

2018 Spring and Summer Series  
May 24, 2016 to August 30 2018  
J24 Fleet 50  
Newport, RI

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The J24 Fleet 50 Season Series will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The following is added to RRS 40: "Personal flotation will be required for those aboard when the boat chooses to sail with the 100% Jib. The PFD must be US Coast Guard approved and must be visible to race committee and competitors."
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Fleet 50 web site (<http://www.j24fleet50.org>).

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. In addition, the Race Committee may display Code Flag "L" before a race, indicating that boats are to come within hailing distance to receive an announcement prior to the Warning Signal. This may include a change to these Sailing Instructions. Races sailed as part of the Newport Regatta will be conducted by SI's applicable to that regatta and will supersede any instructions listed herein. Updated Sailing Instructions for the alternative night of racing may be distributed up to the start of racing for that night.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 If racing is cancelled prior to the Race Committee leaving the dock, Code Flag "N" over Code Flag "A" will be flown from the flag pole at Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Competitors may call the ILYC Launch or Dock Office on VHF Channel 78A or phone (401)846-1969 for information.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1 Dates of racing**

Races will be on Thursday evenings.

Spring Series	May 24 <sup>th</sup> – July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Series	July 19 <sup>th</sup> – August 30 <sup>th</sup>

## 5.2 **Number of races:**

The race committee intends to run at least two races a night but may run any number of races at its sole discretion.

5.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1805.

5.4 The Race Committee will display Flag “2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute” (also known as “Second Repeater”) to indicate that another race will be run.

5.5 The night of Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> will be a designated “Alternative” night of sailing. Sailing for the ”Alternative” night may be organized by Fleet Members, subject to the approval of the Race Committee. The results from the “Alternative” night will NOT count towards the Spring, Summer, or Overall Series Standings. The “Alternative” night of sailing may include a long-distance race, a crew swap race, or other types of races. Special SIs may be developed for this night.

## 6 **VENUE**

The instructions and course options listed on the 2018-2022 South Bay Race Chart, apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport’s main office. All racing starts, except for the “Alternative” night of racing, shall be south of Newport Bridge. Races conducted as part of the Newport Regatta may be sailed in a different venue (See NOR 6.2).

## 7 **THE COURSES**

7.1 Courses selected from the Chart will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

7.2 Code Flag “D”, when displayed prior to the Warning Signal, indicates that a special course is to be used. The Turning Marks to be rounded will be displayed in the same format as those from the Chart.

## 8 **MARKS**

The marks will be Government Marks or Special Racing Marks as described on the Chart. If a Turning Mark is missing, the Race Committee may substitute an Inflated Racing Mark at the approximate location of the missing mark. Also, the Race Committee, at its discretion, may substitute Inflated Racing Marks in lieu of marks selected from the Chart.

## 9 **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the area inside the rocks known as the “Dumplings”.

## 10 **THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The flag used for the warning signal will be either code flag J or the J24 class flag.

- 10.2 The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, make a series of signals 1 minute prior to the Warning Signal to alert the competitors of an impending starting sequence
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

## **11 THE FINISH**

The Finishing Line will be between the orange or yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark. NOTE: The Race Committee may choose to place a separate "FINISH" mark between the "START" mark and the Committee Boat.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 RRS 44.2 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 12.2 Any boat acknowledging a penalty must notify the race committee and identify the boat that was fouled.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

The first boat must finish before thirty (30) minutes after sunset in Newport. All competitors must finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first finisher, thus changing Rule 35. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start on the same day, or the completion of racing for the day, the Race Committee may score the boat points equal to last place prior to their crossing the finish line.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests will be followed in accordance with RRS, Part 5. Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Standard Protest Form and lodged with the Fleet Captain by emailing Tim Corbett at [timtcorbett@gmail.com](mailto:timtcorbett@gmail.com) or by Faxing or delivering the appropriate form to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club dock office prior to 1200 on the day following the incident. The protest committee shall convene at Sail Newport each Monday at 6:30 PM and shall hear protests from all local fleets in the order received. Subject to availability of judges and competitors, the protest will be heard on the first Monday following the incident. Confirmation of a hearing will come from the Protest Chair or the Fleet Treasurer

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 The scoring system is based on the US Sailing method of scoring. In addition to separate series scoring, the Spring and Summer Series will be combined to count as part of an Overall Season Series.
- 15.2 Finishes will be posted on the Fleet 50 Website. Series scores will be emailed to the Fleet 50 Distribution List and posted on the Fleet 50 Website as soon after racing as possible.
- 15.3 A boat's score for the series will be the sum of all her races minus those discarded. There will be one (1) throw out for every six (6) races scored. This modifies RRS A2.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Prior to the Warning Signal for the First Race of each evening, every boat shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat and hail its sail number (please get an acknowledgement from the race committee). Check-In for the Second Race is required

only for boats which did not sail the first race. Any boat displaying sail numbers not matching their registered hull number shall not be scored. Any two or more boats displaying matching sail numbers during one or more Thursday night races shall not be scored.

- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a Restricted Channel. Sailing Vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which is restricted in her ability to maneuver. Competitors witnessed or reported to the Race Committee to have run afoul of commercial vessels before, while, or after racing may be subject to protest by another competitor or the Race Committee. If the protest is upheld, the infringing boat will be disqualified from the race and scored DSQ and will be banned from racing in the next countable race.
- 16.4 Competitors are reminded that while Narragansett Bay is a deep body of water, some of our race courses bring the fleet close to navigation hazards including but not limited to marked and unmarked rocks and pilings, islands, bridges, concrete bulkheads, and rock breakwaters. Please note that the Fleet has decided that sailing inside the rocks known as the “Dumplings” is prohibited
- 16.5 In accordance with RI Boating Regulations, all boats must stay at least 50 feet away from a diver-down flag, unless doing so would prevent safe navigation.

## **17 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. In addition, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive data transmissions while racing.

It is the intent of the Race Committee to utilize VHF CHANNEL 69 as its primary method of communications during racing. Competitors are invited to listen to all RC communications on the channel in the hopes that a clearer understanding of the Committee’s intentions will result in better racing for all. These broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

## **19 PRIZES**

See NOR 13.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and Ida Lewis Yacht Club 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. Please sail safely and responsibly within your own limits, at your own risk.