



2017 J/24 East Coast Championship 2017 J/22 Mid-Atlantic Championship

Sailing Instructions
October 27 – October 29, 2017



Organizing Authority: Severn Sailing Association, J/24 Fleet 8 & J/22 Fleet 19
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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the appropriate J Class rules.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located at SSA.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions on land will be posted by 0830 each day.
- 3.2 For on-the-water changes to the sailing instructions, the change will be announced by the Race Committee (RC) verbally. This changes RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the deck of SSA.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS 'Race Signals'.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Schedule of racing is as follows:
 - Friday October 27th, 1100 Warning Signal J-24's
 - Saturday October 28, 1100 Warning Signal both J-24's & J-22's racing
 - Sunday Oct. 29, 1000 Warning Signal both J-24's & J-22's racing
- 5.2 Nine races are scheduled for the J/24s. Seven races are scheduled for the J/22's
- 5.3 Any number of races may be sailed each day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Sunday, October 29.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be a flag displaying the 'J/24' logo or the 'J/22' logo.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

8 CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a race committee boat displaying flag 'L' prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's number.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to compete, shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible (VHF Channel 65A may be used).

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward as shown in Attachment A. The Race Committee will designate the course by placards with numbers on them.
- 9.2 An offset mark may be used in conjunction with Mark 1.
- 9.3 Mark 2 may be a gate consisting of two marks. If only one mark is present, it should be rounded to port.
- 9.4 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing for the first leg from the starting line to Mark 1.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding marks are orange cylinders.
- 10.2 Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and an orange flag on a pin boat or a yellow cylinder.
- 10.4 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow cylinder.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 Recalls – After the starting signal, the Race Committee may announce the sail number of the recalled boat(s) on VHF channel 65A. Failure of a boat to hear the recall broadcast, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers, and failure of the Race Committee to broadcast any numbers shall not be grounds for granting redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 11.3 When RRS 30.3 (Black Flag Rule) is in effect, the Race Committee may announce the sail number of the boats that have broken RRS 30.3 via VHF channel 65A.
- 11.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS A5. When the U flag is used as the preparatory signal, RRS 29.1 does not apply.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 If no boat passes mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2 If no boat finishes within 90 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats racing 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), see SI 16.3, and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS may take a 20% penalty (instead of two turns) by flying a yellow flag at the time of the incident and until finishing and then informing the RC at the finish of that race. They also need to submit a Penalty Acknowledgement Form to the protest committee no later than the end of the protest time limit (see 15.2).
- 14.2 A boat may take a Post-Race Penalty of 40% by informing the RC in writing before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

15 PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk at SSA. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The RC will post the docking time on the official notice board. Under no circumstances will any protest be accepted after the protest time limit on the last day of the regatta. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.3 The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the Race Committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 15.4 The scheduled times and locations of hearings will be posted as soon as practical but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 15.5 Arbitration may be used prior to the protest hearing for incidents involving the rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A minimum of one completed race is required to constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3 The score (prior to application of other penalties) of boats scored TLE will be points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT – J-24's only

- 17.1 Crew substitutions must be declared at Registration/Check-in by filling out Crew Substitution form and submitting it with Registration materials.
- 17.2 J-24 class rule C.10.2 is amended to include class rule J.2 allowing an extra spinnaker to be carried while racing.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be kept aboard and deposited in a trash receptacle on shore.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – J-24's only

- 19.1 J-24's shall be afloat by 0945 Friday morning.
- 19.2 J-24's shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 21.1 A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.

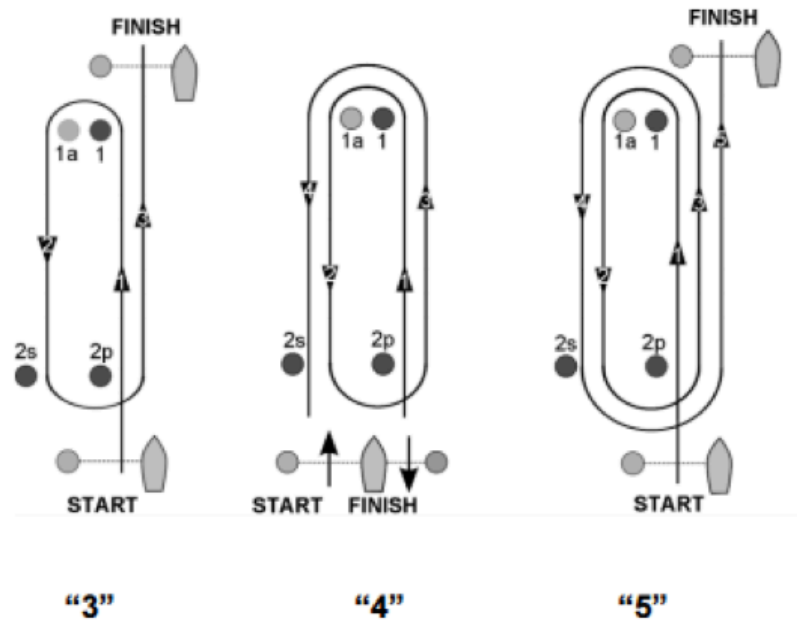
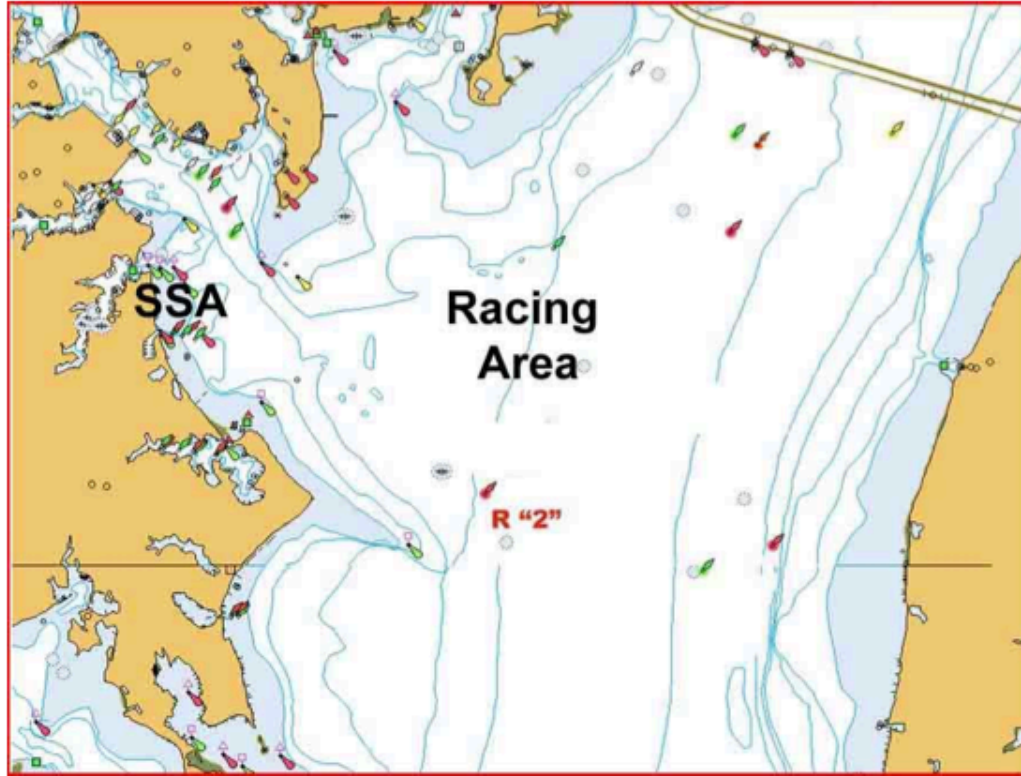
22 PRIZES

- 22.1 The winning helmsperson of the J-24 regatta will be named the 2017 J/24 East Coast Champion. The winning helmsperson of the J-22 regatta will be named the 2017 J-22 Mid Atlantic Champion.
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top five J/24 boats overall & top three J/22 boats, and special award for mid-fleet of both J-24 & J/22 classes.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race Rule). 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 A - RACING AREA LOCATION



- Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind
- Course 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind
- Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind