

Spring and Summer Series
May 13, 2010 to September 9, 2010
J24 Fleet 50
Newport, RI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 J24 Class Rules will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Fleet 50 web site (<http://www.j24fleet50.org>). In addition, the Race Committee may displays Code Flag “L” before a race, indicating that boats are to come within hailing distance to receive an announcement prior to the Warning Signal. This may include a change to these Sailing Instructions.

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 change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. In addition, the Race Committee may displays Code Flag “L” before a race, indicating that boats are to come within hailing distance to receive an announcement prior to the Warning Signal. This may include a change to these Sailing Instructions. Races sailed as part of the Newport Regatta will be conducted by SI’s applicable to that regatta and will supercede any instructions listed herein.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 If racing is canceled prior to the Race Committee leaving the dock, Code Flag “N” over Code Flag “A” will be flown from the flag pole at Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Competitors may call the ILYC Launch or Dock Office on VHF Channel 78A or phone (401)846-1969 for information.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Races will be on Thursday evenings.

Spring Series May 13 through July 8

Summer Series July 15 through September 9

5.2 **Number of races:**

The race committee will endeavour to start up to three races each evening. If there is to be an additional race, the Race Committee will display Code Flag "R" prior to the finish of the current race.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1815.

6 **RACING AREAS**

The instructions on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart (or more recent Chart, if available), Starts Southeast of Rose Island, apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport's main office.

7 **THE COURSES**

Courses selected from the Chart will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat. Code Flag "O", when displayed prior to the Warning Signal, indicates that a special course is to be used. The Turning Marks to be rounded will be displayed in the same format as on the Chart

8 **MARKS**

The marks will be Government Marks or Special Racing Marks as described on the Chart. If a Turning Mark is missing, the Race Committee may substitute an Orange Inflated Racing Mark at the approximate location of the missing mark.

9 **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the area inside the rocks known as the "Dumplings".

10 **THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The flag used for the warning signal will be either code flag J or the J24 class flag.

10.2 The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, blow a series of signals 1 minute prior to the Warning Signal to alert the competitors of an impending starting sequence

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

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

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will post the new mark designation from the racing chart at the prior mark accompanied by code flag C and repetitive sounds.

12 **THE FINISH**

The Finishing Line will be between the orange or yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark. NOTE: The Race Committee may chose to place a separate "FINISH" mark between the "START" mark and the Committee Boat.

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

The penalties are as follows: The penalties are as follows: A boat may take a one turn penalty described in Rule 44.2, except when a boat infringes a rule of Part 2 within the

zone of any rounding, passing or finishing mark, where her penalty shall be a two turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. Any boat acknowledging a penalty must notify the race committee and identify the boat that was fouled.

14 TIME LIMIT

The first boat must finish before thirty (30) minutes after sunset in Newport. All competitors must finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first finisher, thus changing Rule 35. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start on the same day, the Race Committee may score the boat points equal to last place.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests will be followed in accordance with RRS, Part 5. Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Standard Protest Form and lodged with the Fleet Captain by emailing Lee Buress at LBuress@charter.net or by Faxing the appropriate form to 866-821-9600 prior to 1200 on the day following the incident. The protest committee shall convene at Sail Newport each Monday at 6:30 PM and shall hear protests from all local fleets in the order received. Subject to availability of judges and competitors, the protest will be heard on the first Monday following the incident. Confirmation of a hearing will come from the Protest Chair or the Fleet Treasurer

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system is as follows: Refer to “J/24 Fleet 50 – Revised Official Scoring System ” and is based on the US Sailing method of scoring.
- 16.2 Average points for the applicable series (Spring or Summer) will be scored for any boat that misses a race due to attendance at an Away Regatta. Notice must be given prior to the days racing. Please email Lee Buress at LBuress@charter.net, in advance, so that he can advise the Race Committee. No redress will be given after the fact.
- 16.3 The Newport Regatta will count for up to 2 races (one for each day) in the Summer Series. Only Fleet 50 boats will be scored, and your placement will be determined based on your cumulative score for each day (for example, one score for all of Saturday’s races, and one score for all of Sunday’s races).
- 16.4 **ASSISTANCE TO RACE COMMITTEE:** Every Fleet 50 member has the obligation to assist the Race Committee in race management for one Thursday night racing in a given season. Although voluntary in the past, this is now mandatory.

Every Thursday, two members will be requested to assist the Race Committee. One crew member will be asked to assist on the mark boat. This person’s primary duty will be to assist with mark placement. This does not need to be an experienced sailor. Another person will assist on the committee boat, and will be considered an assistant to the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The person will assist the PRO with course selection, line placement, start area, and overall race management. The purpose of this new assignment will be to help Fleet 50 and IDA conduct races in a consistent manner, and to provide real time involvement from a racer’s point of view. This person should be an experienced racer. The assistant will confer with the Fleet Captain (or his designee) via VHF while on the water each week to agree upon course selection, line bias, and starting area before posting of such. The PRO will have the final say on all race decisions, but will confer with the assistant for input.

The boat assisting Race Committee on a given week will be awarded Average Points for the applicable series (Spring or Summer), minus 2, if their boat does not race. Weeks selected will be first come, first served. Arrangements should be made with the Fleet Treasurer to schedule your participation. The Fleet Treasurer will maintain a schedule, and will participate in choosing a mutually agreeable week. The Fleet Treasurer will have the right to move assisting boat's participation from week to week to fill the season's schedule.

Those boats not making themselves available on a mutually agreeable date will be penalized. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Fleet Officers, and other Fleet Members.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Prior to the Warning Signal for the First Race of each evening, every boat shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat and hail its sail number (please get an acknowledgement from the race committee). Check-In for the Second Race is required only for boats which did not sail the first race. Any boat displaying sail numbers not matching their registered hull number shall not be scored. Any two or more boats displaying matching sail numbers during one or more Thursday night races shall not be scored.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a Restricted Channel. Sailing Vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which is restricted in her ability to maneuver. Competitors witnessed or reported to the Race Committee to have run afoul of commercial vessels before, while, or after racing may be subject to protest by another competitor or the Race Committee. If the protest is upheld, the infringing boat will be disqualified from the race and scored DSQ, and will be banned from racing in the next countable race. We play where others work; please respect those who are working and do not impeded their progress in any way.
- 17.4 Competitors are reminded that while Narragansett Bay is a deep body of water, some of our race courses bring the fleet close to navigation hazards including but not limited to marked and unmarked rocks and pilings, islands, bridges, concrete bulkheads, and rock breakwaters. Please note that the Fleet has decided that sailing inside the rocks known as the "Dumplings" is prohibited
- 17.5 In accordance with RI Boating Regulations, all boats must stay at least 50 feet away from a diver-down flag, unless doing so would prevent safe navigation.
- 17.6 Personal flotation will be required for skipper and all crew when the boat chooses to sail with the 100% Jib. The PFD must be US Coast Guard approved and must be visible to race committee and competitors. This changes Rule 40.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION

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. In addition, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive data transmissions while racing.

It is the intent of the Race Committee to utilize VHF CHANNEL 69 as its primary method of communications during racing. Competitors are invited to listen to all RC communications on the channel in the hopes that a clearer understanding of the Committee's intentions will result in better racing for all. These broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Fleet 50 will award the Peter Milnes trophy for the overall Season Champion. Ida Lewis Yacht Club will award the Carolina Memorial Trophy (overall Season Champion), the Ida Lewis Memorial Trophy (top ILYC Member), the Ida Lewis Pitcher (Spring Season Champion), and the Providence Journal-Bulletin Trophy (Summer Series Champion). Keeper Trophies will be awarded by Fleet 50.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and Ida Lewis Yacht Club 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. Please sail safely and responsibly within your own limits, at your own risk.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent. A current copy of the insurance certificate shall be kept on board at all times, and a copy should be sent in with your Registration..