



2026 International J/111 Class North American Championship

August 24 – August 29, 2026

Youngstown Yacht Club

Youngstown Community Boating

491 Water St. - Youngstown, NY 14174

<https://yyc.org>



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the J/111 Class Rules.
- 1.2 [DP] The penalty for breaking rules other than RRS Parts 2 and 3 shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 1.3 The Race Committee will use the Vakaros RaceSense System which is further detailed in Addendum RS.
- 1.4 RRS Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges breach of a rule of part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"
- 1.5 There will be two divisions: Championship (maximum of 1 Group 3 Professional) and Corinthian (all Group 1 crew) with separate trophies awarded to each division.
- 1.6 [NP] For this event only, there will be no crew weigh-in and the Class rule crew weight limit is replaced with a maximum crew of eight. A Class approved document will be posted on the Official Notice Board in accordance with RRS 87 so that no boat is exposed to protest under the suspended rule.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of the races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes over VHF before the next warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will only be posted on the online official notice board at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50514>
- 3.2 On the water, RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 68.
- 3.3 Unofficial and informative announcements may be made using the event WhatsApp group where you can opt-in here using the link or QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LeWBC1ljMRH5VL4nJXEOZv?mode=gi t>



4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the YYC flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday, August 25	1300	Practice starts and race
Wednesday, August 26	0900	Daily competitors' briefing (YYC flagpole)
	1100	First warning signal
Thursday, August 27	0900	Daily competitors' briefing (YYC flagpole)
	1100	First warning signal
Friday, August 28	0900	Daily competitors' briefing (YYC flagpole)
	1100	First warning signal
Saturday, August 29	0900	Daily competitors' briefing (YYC flagpole)
	1100	First warning signal
	1400	No warning signal made after this time

5.2 A maximum of 10 races is scheduled.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be a white flag with a blue J/111 logo or pennant #1.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Ontario north of Fort Niagara Beach and in the vicinity of the mouth of the Niagara River.

8 COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum #1 show the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 In the event a gate mark (2s or 2p) is missing or out of place, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

9 MARKS

Mark	Original Mark	Change Mark
1 (weather mark)	Orange tetrahedron	Yellow tetrahedron
1a (offset)	Green tetrahedron	(none)
2s – 2p (leeward gate)	Green tetrahedron	(original marks)
Starting mark	RC vessel or orange inflatable buoy	
Finishing mark	Orange inflatable buoy	

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line is between a Vakaros device mounted to a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end RC signal vessel and a Vakaros device attached to a staff displaying an orange flag on a port-end RC vessel or an inflatable starting mark.

10.2 Before the warning signal, the RC Signal vessel will display the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to mark 1.

10.3 [NP] A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within 5 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** RC may, without signals, make minor adjustments to change the direction of a leg, the length of a leg or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gates provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.
- 11.2** When a change is signaled in accordance with RRS 33, 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.
- 11.3** A new weather mark will not have an associated offset mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line is between a Vakaros device mounted to the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a Vakaros device mounted to the finishing mark. This changes Race Signals Blue flag.
- 12.2** Flag A displayed with no sound signal while boats are finishing means “no more racing today.”

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 and V2 (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1** The target time for races will be 45-60 minutes.
- 14.2** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for a request for redress. This is added to RRS 61.4(b).
- 14.3** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4 but not to exceed the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.4** The race time limit is 120 minutes. If no boat finishes within the race time limit the RC shall abandon that race.
- 14.5** If one or more boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the RC may score the boat(s) in place and terminate the race. This is added to RRS 35 and A4.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1** Hearing Request forms will be available at the Protest Desk located at the YYC Gristmill. Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.
- 15.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal vessel docks for the day or when the RC signals no more racing today and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room located at the YYC Gristmill.
- 15.4** The Protest Committee will commence hearings as soon as practicable.
- 15.5** After the final race on the last day of the regatta, protests that may affect the awarding of a prize, will be dealt with as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests, which do not affect the awarding of a prize, may be heard after the prize giving ceremony at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 There will be two divisions: Championship (maximum of 1 Group 3 Professional) and Corinthian (all Group 1 crew) with separate trophies awarded to each division.

17 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before the first warning signal of her first race of the day, boats shall pass by the stern of the RC Signal vessel check in by sail number and be acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Crew substitutions are not allowed without prior approval of the *committee*.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the *committee*. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NOR or SIs.
- 19.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the *committee* to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

J/111 Class rule J.3 (Support Boats) shall apply.

21 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

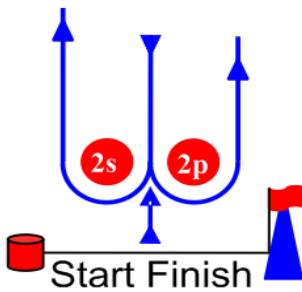
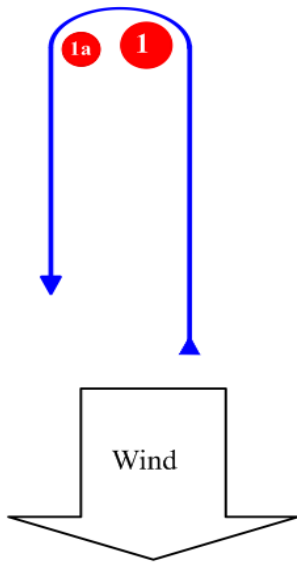
Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

22 EVENT CONTACTS

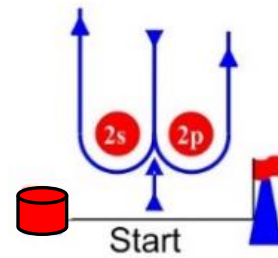
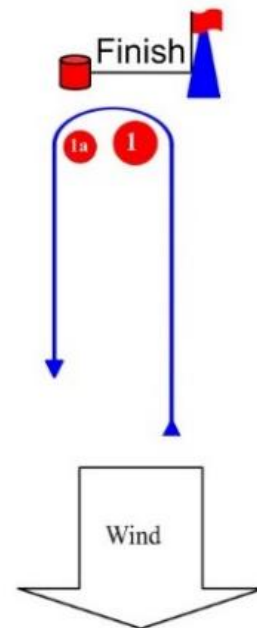
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Chief Judge:	Richard "Doc" Sullivan	rsulliv34@gmail.com	585-233-7744

SI Addendum #1: Courses

(not to scale, for diagram purposes only, actual marks may be different than pictured)



Course	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish



Course	Mark Rounding Order
5	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish

SI Addendum RS: RaceSense RRS changes

(rev 06-03-2026)

[NP] [DP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

- RS.1** Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast, and preferably above any existing instruments and below the boom at all times while *racing*.
- RS.2** Competitors shall:
- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
https://youtu.be/CA68kFUbPgl?si=2wRoIEx_FD7Y0f3 
 - b) turn their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge on and keep it on until after sailing each day.
 - c) turn their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approximately 100 hours.
 - d) ensure their device Firmware and GPS are updated to the most recent versions:
Firmware: <https://youtu.be/qgelN4KS3f0?si=mcZpd5HvVegHH7xO> 
GPS: https://youtu.be/b0nkHbl_jDc?si=1qZANR5MdqmhHMAk 
 - e) ensure their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge is configured for the events proper One-Design Class compliance mode.
- RS.3** The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- RS.4** Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#).
- RS.5** Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff or RC on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- RS.6** The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. RRS 26 visual signal flags and sound signals will only be used for informational purposes. This changes RRS 26.
- RS.7** The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, no VHF hail will be made, flag X will not be displayed and no sound will be made modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4. RaceSense will also be used to call the Finish Line.
- RS.9** Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and RRS 61.1(c).
- RS.10** If the RC vessel displays flag DELTA with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- RS.11** If the RC vessel displays flag ECHO with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag ECHO will remain displayed for a minimum of two (2) minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- RS.12** If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, a notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and posted on the Official Notice Board.