



**FWBC 2019 Annual Regatta &
Cowtown Stampede April 26th - 28th
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, as well as the Class Addendums added to these instructions as per class instructions. Class addendums are listed by class in the addendums section of these instructions. In the event of a conflict between these instructions and the class addendum, the class addendum shall govern.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east window of the FWBC bar.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 AM on Saturday the 27th, and 8:00 AM on Sunday the 28th, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the harbor flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	
Saturday, April 27, 2018	9:30 AM	Skippers meeting
Saturday, April 27, 2018	10:45 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow
Sunday, April 28, 2018	9:30 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow

5.1 On Saturday, April 27th, there may be a lunch break on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.2 On Sunday, April 28th, no warning signal will be made after 2:00 PM.

6 Class Flags and Group Assignments

- 6.1 Class flag assignments (numeral pennants) will be posted on the official notice board by 9:00 AM on Saturday the 27th.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.
- 7.2 The following area is designated as an obstruction: Marker buoys surrounding the Azle Water Pump Station. Boats shall not sail between the marker buoys and the pump station.

8 The Courses

- 8.1 Courses are illustrated in Attachment 2, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the race committee signal boat.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.3 Offset marks will be located approximately 6-8 boat lengths from Mark 1 at a right angle to the weather leg.

9 Mark Descriptions

- 9.1 Course marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark and the offset Mark will be red/orange spheres. Finishing marks will be small red tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 New marks for the course, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow cylinders.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. Combined fleet starts may be used and will be signaled with the starting fleets' class flags (numeral pennants). The race committee may sound several brief signals prior to the first warning signal in a starting sequence.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark, a red sphere.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the name or number of each recalled boat on VHF radio (See SI 18). If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. This changes RRS 41. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
- b) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers

10.6 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. If a subsequent start's class flag has been displayed, it shall be removed and voided.

11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If the race committee displays fleet numbers on the signal board, then the change of course applies only to those fleets whose numbers are signaled. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13 Time Limits

13.1 If no boat of a class has not passed the first mark of the course within 1 hour of the starting signal of the class, the race will be abandoned.

13.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boat sails the course and finishes within 2 hours from the starting signal for her fleet

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk located in the front of the Junior Sailing Room located next to the FWBC Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after their race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the official notice board.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the times and locations of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15 Scoring

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta (changes RRS A2.1).

15.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores (changes RRS A2.1).

15.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be

the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Check-In: Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's sail number.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical by radio or by notifying the harbor master to contact them.

17 Support Boats

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 Radio Communication

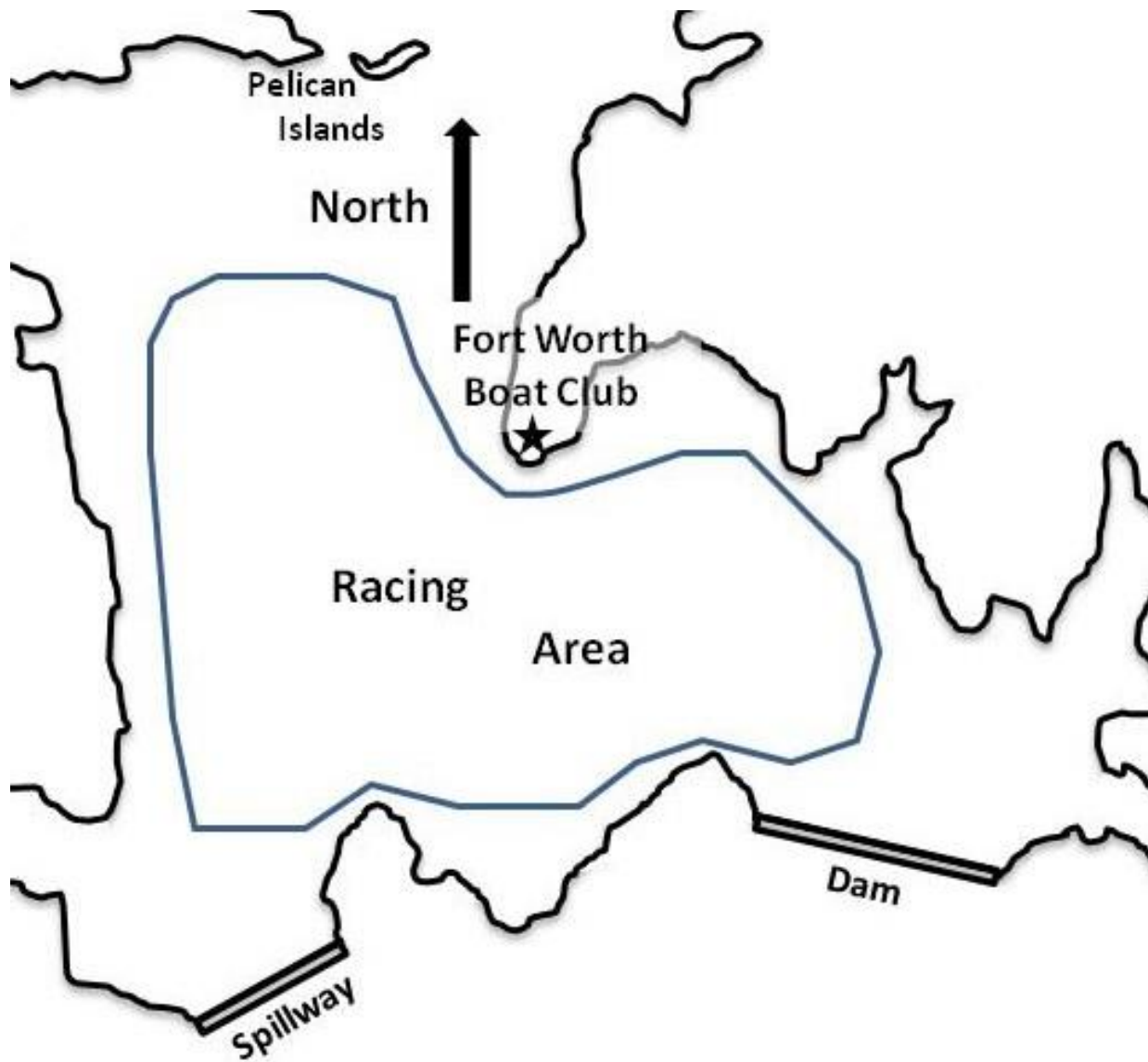
- 18.1 The race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 68.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19 Prizes

- 19.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in a fleet and as determined by the organizing authority.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 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.



Attachment 2 – Courses

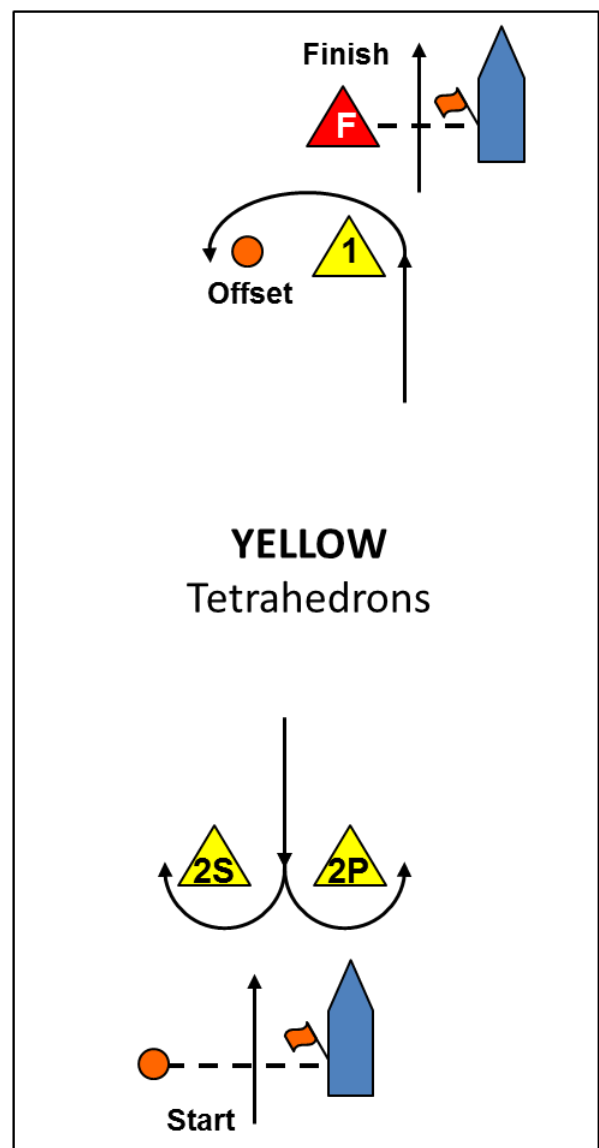
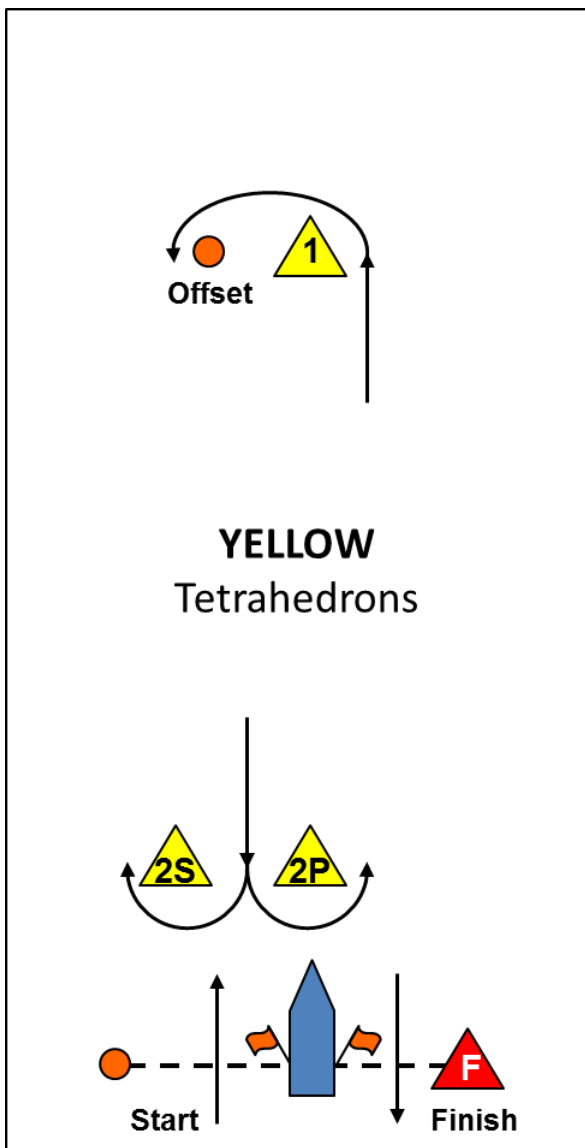
1 Courses

1.1 The course to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2 Windward/Leeward Course

2.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving course marks to port. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
W4	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish
		W7	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



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Addendum No. 1 to Sailing Instructions J/24 Class Only

The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

A1. Rules

A1.1. The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2018 J/24 Texas Circuit and the current International J/24 Class Rules.

A1.2. In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate. Any boat without a valid Measurement Certificate may race in the Regatta with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the regatta.

A1.3. All boats must carry aboard while racing the boat's current measurement certificate (unless waived) and completed Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment per Class Rule B.3. This Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment form is the sole responsibility of each owner or helmsman and does not require a class measurer to complete.

A1.4. Bow numbers assigned to each boat pursuant to the J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta.

A1.5. RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:

C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."

C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.

A2. Schedule of Races

A2.1. A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. If three (3) or more races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as two (2) races on Sunday. If two (2) or less races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.

A3. Scoring

A3.1. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2018 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

A3.2. No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

A4. Protests

A4.1. RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least

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200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

A5. **Penalty System**

- A5.1. The 20% Scoring Penalty as provided in RRS 44.3, as modified herein, will apply to boats that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2. The One-turn Penalty as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.
- A5.2. RRS 44.3(a) is modified such that the boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I acceptable), and the flag shall have a hoist of at least than 150mm and a fly of at least than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.
- A5.3. RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying 20% against the number of boats competing in the regatta and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.
The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.
- A5.4. In addition to informing the race officials at the finish line as required by RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall also submit a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the incident to the arbitrator or a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.
- A5.5. After-Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) as modified herein. However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) shall apply.
- A5.6. A boat accepting a 40% After-Race Scoring Penalty shall deliver to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee, prior to the beginning of a hearing, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the race number and where the incident occurred.
- A5.7 Other penalties as per RRS 64.1 apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See Attachment A5.7.

A6. **Haul-Out Restrictions**

- A6.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission by submitting a request in writing to the race officials, evidencing written approval by the District Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively. Any replies to haul-outs shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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A7. **Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions**

- A7.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched and the end of the regatta.
- A7.2. Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.
- A7.3. the hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

A8. **Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement**

- A8.1. Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, the crew must consist of a minimum of three (3) people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400 kg (882 lbs.). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitution requires written permission of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, which will be given only in exceptional cases.
- A8.2. Not more than one mainsail, one jib and one genoa shall be carried aboard. In the event a mainsail, jib or genoa is damaged beyond repair during the regatta, boats may request a sail replacement by submitting a request in writing to the race officials, evidencing written approval by the District Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. Said request may be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.
- A8.3. Class Rule C.10.2 is changed to allow boats to carry aboard two (2) spinnakers, subject to the following:
 - A8.3.1. The Sail/Royalty Tag Nos. for all sails used during each regatta must be declared in permanent writing on the Inventory of Required & Optional Equipment.
 - A8.3.2. Spinnakers may be used interchangeably during a regatta; however, in the event one of the declared spinnakers is lost or damaged beyond repair during a regatta, a replacement spinnaker is not allowed and the boat must sail only with the remaining declared spinnaker.
 - A8.3.3. A competitor or technical committee (which includes the Texas Circuit Representative and/or District 14 Governor) may submit a protest for violation of Class Rules C.10.2(a) or (b), as amended. If a violation is found to have occurred, the race officials shall impose a scoring penalty of 40% as calculated by RRS 44.3(c), applied to the race(s) in which such violation occurred, without a hearing.
- A8.4. Any boat whose sail number does not match their hull number may race in the regatta upon prior approval of the race officials, evidencing written approval by the District Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, by posting a request on the Official Notice Board.
- A8.5. Any replies to crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official

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Notice Board.

A9. **Equipment and Measurement Checks**

A9.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJCA Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

A10. **Texas Circuit Representative**

A10.1. For this regatta, Mark W. Smith is designated to be the Texas Circuit Representative by the District 14 Governor.

ATTACHMENT A5.7 – Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9 liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.

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Addendum No. 2 to Sailing Instructions J/22 Class Only

RRS 87 will be changed to read as follows: *These sailing instructions may change a class rule.*
Class Rule 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in this Regatta.

RRS Appendix A Changes: A1 is changed so that two (2) races must be completed to constitute an event. A2.1 is changed so that no races shall be discarded.

The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes after the start.

The time limit is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

There are no throw outs for this event.

Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee. In case of emergency, this approval may be granted retroactively.

Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment, and only one suit of sails for the entire regatta unless the item is so severely damaged as to make it unusable. All requests to replace equipment must be submitted to the race committee or the protest committee in writing and all such equipment must pass measurement.

All boats are to be launched by 0930 HRS on Saturday, 27 April 2019 and once launched may not be hauled out, nor rudders removed, during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the race committee or protest committee.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Boats may use mobile phones to record races while racing; however, must not upload data while racing.

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

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Addendum No. 3 to Sailing Instructions J/105 Class Only

The J/105 class will sail the 2019 Annual Regatta under the FWBC J/105 Fleet Rules for major regattas allowing up to 7 sailors plus an active FWBC Junior sailor with no weight restriction.