

2026 J/24 N.E. Regional and District 3 Championship

Sayville Yacht Club, Fleet 182 and the USA J/24 Class Association



July 23 through 26 2026

**SAYVILLE YACHT CLUB
BLUE POINT, NEW YORK**



Sailing Instructions

The notation [DP] in a rule of these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule of these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International J/24 Class Association Class Rules (IJCA CR), the International J/24 Class Association Regatta Regulations (IJCA RR), and the NOR including the US Sailing Prescriptions in NOR Addendum A.
- 1.2. IJCA CR changes:
 - 1.2.1. Section H CR C.10.2 is replaced by CR H.2 that allows a boat to carry a spare class spinnaker.
 - 1.2.2. Section H CR C.2.1(b) is replaced by CR H.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V, sections V1 and V2 shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS 60.4(a) is changed to read: "...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46 and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2."
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict in languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions (SI) and the NOR, the SI will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located at the event website:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50688>
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) may set up a temporary unofficial notice board near the stairway on the first floor inside the main Sayville Yacht Club (SYC) clubhouse.
- 3.3. Any questions regarding these sailing instructions must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Such questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 3.4. The Race Committee will use VHF radio to make broadcasts to the fleet as a courtesy to all competitors. Such broadcasts may include, but not be limited to, designator of the course to be sailed, countdown to the start, sail numbers of boats that are OCS, UFD or BFD, and general recalls. Failure to make such broadcasts, failure to hear such broadcasts, or the timeliness or order of such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.5. The Race Committee intends to use VHF channel 72 to broadcast to the fleet. Should a change be necessary on the water due to excessive noise or traffic, an alternate channel will be 71 or 69. RC will broadcast the new channel on the existing channel prior to the change.
- 3.6. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring area for her first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the main SYC clubhouse
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes”. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule of races is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday, July 23	1800	Skippers' Meeting / Practice race to follow
Friday, July 24	0930	Skippers' Meeting
	1100	Warning Signal, first race of the day (additional races to follow)
Saturday, July 25	1100	Warning Signal, first race of the day (additional races to follow)
Sunday, July 26	1100	Warning Signal, first race of the day (additional races to follow)
	1400	No Warning Signals after this time

- 5.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled over three consecutive days.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the J/24 Class flag (blue J/24 insignia on white background).

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Great South Bay, generally south and east of Blue Point.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The course will be windward/leeward as shown in the diagram in SI Attachment A.
- 8.2. The Offset Mark 1a will be set approximately 7 boat-lengths to port (looking upwind) of Mark 1, at approximately a right angle to the weather leg.
- 8.3. If either Gate Mark 2s or 2p is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.
- 8.4. If Course L must be shortened it will not be shortened to less than 3 legs. If circumstances dictate that the course be shortened more than as stated here, the race will be abandoned. Note that for purposes of this SI section only, the distance between Mark 1 and Offset Mark 1a will not be considered a leg of the course.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Original Marks:

<u>MARK</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Mark 1	Orange cylinder
Mark 1a (Offset)	Orange mark
Marks 2s and 2p (Gate)	Orange cylinders
Start	RC Signals boat and either RC Pin boat or an orange cylinder
Finish	RC Signals boat and an orange cylinder

- 9.2. Change marks for Mark 1, Mark 2s and Mark 2p will be yellow tetrahedrons

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas designated as obstructions.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. Prior to the warning signal, the RC may also make an attention signal of multiple short horn sounds.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signals boat at the starboard end of the line and, at the port end of the line, either a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin-end RC boat or the course side of an orange cylinder.
- 11.3. No later than the warning signal, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark shall be displayed on a board at the stern of the RC Signals boat.
- 11.4. RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, UFD or BFD, by the last 4 digits of the sail number. Failure to make or hear such hails and the order and timeliness of such hails shall not be grounds for redress. (See also SI 3.4). This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5. A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.
- 12.2. During a race, the RC may make small changes (± 0.1 NM and/or ± 10 degrees) to a leg of the course without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3. If Mark 1 is moved during a race as the result of a signaled course change, there will be no Offset Mark 1a for the remainder of that race.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. For course L, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signals boat at the port end of the line and the course side of an orange cylinder at the starboard end of the line
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat to start, sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.3. The blue flag displayed at the finish line will be lowered with no sound when the last competitor crosses the finish line, or with a long sound at the end of the 30-minute finish window, whichever occurs first.
- 13.4. Display of code flag-A (with no sound) at the finish line will signal No More Racing Today.
- 13.5. Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing, or as soon as practicable. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish Line and report to the RC Finish Boat by hail, or by VHF on the channel designated for communication with the competitors. Boats that do not finish should report their intent to protest to any Race Committee boat or Race Committee shore personnel at the first opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and will be a permissible exception to SI 3.6.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for races is approximately 60 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. If no boat finishes within this time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violations of the Class Rules and RRS other than RRS Part 1 and Part 2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. The Protest Time Limit shall be one hour after the RC Signal boat docks. The Protest Time Limit shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the Unofficial Notice Board located inside the SYC main clubhouse, as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 16.2. Hearing Request and Scoring Inquiry forms are available from the protest desk located near the unofficial notice board inside the SYC clubhouse. Completed forms shall be delivered to the protest desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties and the location of the hearings. Competitors are responsible for notifying their own witnesses.

- 16.4. Notices of protests by the RC, Technical Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. A list of scoring actions / starting penalties assigned by the RC will be posted prior to the end of the Protest Time Limit. The deadline for Scoring Inquiries based on these penalties will be either 30 minutes after posting or the end of the Protest Time Limit whichever is later. Scoring Inquiries shall include the error or omission made by the RC. Scoring reviews, if not resolved by the race committee, will be considered requests for redress per RRS 62.1.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. All boats are requested to check in at the RC Signals boat when arriving in the racing area for the first race each day.
- 18.2. [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race, does not intend to race, leaves the racing area, or returns to the racing area shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

The Technical Committee may approve crew changes during the event as limited by Class Rule CR H.4.3 (see SI 1.2.2). However, in no case shall there be a change in the number of crew during the event.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the NOR, or at any time by a member of the Technical Committee.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection by the Technical Committee.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats	Letters "RC" on blue background
RC Support boats	"OFFICIAL" on white background

22. LAUNCHING AND HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1. [NP] [DP] All boats shall be launched and in the water with rudders mounted by 2000 July 23, 2026.
- 22.2. [NP] [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in accordance with the terms of prior written permission from the Technical Committee.

23. DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 23.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used at any time the boat is afloat prior to the end of the regatta. Boats may be cleaned at any time by means of swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that purpose.
- 23.2. [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspection is prohibited during the regatta.
- 23.3. [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans is prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NOR.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk (see RRS 3 Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority, the Sayville Yacht Club, its officers, members or volunteers supporting this regatta will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this regatta.

25.2. All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form provided in the registration package. If a competitor is under the age of 18, that person's Liability Waiver form must be signed by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.

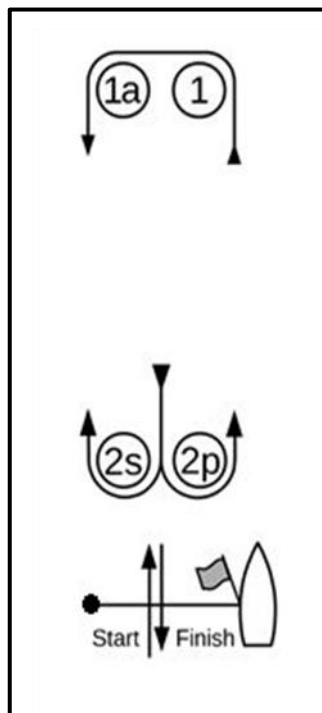
ATTACHMENT A

COURSE DIAGAMS

NOTE – On course L below, if gate marks are present at the time of the start, boats on the first leg from the Start line to Mark 1 may disregard gate Marks 2s and 2p.

NOTE – The course diagram below is not to scale.

COURSE L



<u>COURSE L</u>	<u>MARK ROUNDING</u>
L	Start – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – Finish
<u>Note</u> – In Course L, boats on the Finish Leg may disregard Gate Marks 2s and 2p.	