

Ida Lewis Yacht Club

2023 ILYC J24 Fleet 50 Thursday Night Series
May 25, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Newport, RI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority – Ida Lewis Yacht Club in association with J24 Fleet 50.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The J24 Fleet 50 Season Series will be governed by the rules as defined in 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the J24 Class Rules.
- 1.2. The following is added to RRS 40: “Personal flotation is required to be worn at all times when afloat, by all those aboard, when the boat chooses to sail with the 100% Jib, except for short periods while adding, adjusting, or changing clothing. The PFD must be US Coast Guard approved and must be visible to race committee and competitors. This changes Rule 40 and the Prefix to Part 4.
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 is 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.
- 1.4. RRS A2 is modified to increase the number of throw outs to one (1) for every six (6) races.
- 1.5. RRS 62 (including subsections) is modified to limit redress as described in the text of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6. U.S. Sailing Appendices T & V will apply.
- 1.7. The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The official notice board shall be the Fleet 50 website (<http://www.j24fleet50.org>).
- 2.2. The Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3. Links to other websites contained on the Fleet 50 website shall be considered part of the official notice board.

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 which made be given orally.

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’ and this extends the description for AP in RRS Race Signals.
- 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 flagpole 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. The schedule for the regatta is shown in the table below.

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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 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is the J24 flag or code flag “J”. The J24 flag is the J24 insignia displayed on a white field.

7 RACING AREAS

The instructions and course options listed on the 2018-2020 South Bay Race Chart, apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport’s main office.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will use be selected from the South Bay Race Chart or use marks selected from the Chart.
- 8.2 The Race Committee, at their discretion, may substitute an Inflated Racing Mark (e.g., an orange or yellow inflated mark) in lieu of a mark selected from the Chart.
- 8.3 Courses will be displayed on a Race Committee boat. Courses will be identified using the designations from the Chart or listing the marks of the course, the side on which they are to be left, and their rounding order.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The marks will be Government Marks or Special Racing Marks as described on the South Bay Race Chart.

- 9.2 If a turning mark listed on the Chart is missing, the Race Committee may substitute an inflated racing mark at the approximate location of the missing mark.

- 9.3 The Race Committee, at its discretion, may substitute inflated racing marks in arbitrary locations, in lieu of marks selected from the Chart.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be an inflatable buoy, a small buoy, or an anchored race committee boat with an orange or blue shape on a staff.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated as an obstruction: the area inside the rocks known as the “Dumplings”.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 The starting mark may be an inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored boat.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5 and excludes boats that are subject to RRS 29.1 and 30.1.
- 11.5 The race committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS at the start on the Fleet VHF Channel (VHF 69). Failure to make a broadcast, to make it promptly, or for it to be received by a boat will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark to a new position or insert a mark in a new position per RRS 33 except as described in SI 12.2.
- 12.2 A windward drop mark, leeward drop mark or gate may be changed up to 5 degrees without signaling a change of course. If a mark is so adjusted, an adjustment will be broadcast on the Fleet VHF channel. Failure to broadcast or failure to receive such a VHF broadcast is not grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 33

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may choose to place a separate “FINISH” mark between the “START” mark and the Committee Boat. This includes an anchored boat.
- 13.3 A staff displaying a blue flag on an anchored boat may be used as the finish mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is 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.
- 14.2 Any boat acknowledging a penalty must notify the race committee and identify the boat that was fouled.
- 14.3 Penalties may be taken after a race per RRS V2.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The first boat must finish before thirty (30) minutes after sunset in Newport.

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 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. This changes RRS A4.2.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available on the ILYC website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Fleet Captains by emailing Ian Scott at Ianscott1@cox.net or by faxing or delivering the form to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club dock office within the appropriate time limit. Competitors are encouraged to submit protests electronically (email or fax).
- 16.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1, the intent to protest shall be reported to and acknowledged by the Race Committee finish line boat immediately after finishing – this may be done on via the Fleet VHF Channel (VHF 69). At the conclusion of racing, if any protests have been received, the Race Committee will broadcast the sail numbers of boats involved in any protests on Fleet VHF Channel. Failure to do so is not grounds for seeking redress nor does it exempt any boat from protest obligations.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 7 pm (local) the day following the race.
- 16.4 Protest hearings may be conducted electronically at a time and date to be decided by ILYC Protest Committee which will communicate the date and time of the hearing to the parties involved. Confirmation of a hearing will come from the Protest Chair or the Fleet Treasurer.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

- 17.1. The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in 90.3 and Appendix A in the RRS and modified by these SIs.
- 17.2. A minimum of five (5) completed races is required to constitute the regatta.
- 17.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be one (1) throw out for every six (6) races scored. This modifies RRS A2.
- 17.4. A boat's score for the regatta will be the sum of all her races in that series minus those discarded.
- 17.5. Average points for the applicable series will be scored for any boat that misses a race due to attendance at an away regatta provided advance notice of the away regatta is given. This changes RRS A9.
- 17.6. Advance notice shall be given if a boat intends to miss a race because of an away regatta. Please email Ian Scott at Ianscott1@cox.net, in advance, so that he can advise the Race Committee. Failure to notify via e-mail prior to the warning signal of racing on the day missed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 17.7. 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.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each evening, every boat shall contact the Race Committee and hail its sail number and the number of crew present (please get an acknowledgement from the race committee). Check-in for subsequent races is required only for boats which have not checked in previously.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or before racing is completed for the evening shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 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. This adds to RRS 60.2. If the protest is upheld, the infringing boat will be disqualified from the race and scored DSQ.
- 18.4 Although Narragansett Bay is a deep body of water, some of the racecourses 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. Sailing inside the rocks known as the “Dumplings” is prohibited.
- 18.5 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.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

If a boat inadvertently puts trash in the water, it shall attempt to retrieve it. This adds to RRS 47.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 VHF channel 69 is the Fleet VHF Channel. It is the intent of the Race Committee to use the Fleet VHF Channel as its primary method of communications prior to and during racing. Competitors are asked to listen to RC communications on the Fleet VHF Channel
- 21.3 All VHF broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make broadcasts on the Fleet VHF Channel or for boats to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62 nor shall such failure exempt boats from any obligations in the rules.
- 21.4 Competitors shall only receive Race Committee VHF communications on the Fleet VHF Channel.

22 PRIZES

See NOR 13.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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. Please sail safely and responsibly within your own limits, at your own risk.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. (See NOR 3.4.)

25. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 25.1. All boats must have a VHF Radio on-board, tuned to the Fleet channel (SI 21.2).
- 25.2. The RC reserves the right to forgo traditional signal flags in lieu of making communications via the Fleet VHF channel.
- 25.3. All matters regarding protests may be conducted electronically.
- 25.4. Competitors are required to complete the THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY form. The waiver is available on the ILYC website.