

Sailing Instructions

2009 J/24 Western Regional Championship

September 19th – 20th, 2009

Hosted by:

Berkeley Yacht Club



**The Berkeley Yacht Club
Berkeley, California**

J/24 District 20 and Fleet 17

1. Rules

1. This regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) *the Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing*, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the current IJCA rules.
2. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE). This modifies RRS A2.
3. With permission of IJCA, the following IJCA class rules are modified:
 1. IJCA Rule 5.1 is changed to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

2. Rule 41 will be changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in rule 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the rules.
3. Rule 42.3 will be changed as follows: The exception described in Rule 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction in IJCA Rule 8.2.
4. All boats may be required to display bow numbers on the forward 25% of each side of the hull for the duration of the event. The Organizing Authority may provide the stickers at registration.
5. All participants will be required to wear PFD's while on the water. It is permitted to briefly remove PFD's for changing clothing/sailing gear.

2. Organizing Authority

1. The organizing authority for this regatta will be the Berkeley Yacht Club.

3. Advertising

1. This regatta is designated a Category C event under Rule 79, ISAF Regulation 20 and IJCA Class Rule 2.6.1.
2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers or other advertisement in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.3(d) (i) and provided by the organizing authority.

4. Eligibility

1. The Regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the current IJCA Rules.
2. All boats and competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and measurement requirements as set forth in the IJCA Rules.
3. Eligible boats must register online at the J/24 Western Regional Championship event website. www.j24westernregionals.com
4. Each boat must have submitted its entry, paid the entry fee and completed the registration process by 0900 hours on Saturday, September 19th, 2009.
5. All boats are required to have a minimum of \$300,000 in marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge of each boat as defined in RRS 46.
6. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

7. The bow numbers that may be provided by the Organizing Authority at registration must be affixed to the bow of the boat prior to launching.

5. Entry and Fees

1. Entries shall be submitted online with the entry fee paid by the close of registration.
2. Entries and fees may be submitted by online registration.
3. Entries and fees must be received no later than 0900 hours, September 19th, 2009. The online registration is available at www.j24westernregionals.com and through an embedded link to the online registration service.
4. The entry fee shall be \$175. Late registration submitted after September 15th will be \$225. US Sailing members receive a \$25 discounted rate on all registrations except late registrations.
5. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
6. The entry fee includes boat docking/rafting during the regatta, racing. At this time Friday' evening's social activities will be pay-as-you-play and Saturday evening's dinner and wine is included for all regatta participants and their guests. Saturday evening there will be a no-host bar as well. Additional Friday evening dinner tickets can be purchased on-site at the Berkeley Yacht Club.

6. Registration

1. A representative of each boat must report to the registration desk, which will be located on the main floor of the Berkeley Yacht Club adjacent to the main reception area, to check in and pick up that boat's registration package.
2. All boats shall present a valid J24 Measurement Certificate (including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment), proof of current boat damage and liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$300,000 (USD), and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsman.
3. All boats shall submit a completed crew weigh-in form, and competitor liability waiver form. The Organizing Authority will provide these forms in the registration package.

7. Measurement

1. Crews will be required to weigh-in during registration, except that crew substitutions may be weighed in between 0800-0900 on the first day that they will compete. Competitors must have and present photo identification at weigh-in.

2. San Francisco Bay area boats requiring measurement to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with the San Francisco IJCA Measurer; Wayne Clough at measurer@j24nationals2009.com Boats in other areas should make arrangements with their local IJCA measurer.
3. Spot and random inspections will be made during the regatta (on or off the water) for compliance with the IJCA rules.

8. Launching and Rafting

1. All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hours on Saturday, September 19th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

9. Schedule of Events/Races

1. Up to seven (7) races are scheduled and three (3) races will constitute a series for the purpose of scoring this championship and for World Championship qualification purposes.
2. The warning signal for the first race of each day will be made at 1130 hours.
3. No race will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday, September 20th, 2009.

Friday, Sept. 18th	1200 – 1800	Registration and Weigh-in
Friday, Sept. 18th	1835	Warning Signal for Practice Race
Sat., Sept. 19th	0800 - 0900	Late Registration and Weigh-in
Sat., Sept. 19th	0930 - 0945	Skipper's Meeting
Sat., Sept. 19th	1130	Warning Signal for Race 1; Races 2, 3 and 4 to follow
Sun., Sept. 20th	0800-0900	Crew Substitution Weigh-in
Sun., Sept. 20th	1130	Warning Signal for Race 5; Races 6 and 7 to follow

10. Notices to Competitors

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located in the Berkeley Yacht Club main lobby adjacent to the registration desk.

11. Sailing Instructions

1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on Friday, September 18th at the registration desk at Berkeley Yacht Club. Sailing instructions will also be available for download at: www.j24westernregionals.com

12. Changes to Sailing Instructions

1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by the close of protest filing time on the day before the change is to take effect.
2. If any conflict should arise between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

13. Signals Made Ashore

1. There will be no signals made ashore.

14. Venue

1. Racing will be held in the central Berkeley Circle area of San Francisco Bay. **See Attachment B**

15. Check-in, Check-out

1. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail, on starboard tack, past the stern of the designated race committee boat displaying code flag "L" prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating the boat's number.

16. Courses

1. Racing will take place on the waters of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of the central Berkeley Circle racing area.
2. The courses will be windward/leeward with four (4) or five (5) legs and the target time for races is approximately fifty (50) to seventy (70) minutes.
3. The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
4. Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark may be used.

5. The diagram in **Attachment A** shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

17. Time Limit

1. The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours. For all races the time limit shall be 15 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes that race. Boats finishing after the time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

18. Scoring

1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be used; however, each yacht's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. No race shall be excluded. This changes A2 of Appendix A.
2. RRS 44 will be changed to allow scoring penalties to be taken prior to a protest hearing.

19. Protests

1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available next to the Official Regatta Notice Board in the BYC main lobby. All protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Representative at the Jury Table within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Signal Boat at the Berkeley Yacht Club dock. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

20. Penalty Systems

1. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply, and will be modified such that code flag "Q" is acceptable and the flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will not apply.
2. Any vessel accepting a "Q" Flag penalty, the 20% scoring penalty, shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 63 and register their penalty as soon after finishing as is practicable and within the time limit for protests. Relay your sail number, the vessel that was fouled and the rule that was infringed. If it is a Rule 31 infraction follow the same process.
3. Upon arriving ashore the infringing vessel must complete, and have the registered skipper sign, a "Q" Flag – 20% Penalty Acceptance Form that re-states all the information that was previously conveyed to the Race Committee.

4. Rule 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
5. The race committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF. Rule 64.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in rule 44.3(c) and shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

CLASS RULE	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht. If one or both items are not on board.	20%
2.6.1	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions.	20%
3.8.5	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day.	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throw-able lifesaving device and attached sea anchor are not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board.	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container are not secured against movement.	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than un-bagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%

8.1.4	The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment.	20%
8.4	The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta.	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury.

21. Prizes

1. The first place boat shall be declared the winner of the regatta and will be declared the 2009 US J24 Western Regional Champion and shall be awarded the J24 Western Regional Championship Perpetual Trophy.
2. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the top three (3) boats overall.

22. World Championship Qualification

1. In accordance with the USJCA World Qualifying Rules, a berth to the 2010 J24 World Championship will be awarded to the top finishing District 19, 20, 21 or 22 US helmsperson that has not already earned one.

23. Haul-out Restrictions and Other Prohibited Actions

1. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
2. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by keelhauling using ropes or cloths.
3. No electric devices to de-humidify the boat are permitted during the regatta.

24. Radio Communications

1. RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the R/C and racing boats on VHF channel 63. The R/C will communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for

over early or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress.

2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. Chartered or Loaned Boats

1. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry a sail number other than her hull number.

26. Media Rights

1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J24 Class Association, USJCA District 20, San Francisco Fleet 17 and the Berkeley Yacht Club and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

27. Disclaimer of Liability

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
2. 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.
3. Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

28. Information and Contacts

1. Requests for information may be directed to the following contacts:

The Berkeley Yacht Club

Berkeley Yacht Club



#1 Seawall Drive
Berkeley, CA 94710
510-843-9292
www.berkeleyyc.org

The Berkeley Yacht Club is on the south side of the entrance channel to the Berkeley Marina, at approx. **37-52.0N x 122-19.3W**

Regatta Web Sites:

www.j24westernregionals.com

www.berkeleyyc.org

www.j24class.org/j24sf/

Lodging and accommodations information

Charter boat information

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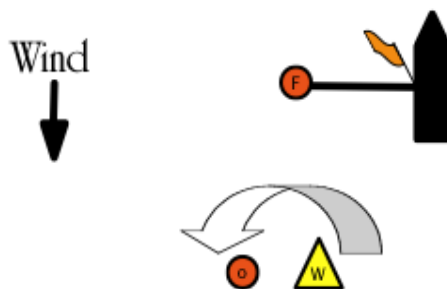
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Attachment A Course Diagram



**COURSES WILL BE
DISPLAYED BY
NUMERICAL PENNANT**

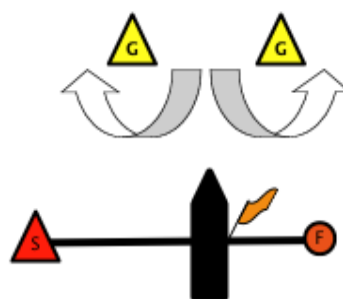
Course 1

S - W - o - G - W
- o - F

Course 2

S - W - o - G - W
- o - G - F

**ALL MARKS SHALL BE
TAKEN TO PORT**



**Description
of Marks**

- S Red/orange Conical Mark
 - W Yellow Conical Mark
 - o Orange Ball
 - L Yellow Conical Mark
 - F Orange Ball
- Change marks shall be a red/orange Conical Mark

Course is NOT to scale or proportion

