



2024 J/35 North American Championship September 6-7 and 8, 2024

Hosting: North Star Sail Club, Harrison Township, MI
Race Location: Harrison Township, MI
Website: <https://northstarsail.org>
<https://yachtscoring.com/>



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority (OA) for the 2024 J/35 North American Championship are the J/35 National Class Association and the North Star Sailing Club.

1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be managed by the North Star Sail Club Championship Committee and be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and J-35 Class Association Rules (J35CR), the NOR and the Sailing Instructions.
2. **CLASSIFICATION**
 - 2.1 J35CR Appendix 1 will apply. No more than one competitor classified as Group 3 shall sail aboard each boat.
 - 2.2 J35CR Appendix 2 will apply. A Group 3 competitor shall be prohibited from steering a boat of which he or she is not bona fide owner or co-owner.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is located online at the regatta webpage on Yacht Scoring.
 - 3.2 Notices and communications on the water will be made by the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat on VHF channel 72 from one hour before the warning signal for the first start each day until one hour after all boats have finished. Boats shall not receive any communication not available to all competitors.
4. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 3.1 before 0900 of the day on which they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be so posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at North Star Sail Club.
 - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule will be:

Date	Time	Event
Thu. Sept 5	0900-1800	Onsite registration and inspection
Fri. Sept 6	1030	First scheduled warning signal.
Sat. Sept 7	1030	First scheduled warning signal.
Sun. Sept 8	1030	First scheduled warning signal.
Sun. Sept 8	1430	No warning signal made after this time

6.2 Up to 4 races are scheduled each day on September 6 and 7. No warning will be made after 1630 on those days. Up to 3 races are scheduled on September 8.

7. CLASS FLAG - The class flag will be a J/35 Flag.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be on Anchor Bay north of the Clinton River outlet.

8.2 The regatta venue will be North Star Sail Club – Harrison Township, MI

9. COURSES

9.1 The course diagrams are on the page that follows SI 21. They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a board a number, and it will display the approximate compass heading to mark 1 and the distance (NM) from the starting line to mark 1.

9.3 Course legs will be approximately 1.5 NM or less.

9.4 If one of the gate marks (2s or 2p) is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

10. MARKS

10.1 Starting & Finishing Mark will be a green tetrahedron.

10.2 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.

10.3 Mark 1a will be a red Hip/Hop. In case of a course change the offset mark may or may not be set.

10.4 New mark / course change mark will be yellow tetrahedron.

10.5 Marks 2s and 2p will be yellow cylinders.

10.6 The RC may set a protection buoy with a line attached to the Signal Boat. Boats shall not touch the protection buoy or pass between the protection buoy and the Signal Boat.

11. STARTING LINE - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end.

12. INDIVIDUAL and GENERAL RECALLS: The RC may attempt to hail boats that have not started properly on VHF channel 72. The following are not grounds for redress: failure to hail any or all boats; failure to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats are hailed. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. CHANGE OF COURSE - To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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 a blue flag on a boat displaying an RC flag and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit to sail the course is 90 minutes.

15.2 If no boat has passed the first *mark* within 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Table at North Star Sail Club within 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks. This time will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 and posted as provided in SI 3.1.

16.2 The protest time limit, a list of protests received, and time and place of hearings will be posted as provided in SI 3.1. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

16.3 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

17. SCORING - Eleven races are scheduled.

17.1 One race completed will constitute the Championship.

17.2 The Low-Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

- a) When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When six (6) 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 A2.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Boats shall be afloat and shall not be hauled out from 1800 on September 5 until the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the RC.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS - A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF channel 72, by cell phone (586-246-4171), or by hailing any RC boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal Boat on VHF channel 72. There will be no penalty for not checking out or back in.

20. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

20.1 Teams sailing with more than nine total crew members shall be weighed during onsite registration and inspection for compliance with J35CR 5.5.1.

20.2 All sails shall have a valid sailmaker's measurement stamp.

20.3 Boats will be inspected for compliance with class rules at North Star Sail Club.

20.4 Advance inspection will be made available by appointment: Contact for

a) Boat Measurement: Ron Rabine (596-246-7509, RLrabine@comcast.net)

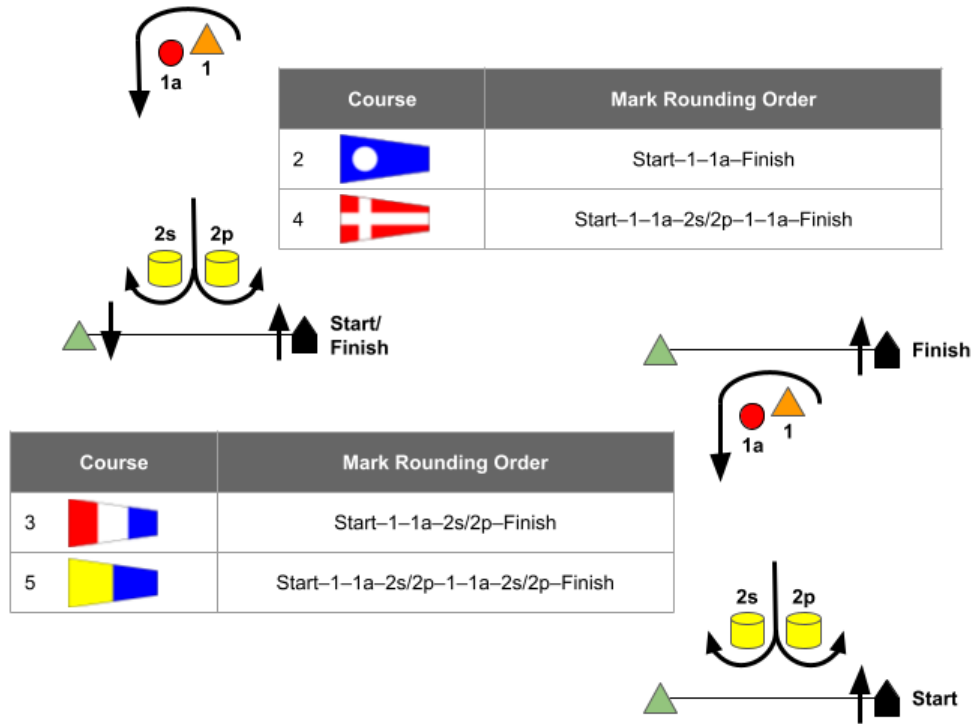
b) Sail Measurement: Ian Pouliot (586-295-9344, ian.pouliot@gmail.com)

Inspections on September 5 will be at North Star Sail club.

21. TROPHIES & AWARDS – Awards for races on Friday and Saturday will be presented at the North Star Sail Club. On Sunday awards for individual races and the series will be presented on the lawn behind North Star Sail Club. Additional information on awards and trophies will be posted the Notice Board and on www.yachtscoring.com.

Disclaimer of Liability – Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage of loss of boat or personal property arising out of the participant's preparation for or participation in any on water or on shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage, or otherwise) associated with the championship, Nothing in these sailing instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors, or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

COURSE DIAGRAMS



The racing area will be Anchor Bay, Lake St. Clair. The chart shows the approximate location of the racing area.

