



# Sailing Instructions

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One-Design Regatta

Harlem Yacht Club,  
City Island, NY



August 15, 2015  
(August 16 reserve day)

## I. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by *the rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.

1.2. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) will apply.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located in the Harlem Yacht Club.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day they will take effect.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. Schedule of racing is as follows:

Saturday, Aug 15	1300 1800	First Warning, others to follow Social Event and Awards*	Eastchester Bay HYC
Sunday, Aug 16 (*Reserve Day if no races completed on August 15)	1300 After racing	First Warning, others to follow Awards	Eastchester Bay HYC

4.2. The RC intends to use five short sound signals as a general “attention” signal. Competitors should be alert for the RC making a race signal approximately one minute after the five short sounds

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the designated official flagstaff located on the HYC lawn.
- 5.2. The Answering Pennant, "AP", may be displayed. When "AP" is displayed ashore, the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP". The warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white field with a blue letter "J".

## 7. RACING AREA

Races will take place in Eastchester Bay and surrounding waters.

## 8. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires, or does not intend to compete in a race shall notify the race committee. A boat may inform the RC of their intentions by VHF radio.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be windward/leeward.
- 9.2. All marks will be left to port.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the number of legs and the weather mark on the course board.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks, other than the start/leeward mark, will be as follows (all EBYRA marks are yellow cylinders):

A	EBYRA Race Mark north of Throgg's Neck
B	R "2" southwest of Belden Point (tip of City Island)
C	RG "CL" South of Cuban Ledge
D	N "4" at Big Tom
L	N "46A" north edge of shipping channel
P	N "4", off Kings Point
R	EBYRA Race Mark East of Throggs Neck Bridge Toll Plaza
S	EBYRA Race Mark NW of N "46A" (note: apparently the mark is mis-labeled as "H" on the buoy itself)
W	Inflatable mark 0.5-1.0 mile to weather of the start line
Z	Fleet 61 Mark SW of Cuban Ledge (near old E mark)

- 10.2. The start and leeward mark will be a flag.

## 11. PROHIBITED AREAS

- 11.1. The following are prohibited areas. Each of these are designated as *Obstructions*.
- 11.2. The triangle bounded by R "2" Fl R 4s, R N "4", and W Or C "BT" (near the southern tip of City Island).

11.3. The triangle bounded by Stepping Stones Lighthouse, R N “2”, and R N “4” (near Kings Point).

## 12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started per RRS 26.

12.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a flag.

12.3. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

14.1. If no boat has passed the windward mark within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned. If no boat has finished within 2 hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.

14.2. Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or receive redress) 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. A protesting boat shall notify the RC at or soon after the finish of the race of their intent to protest and the boats involved.

15.2. Protest forms are available at the Harlem Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 75 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3. Notices will be posted within 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 in the protest room, located at Harlem Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted. Such posting within the protest time limit satisfies the requirement to inform boats as soon as reasonably possible under RRS 61.1(b).

## 16. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

## 17. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty,

calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

The Post-Race Penalty shall be

- (a) 2 Points, if taken before the protest time limit, or
- (b) 3 Points, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

## 18. ARBITRATION

- 18.1 A boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty in Section 17 without participating in an arbitration meeting.
- 18.2 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 18.3 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
  - (a) the protest is invalid,
  - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
  - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 18.4 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section 17. However, the penalty in Section 17(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- 18.5 If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

## 19. SCORING

- 19.1. RRS 44.3 is not in effect.
- 19.2. One race completed will constitute a series.
- 19.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.4. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and appendix A.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## 21. TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be kept aboard and deposited in a trash receptacle on shore. See also RRS 55.

## 22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1. The race committee working channel will be VHF 71.

22.2. Except in an emergency, to retire or withdraw, or for safety reasons, a boat shall make no radio or other data transmissions while racing, nor receive radio or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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