This includes rudders. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively after that time.

## **20. CAREENING**

20.1 Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

## **21. PLASTIC POOL AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

21.1 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

## **22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

22.1 A boat shall neither make electronic transmissions while racing nor receive a special electronic communication not available to all boats. This includes radio, cellular phone and/or laptops.

## **23. INSPECTION**

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

23.2 This regatta will not require boat measurement, sail measurement, or crew weighing. This changes Class Rule B.1.1(b), B.3.1, G.2.3, and C.2.1.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

## **25. Communication**

25.1 All official race communications will be on VHF channel 71.

**Course Diagram**

**COURSE #1: S - 1 - 1a - F**

**COURSE #2: S - 1 - 1a - 2 a-b -1 - 1a - F**



