



## 2021 J/24 U.S. National Championship 9-12 September 2021

### International J/24 Class and Malletts Bay Boat Club, Colchester VT



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is J/24 Fleet 23 and the Malletts Bay Boat Club in conjunction with the US J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and shall be applied during check-in and shall remain affixed until the end of the regatta. Bow numbers/Sail Numbers will be used to identify the boat during the regatta. [NP]
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Support Vessels – RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5. RRS 61.1(a) is 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 C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
- 1.7. Class rule C.10.2 will be changed by NOR and SI to Class Rule J.2 regarding a spare spinnaker.
- 1.8. RRS 60.4(a) is changed to read: "...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or..."
- 1.9. The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and RRS Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level of the Malletts Bay Boat Club.
- 2.2. Questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO). Written questions and answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on Thursday, September 9, and before 0900 on Friday, September 10, through Sunday, September 12. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club's main flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. Flag B (Bravo) displayed ashore with one sound signal means that protest time ends in 60 minutes. Flag B lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended." This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5. SCHEDULE AND OTHER EVENTS

- 5.1. The Race Committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing with a maximum of ten (10) races for the regatta.

### PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday: 0900 - 2000 Early launch

Thursday: 0900 - 2000 Launching/Registration/Sail Measurement only/crew weigh-in  
1700 First Warning Practice race

- Friday: 0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC  
 0800-930 Late crew weigh-in  
 0930 Competitors Meeting  
 1000 Harbor Start  
 1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow  
 1600 Quantum Sails afer race chat... with beverages  
 1900 Downtown Burlington Church Street tour and pub crawl (Tentative)
- Saturday: 0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC  
 1000 Harbor Start  
 1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow  
 1800 Dinner (Tentative)  
 2000-2300 Live band and dancing  
 2030 J24 Nationals Fireworks “Sponsored by the Ice Cube Krewe”
- Sunday: 0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC  
 1000 Harbor Start  
 1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow - No races after 1500  
 1700 Awards

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. The class flag will be a white flag

**7. RACE AREA**

- 7.1. There will be two sailing areas in Malletts Bay. The primary sailing area will be the “Outer Bay”. The secondary racing area will be the “Inner Bay”  
 7.2. See Attachment B.

**8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.  
 8.2. Attachment A shows the course to be sailed:  
 1WL: Start - 1 – 1A - Gate (2S/2P) - 1 – 1A - Finish (Downwind)  
 2WL: Start - 1 – 1A - Gate (2S/2P) - 1 – 1A - Gate (2S/2P) - Finish (Upwind)  
 8.3. Marks 1 and 1A shall be rounded to port. Mark 1A is an offset mark. The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10-15 boat lengths (70m-110 m) to port of Mark 1.  
 8.4. Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If only one mark of the gate is present, it shall be rounded to port. Unless there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC signal boat. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.  
 8.5. The RC will attempt to broadcast the course and bearing to the first mark before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).  
 8.6. No course will be shortened to fewer than 3 legs in length. The distance between mark 1 and the offset mark is not a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. The RC will use the following:

Mark	Original	New Marks
Windward	Yellow Tetrahedron	Orange Tetrahedron
Offset	Red ball	Red ball
Gate	Green Tetrahedron	Orange Tetrahedron

9.2. The RC reserves the right to substitute a different color mark than listed in 9.1.

9.3. A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: NONE.

## 11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a nearby Orange Tetrahedron mark.

11.2. A boat starting later than six minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.3. The RC will broadcast twice the bow numbers/Sail Numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start. Failure to broadcast, or to hear broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(b).

## 12. CHANGE OF THE 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 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.

12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line vessel and the course side of an Orange Tetrahedron mark.

13.2. If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the flag L with no sound while the boats are finishing. This changes RRS race signals. Failure to display flag L is not grounds for redress

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration and Appendix V – Alternate Penalties will apply.

14.2. RRS Appendix P applies, as below:

14.2.1. Rule P1.1 is changed to read, "Only members of the Jury may serve as observers and act in accordance with rule P1.2."

14.2.2. P1.2 is changed to read "An observer appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident."

14.2.3. Rule P2.1 is changed to read, "two-turns penalty" is changed to "one-turn penalty".

14.2.4. Rule P2.2, P2.3 shall not apply.

14.3. Other penalties per RRS 64.1 apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See Attachment A for the Notice of Race.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The target time for races is 70 to 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2. Boats still racing more than 45 minutes after the first boat to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the orange flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available from the primary RC boat, located at the main dock. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after flag B (Bravo) is hoisted ashore. See SI 4.3. Flag B will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to the harbor at the discretion of the RC. The RC will post the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board at or before the hoisting of flag B.

- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at 598 West Lakeshore Drive. (Building to the east of the main clubhouse).
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. A "TLE" score is defined as two finishing places greater than the number of boats that have finished within the finishing window described in SI 16.2. This changes A4, A5 and A10.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]**

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race, leaves or returns to the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.2. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat that is displaying flag L (Lima) and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's bow number.

**19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors not declared at registration will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

**20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1. 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. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules or the notice of race.

**21. ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION/EVENT STICKERS [NP]**

- 21.1. Boats shall display bow numbers and event stickers provided by the OA during the event. Placement instructions will be provided at registration. The crew shall ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

**22. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Primary RC	Race Committee Flag
Judges	Judges Flag
Press	Light Blue Flag

**23. SUPPORT VESSELS [NP]**

- 23.1. Support vessels shall register at the registration desk.
- 23.2. Support vessels shall be marked by a yellow pennant and remain no less than 150m from the race course from the Preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.3. Failure of a support vessel to register or to comply with SI 24.1 or SI 24.2 may result in protest against the boats associated with the support vessel. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support vessel shall be at the discretion of the PC and may not be excluded from their score. This modifies RRS 64.1(c) and A2. [DP]

**23.4.** Support vessels shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the race committee VHF channel 71.

**23.5.** Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the RC/OA.

**24. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]**

**24.1.** Boats shall not put trash in the water.

**25. LAUNCH RESTRICTIONS – see NOR 14**

**26. HAUL-OUT - see NOR 14**

**26.1.** Local Boats (MBBC Members) are prohibited. Visitors will haul-out by bow numbers. Even bow numbers will haul-out at MBBC. Uneven bow numbers will haul-out at the Mooring Marina. (Directly east of MBBC)

**27. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS - see NOR 15**

**28. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**28.1.** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

**28.2.** The RC will use VHF radio channel 71 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS Bow/Sail Numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow#/sail# or failure to hear them shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

**28.3.** Each boat is strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio on board capable of receiving channels 9, 12, 16, 68, 71 and 72 and to monitor the radio on while in the racing area.

**29. PRIZES – see NOR 17**

**30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – see NOR 19**

**31. INSURANCE – see NOR 20**

**32. MEDIA RIGHTS – see NOR 21**

**33. CODE OF CONDUCT – see NOR 18**

**RACE/REGATTA OFFICIALS**

Regatta Chair: Mark Gardner phone 802.318.6479

PRO: Donald Brush

Protest Committee Chairman: John Dieselman

Scoring Abbreviations see Appendix A10 RRS

Additional Abbreviations: OA – Organizing Authority | RC – Race Committee | PRO – Primary Race Officer

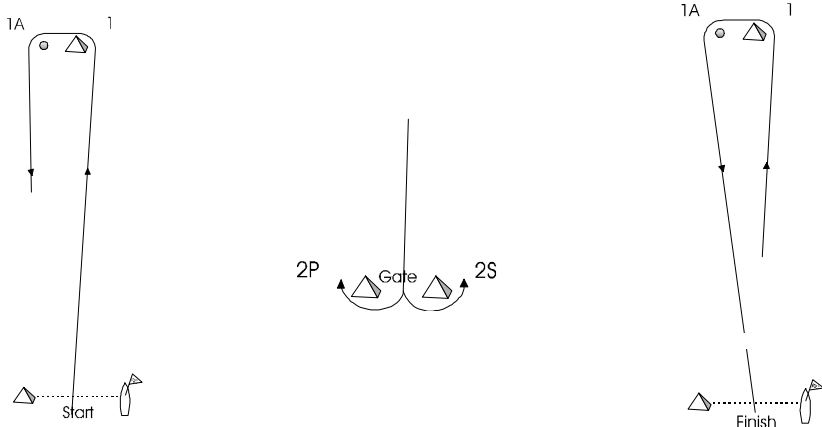
NP – Not Protestable | RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing | NOR – Notice of Race | SI – Sailing Instructions

PC – Protest Committee | DP – Discretion of the Protest Committee

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Course 1WL**

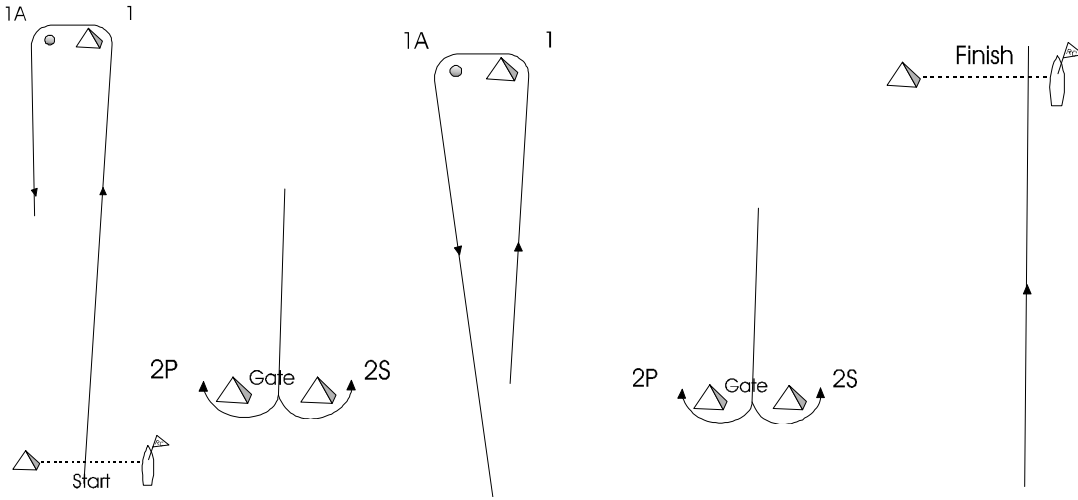
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**Course 2WL**

Start – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A – Gate – Finish



**Attachment B**

