

# 2016 J/120 National Championship

August 19-21, 2016  
Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS<sub>v5</sub>

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing; the J/120 Class Rules; the J/120 Great Lakes Fleet Exceptions to Class Rules dated March 2016 (May Revision). See NOR and NOR Amendments 1 & 2.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions that apply will be posted on the regatta website.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta website:  
<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1668> and emailed to competitors.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Bayview Yacht Club and announced on VHF 71.
- 4.2 At 0900 each day the Race Committee will signal with one sound and announce on VHF 71, a Harbor Start. Postponement or abandonment may be signaled instead of the Harbor Start and announced on VHF 71. During any postponement ashore, the Race Committee will broadcast status messages on the hour and half hour. If the AP (postponement) Flag is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after the AP Flag is lowered. This modifies rule Race Signals.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Friday, August 19: First signal: 1030 hours. As many races as possible.
- 5.2 Saturday, August 20: First signal: 1030 hours. As many races as possible. No warning signal after 1515 hours. Following the last race of the day, there will be a Champagne Race from the Starting Area to the Bayview Yacht Club dock. The Champagne Race is not part of the National Championship Regatta for scoring.
- 5.3 Sunday August 16: First signal 1030 hours. As many races as possible. No warning signal after 1300 hours.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

### **6 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

- 6.1 At all times during the regatta, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. The top of the bow number will be 8"-10" of the deck and the forward edge of the bow number will be 10"-12" from the bow.
- 6.2 Sponsor or other regatta stickers may be required to be attached to each side of each boat.

### **8. RACING AREA**

Will be in the waters of Lake St. Clair in the vicinity of 42°21.71' N, 082° 52.053' W, which is approximately 2.25 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 115 ft PA) on a compass heading of 085°. The Race Committee signal boat will announce their position when on station in the starting area.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 Will be windward/leeward 4 or 5 legs with marks left to port. A leeward gate will be set to windward of the starting line. A windward offset mark may be set. If the gate or windward offset mark is not in place, the single leeward mark or windward mark will be rounded to port.
- 9.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the number of legs, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to the windward mark.

## **10 MARKS**

Will be inflatable marks. Change marks will be a different color or shape.

## **11 THE START**

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end.

## **12 RECALLS**

Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast, on VHF 71 the recalled boat's bow or sail number, but is under no obligation to do so. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress.

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

To change the next windward leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new windward mark. To change the leeward leg of the course, the race committee will move the gate or the finishing line.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 Leeward finishes will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line.
- 14.2 Windward finishes will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the windward mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 will be changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing, or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

Rules 35, A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed so that boats failing to finish thirty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point without a hearing.

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

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the BYC Club Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the Signal Boat after the last race of the day.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted 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 BYC club house as soon as possible thereafter.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 62.2 and 66.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.

18.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no score will be excluded). This modifies rule A2.

18.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **20 BERTHING, EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1 Boats will be assigned a docking position at the Bayview YC marina, which must be used for the entire event. Local boats may use their home yacht club with prior approval.

20.2 Boats shall be in their assigned position, prepared and available for inspection not later than 17:00 hours, Thursday, August 18 and until 1500 hours on Sunday, August 21, or as otherwise agreed with the event organizers. Boats may be inspected for compliance with Class Rules and NOR Amendments 1 & 2.

## **21 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Except for any emergency repair exception granted by the Race Committee, all entered boats shall be in the water continuously from 1800 hours Thursday, August 18, for the duration of the event.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1 Except in an emergency, boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices. Attention is called to Rule 41, Outside Help.

22.2 Boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 71 for Race Committee announcements. The failure to broadcast such announcements or incorrect information shall not be grounds for redress. This Changes rule 62.1.

## **23 PRIZES**

23.1 The J/120 National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the overall winner.

23.2 Prizes will be awarded for boats placing first through third for each day based on total points for the day and first through fifth overall in the regatta.

23.3 Other special trophies may be awarded.

## **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 liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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