



## **J Class World Championship**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. (NYYC RA) in collaboration with the J Class Association (JCA) and the International Maxi Association (IMA).
- 1.2 The host is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).
- 1.3 The regatta website can be found at <https://nyc.org/yachting/racing/j-class-worlds>.

#### **2 RULES**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) modified for Class Rules and event specific requirements, specifically:
    - i) RRS 47.2 is changed, see class rule C.1.1 (d);
    - ii) RRS 50.4 does not apply, see class rule C.1.1 (a);
    - iii) RRS 77 does not apply, see class rule A.19.1
  - b) The prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Notice of Race Addendum A. These will be posted on the regatta website;
  - c) The 2017 J Class Rules (J Class Rules) and interpretations. Please note the J Class Safety Requirements can be found in J Class Rules Appendix A;
  - d) The 2017 J Class Addendum Q (version 2.0) as approved by World Sailing (SI Addendum D);
  - e) A J Class inclining as detailed in Appendix C of the J Class Rules after 1 September, 2016.
- 2.2 Contact: RRS 14 is changed as follow: When an umpire observes or the jury receives a report of contact between yachts the jury will disqualify the penalized yacht in the incident without a hearing. Furthermore they may also disqualify the other yacht if she could have taken any action to avoid contact.
- 2.3 The official language of the event shall be English.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the New York Yacht Club Sailing Center and may also be posted on the duplicate board located at the Newport Shipyard and the event website at <https://nyc.org/yachting/racing/j-class-worlds>.

#### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect unless AP is displayed ashore. If AP is displayed ashore changes will be posted before the removal of AP. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and BRIEFINGS**

- 6.1

Monday	12.00	Practice Racing – First Warning Signal
	15.00-18.00	Registration – NYYC Sailing Center
	18.00-18.30	Competitor and Umpire briefing – NYYC Sailing Center
	18.30-20.30	Opening Reception hosted by Rolex – NYYC
Tuesday	0830	Umpire briefing - Newport Shipyard
	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
Wednesday	0830	Umpire briefing - Newport Shipyard
	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
Thursday	0830	Umpire briefing - Newport Shipyard
	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
Friday	0830	Umpire briefing - Newport Shipyard
	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
Saturday	0830	Umpire briefing - Newport Shipyard
	11.00	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
	18.00	Prize giving - NYYC
- 6.2 A maximum of ten races is scheduled for the event.
- 6.3 On each racing day at 0830 a meeting with the Umpires will be held at the Event Marquee at the Newport Shipyard. This is mandatory for the Skipper and Tactician of each yacht. 30 minutes after the last boats docks each afternoon, there will be a meeting at the Event Marquee with the Umpires. This is not mandatory.

## **7 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the J Class logo on a white background.

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Rhode Island Sound and Narragansett Bay. The starting areas are shown in Addendum C.
- 8.2 A flag designating the rendezvous area will be displayed at 0900 and the race committee will endeavor to announce the location at that time on VHF Channel 72.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses and marks are described in the SI Addenda as shown:
  - a. Distance/Navigator Races – SI Addendum A
  - b. Drop Mark Races – SI Addendum B
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors (no later than 1900 on the day before they will take effect) of the intended type of racing for the following day.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and a pink inflatable mark OR a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end signal boat.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 7 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes A4 and A.5.
- 10.3 As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by radio on VHF Channel 72. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line to a new position) 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.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in the relevant SI Addendum.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 All races will be umpired using the 2017 J Class Addendum Q (version 2.0).

13.2 In addition to the penalties described in the Addendum Q , the Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the class rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

14.1 For Drop Mark Races, yachts failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first yacht in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14.2 For Distance/Navigator Races, yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first yacht in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.2 All races will be weighted equally.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF 72 as soon as possible.

16.2 In the event of a man-overboard during a race, the yacht with a man overboard should attempt to recover the man immediately. In the interest of safety, a yacht can call on the assistance of a rescue craft (yacht tender, umpire boat, race committee boat, etc.) for immediate assistance. Whether the man overboard is transferred back to the racing yacht or taken ashore will be at the discretion of the yacht captain. When a yacht receives assistance recovering a crew, there shall be no penalty. This changes RRS 41 and 47.2.

16.3 The Umpires will be identified in RIBs by flying a white flag with a pink U on it.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

17.1 Crew changes must be reported to the race office no later than 0900 on the day they will take effect. Corresponding waivers must also be signed by that time.

17.2 Any equipment changes must be approved by the Class Measurer.

## **18 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

18.1 All J Class support boats must register at the Race Office on Monday 21 August..

18.2 Support boats shall conspicuously display their J Class tender flag.

## **19 COMMUNICATION - RADIO & AIS**

19.1 Each boat shall carry a working marine VHF radio capable of operating in "US mode" on the United States VHF Frequency Band.

19.2 The race committee will monitor VHF 72 for communication. All yachts must monitor this channel from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following racing.

19.3 All yachts are required to perform a radio check and receive acknowledgement from the race committee on VHF 72 within 30 minutes prior to their start.

- 19.4 The Umpire and Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel for the entire J Class Fleet is VHF 71. All yachts shall maintain an active radio watch on VHF 71 from their approach to the starting area where the Chief Umpire will do the radio check with all yachts at about 15 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of each day, until departing the finish area following the race. Yachts hailed by another yacht shall respond. This channel shall be used in close quarters to assist with collision avoidance with J Class Fleet yachts, determine the J Class Fleet yacht's intentions and resolve confusion. If VHF 71 is congested, yachts may use race committee VHF channel 72 for umpire/safety related communication.
- 19.5 Except in an emergency or for safety issues, a boat shall neither make/receive radio transmissions nor phone calls (mobile, computer or satellite) while racing.
- 19.6 Yachts shall operate Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponders at all times while afloat and off moorings. AIS equipment shall not be removed from the yacht prior to racing.

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the NOR.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the umpires, the race committee and jury 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.

## **22 INSURANCE**

Each Entrant shall obtain and maintain, in force throughout the Event, with a reputable insurer, insurance which provides coverage for loss or damage to or caused by the Participating Yacht and which has the following minimum levels of coverage: (a) comprehensive marine general liability with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$15 million annual aggregate; (b) marine P&I insurance for the Vessel with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$50 million annual aggregate; and (c) hull insurance for the Vessel with an each occurrence limit of not less than the value of the Vessel.

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## SI ADDENDUM A – DISTANCE/NAVIGATOR RACES

### **A1 COURSES FOR NAVIGATOR RACES**

- A1.1 All yachts shall pass through the center span only for any course passing under the Newport Jamestown Bridge. For the purposes of RRS 32.2(c), the center span shall be considered a gate.
- A1.2 All yachts shall leave G “9” FL G 2.5s GONG and G “11” QG BELL, located off Bull Point, to the west.
- A1.3 All yachts shall leave R “12” Fl Rs BELL and R N “12A”, located off of Rose Island, to the east.
- A1.4 Gould Island may be passed on either side.
- A1.3 Government marks not listed in Addendum A1 have no required side.

#### **A1.4 COURSE 1**

- Start
  - Mark 1 - round to port
  - Mark 2 - round to port
  - Finish
- A1.5 The latitude and longitude of Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be announced on VHF channel 72.

### **A2 MARKS**

- A2.1 The starting mark will be a pink buoy.
- A2.2 Mark 1 will be an orange buoy set in Rhode Island Sound.
- A2.3 Mark 2 will be an orange buoy set in the vicinity of Halfway Rock in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.
- A2.4 The finishing mark will be a pink buoy.

### **A3 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark set in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay in the vicinity of Castle Hill.

### **A4 GOVERNMENT MARKS & ISLANDS**

The following are approximate locations for reference only. See charts 13221 and 13223 for more details.

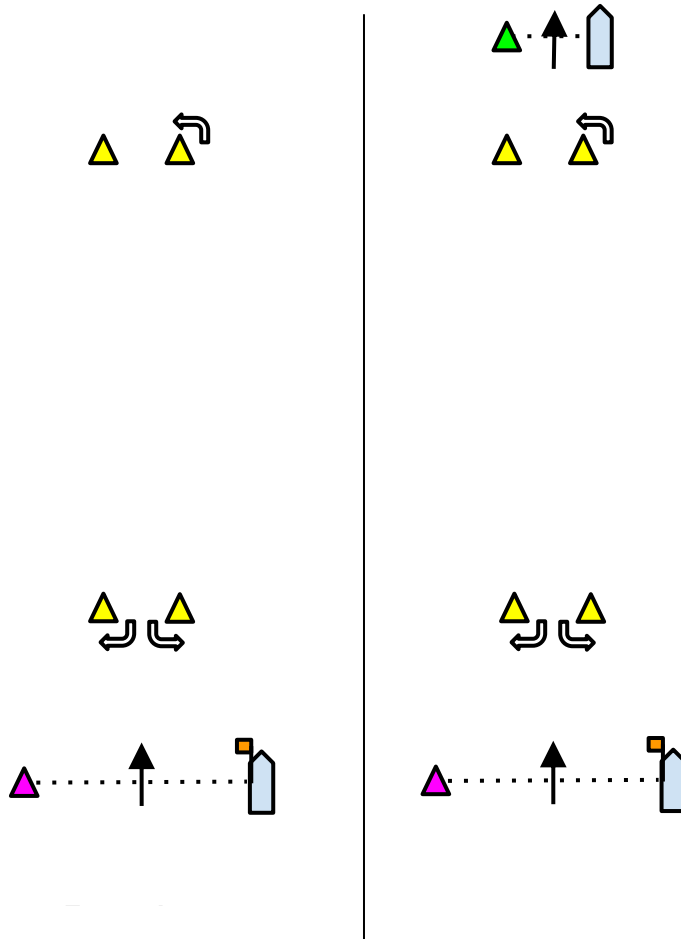
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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| ● Gould Island         | 41 32.000' N; 071 20.670' W (center of island) |
| ● G “9” FL G 2.5s GONG | 41 28.647' N; 071 21.235' W                    |
| ● G “11” QG BELL       | 41 28.994' N; 071 21.034' W                    |
| ● R “12” Fl Rs BELL    | 41 29.667' N; 071 20.653' W                    |
| ● R N “12A”            | 41 30.040' N; 071 20.761' W                    |
| ● Jamestown Bridge     | 41 30.300' N; 071 20.920' W (center span)      |

## SI ADDENDUM B – DROP MARK RACES

### **B1 COURSES FOR DROP MARK RACES**

B1.1 The course will be a windward/leeward course with a windward offset mark and a gate. The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not count as a leg for the purposes of indicating the number of legs.

#### B1.2 Course Diagrams



B1.3 The number of legs, distance and bearing to the windward mark will be signaled on a whiteboard.

B1.4 Marks, including the windward offset mark, shall be rounded in order and always left to port, except that a gate, when used, shall be rounded as described in RRS 28.2(c). In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be left to port.

### **B2 MARKS**

B2.1 The windward, offset, leeward and reaching (if used) marks will be yellow tetrahedron buoys.

B2.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be orange tetrahedron buoys.

B2.3 The starting mark will be a pink buoy.

B2.4 For courses with even # of legs, the finish mark will be a pink buoy. For courses with odd # of legs, the finish mark will be a green buoy.

### **B3 COURSE CHANGE**

- B3.1 In addition to the requirements in RRS 33, the race committee will attempt to announce any course change on VHF channel 72. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- B3.2 New marks will be orange as described in SI Addendum B2.1. For a subsequent change, the new mark will be the same as the original mark.

### **B4 THE FINISH**

- B4.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.
- a. For courses with Even # of legs, the finish line will be located approximately .1 NM to leeward of the leeward mark.
  - b. For courses with odd # legs, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the windward mark. See diagrams in SI Addendum B1.1.
- B4.2 In fog at the finish, the race committee boat may ring a bell rapidly, for approximately 5 seconds, at intervals. The same race committee boat may or may not start and finish each race.



**SI ADDENDUM C – PRIMARY START AREAS**

