

2017 J/24 National Championship

May 17 – 21, 2017

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) of Seattle

<http://www.cycseattle.org/event/j24natchamp2017/>

1. Rules

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

1.1.1. *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the US Sailing Prescriptions (<http://goo.gl/ssN4Ui>).

1.1.2. *The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix N, Appendix T, and Appendix V1.*

1.2. RRS 41 is changed as follows:

Add before the rule "This rule shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring.

add exception:

(e) other competitors and official boats under the direction of the race committee while not racing.

If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these changes to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This will change the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

1.3. Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

1.4. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.

1.5. RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

1.6. Class rule C2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows different crew on different days only if scheduled in advance at registration and emergency crew substitution with written permission of the race committee.

1.7. 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 and Race Headquarters

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is the window to the North of the upstairs entrance to CYC.

2.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee PRO. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

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 changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Radio Communication: VHF channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications with the fleet. The Race Committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals displayed ashore will be displayed from the CYC flag staff on the roof of the CYC Clubhouse.

- 5.2. An AP displayed ashore will be displayed at least 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning of the day.
- 5.3. When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals definitions. This changes the Race Signals definitions.

6. Schedule

6.1.

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	17 May	0900 – 2100	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in Boats and sails will not be measured after 6 pm.
Thursday	18 May	0900 – 1700 1200 – 1300 1400 – 1600 1800 1815	Registration/Measurement/ Crew Weigh-in North Sails clinic at the dock North Sails on-water clinic All Boats Afloat Practice race with CYC Thursday evening racing
Friday	19 May	0800 – 0830 0900 1100	Crew Weigh-in* Competitors' Meeting Warning for First Race of the Day Following racing: North Sails debrief at the dock Social event at CYC with drinks and awards. (yacht club dinner available for purchase) If Interested: Mariner's baseball (vs. White Sox) at 7pm
Saturday	20 May	0800 – 0830 1100	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Following racing: North Sails debrief at the dock Social event at CYC with drinks, dinner and awards If Interested: Late night rendezvous at Pono Ranch
Sunday	21 May	0800 – 0830 1000 Before 1500	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Last warning of the day Following racing: BBQ at CYC while boats pack-up Awards event at CYC with drinks

*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for race committee approved replacement crews per 1.6.

- 6.2. After the first race of the day, the warning signal for subsequent races will be as soon as practicable. The impending warning may be announced over VHF and/or by a series of short sound signals.
- 6.3. Nine (9) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 6.4. Three (3) races are scheduled each day. One extra race may be sailed per day. The end of racing for the day will be signaled with flags AP over A.
- 7. **Class Flag:** The class flag will be a white flag with a J/24 logo.
- 8. **Racing Area:** The racing area is Shilshole Bay, West of the marine and North to Point Wells. Preference will be given to racing a mile or more North of Meadow Point, pending conditions.
- 9. **Daily Check-in:** For safety, all boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee before the start of each day's racing.

10. Starting Line: The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a red or orange mark on the Port end of the starting line.

11. Courses

11.1. Courses will be signaled by a sequence of letters. Each letter designates a mark to be left to port **except gates**, (see S112.3). *For Example:*

Windward leeward course with offset and upwind finish:	ABZ
Double windward leeward course with offset and downwind finish:	ABXABX
Double windward leeward course with offset and upwind finish:	ABZABZ

11.2. Mark descriptions and relative locations are indicated on the attached course diagram.

11.3. There will be options for leeward marks set either above or below the start finish line.

12. Marks:

12.1. Marks will be red/orange inflatable shapes.

12.2. An offset mark at the weather mark, if set, will be a large green fender.

12.3. Gate at Leeward Mark: When a gate (two marks of similar shape and color) is present at a leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either the port gate mark to port or the starboard gate mark to starboard. The race committee intends to set gates for leeward marks, but the depths and currents of Puget Sound may make setting fair gates impractical, and a single leeward mark may be used.

12.4. Change Marks—See 13.1.

13. Changes to the next leg of the course.

13.1. Change Marks.

The new mark will be yellow, and the old mark will be removed as soon as practicable. Subsequent changes will alternate between red/orange and yellow marks.

13.2. If a weather beat is changed, the new weather mark **will not** have an offset mark, even if the original course designated a weather offset.

13.3. If the run is changed, the new leeward mark will be a single mark, not a gate, even if the original leeward mark was a gate.

14. Finish Line: The finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of a yellow mark on the opposite side of the starting mark.

15. Time Limit: Boats must finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to do so will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.

16. Restricted Area: Boats are prohibited from entering the area near the Shilshole Marina south entrance between Shilshole Bay entrance lighted buoy G “1”, entrance lighted buoy R “2”, and breakwater light G “3”. A boat that fails to observe this restriction may not exonerate herself. This area is an obstruction.

17. Safety Regulations: A boat that retires from a race or is leaving the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Communication with the race committee may be verbal or on VHF channel 72. If neither of these is feasible, please notify another boat to convey the communication for you.

18. Protests and Request Redress

18.1. Protests forms are available just inside the official notice board and/or at the CYC office.

18.2. The protest time limit will be one hour from either the RC Signal boat’s docking at CYC, or when a red signal flag is hoisted with one sound and flown from the CYC flag staff in

the event the RC Signal boat is delayed on the water. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board at least 45 minutes before the time limit is reached.

- 18.3. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Jury at the Jury Table down stairs at CYC within the protest time limit.
- 18.4. Notices of protests will be posted on the white board on the West wall downstairs at CYC within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties, along with the time and location of the hearing. Such notice shall serve as notification per RRS 63.1 and 61.1(b)
- 18.5. Protests will be heard by an International Jury. **Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.**

19. Scoring

- 19.1. Nine (9) races are anticipated, of which one (1) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, as modified below, will be used.
- 19.3. Scores of TLE, RET and DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus two. This modifies RRS A4.2
- 19.4. If six (6) or more races are completed a boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

20. Prizes: Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday, May 21, at the CYC.

21. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

