

These Sailing Instructions are NOT The official Sailing Instructions for the 2000 J/24 World Championship. They are on the web as a courtesy to the competitors. No questions regarding these SIs will be answered via email.

Any questions on the official instructions received in your registration packet will be accepted in writing at after 0900 on September 23rd, 2000. Answers to questions will be in writing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

**MFS Regatta®**  
**J/24 World Championship**  
**NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**  
**September 22-29, 2000**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), the Notice of Regatta (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), these Sailing Instructions and any Official Notices approved by the International Jury.

1.2 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event as per RRS Appendix G. Participant shall display bow numbers and a sticker with the logo of the sponsor of the event on the forward 25% of each side of the hull from 0900 hours on September 24th until 1900 hours on September 29th 2000. Bow Stickers and numbers will be affixed by Measurement Staff during measurement of boats.

1.3 The exception described in RRS 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in Class Rule 8.2.2.

1.4 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Race Office. The questions and any answers will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

1.5 An International Jury shall be appointed by the Organizing Authority in accordance with Appendix Q. Decisions of the Jury will be final in according to RRS 70.4. A list with the names of the Judges who constitute the International Jury, Race Officers who constitute the Race Committee, and the Chief Measurer shall be posted on the Official Board prior to the start of the first race.

**2 ENTRY**

Only J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA may enter. Entrants must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. All competitors shall comply with the eligibility requirements contained in Appendix K of the ISAF RRS 1997/2000.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hospitality tent at Sail Newport Sailing Center.

**4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions after the skipper's meeting will be approved by the Jury and posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 21.00 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed between 0830 and 21.00 hours on the official flagpole located at the head of the hoist pier (Admiral's Pier) at Sail Newport, Ft. Adams State Park.

5.2 When Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, is displayed ashore, the time of the first signal will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP". "AP" may be displayed with a numeral pennant to indicate the length, in hours, of the postponement. The first signal will not be made less than 90 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled as follows:

DAY DATE FIRST SIGNAL # OF RACES PLANNED

Thursday Sept. 21, 2000 0900-1700 hrs Registration and Measurement

Friday Sept. 22, 2000 0900-1700 hrs Registration and Measurement

Saturday Sept. 23, 2000 0900-1700 hrs Registration and Measurement

Sunday Sept. 24, 2000 0900-1200 hrs Registration and Measurement

Sunday Sept. 24, 2000 1400 hours PRACTICE RACE

Sunday Sept. 24, 2000 1800 hours OPENING CEREMONY

Monday Sept. 25, 2000 1100 hours Race 1

Tuesday Sept. 26, 2000 1030 hours Championship Racing

Wednesday Sept. 27, 2000 1030 hours Championship Racing

Thursday Sept. 28, 2000 1030 hours Championship Racing

Friday Sept. 29, 2000 1030 hours Championship Racing

6.2 The first signal for the race on Monday Sept.25 shall be made at 1100 hours. Each day thereafter, the first signal shall be made at 1030 hours, unless modified under SI 4 and SI 5.2.

6.3 When the Race Committee intends to start a second and/or third race after the finish of the preceding race, the finishing vessel will display a numeral pennant two or three. The starting procedure will begin as soon as possible after the last competitor of the preceding race has finished. The Race Committee may, when weather conditions require, start one or more of the races scheduled for the following days, so that, except on Monday, September 25th where only one race shall be sailed, more than two (2) races may be sailed in one day.

## 7 THE COURSE

7.1 There are two course areas, as per the attached plan; Course Area Alpha ("A") and Course Area Bravo ("B").

The Race Committee shall signal the course area that has been chosen for the day as follows:

On shore: By displaying on the Official Flag Pole, Flag "A" to indicate a rendezvous in the vicinity of R6 'Butterball' for races to be held on **Rhode Island Sound**, or Flag "B" to indicate a rendezvous North of the Newport Bridge in the vicinity of Halfway Rock for races to be held inside **Narragansett Bay**.

7.2 The course will be windward/leeward, with 5 legs as diagrammed in APPENDIX I, COURSE DIAGRAM. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset Mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 75 meters to port of Mark 1. Both Mark 1 and the Offset Mark shall be rounded to port. Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of 2 marks. Boats must pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and then round 2p to port or 2s to starboard.

7.3 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed

from the Starting Boat "B" before or with the warning signal.

7.4 As a modification to RRS 32, a shortening of the course will be signaled one leg in advance. The shorten course signal shall be made before the leading boat has begun the final leg to the new Finish Line and signaled near a turning Mark of the course by a Race Committee boat that will display Code Flag "S" and sound two horns followed by a periodic sound signal. No course shall be shortened to less than four legs in length. For the purposes of this instruction only, the distance between Mark 1 and the Offset Mark shall not be considered to be a leg of the course.

## 8 MARKS

8.1 All marks will be plastic inflatable buoys.

8.2 Mark 1 will be an Orange Tetrahedron.

8.3 The Offset Mark will be a Yellow Tomato

8.4 The Mark 2 gate (2s / 2p) will be Orange Tetrahedrons.

8.5 New turning marks when used in accordance with Instruction 13 (Changes to Course after the Start) will be Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedrons for the first change. Following a change for a windward leg, the Offset Mark will remain a Yellow Tomato.

## 9 CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Starting Boat C displaying a Flag "L" prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's number. A boat failing to do so may be protested by the Race Committee and receive a 20% scoring penalty, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 [c].

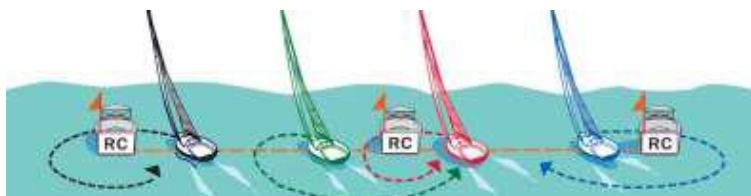
## 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 System 2. Starting and recall signals will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat ( Starting Boat B)

10.2 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 72 to coordinate the count down sequence before the Warning Signal, the Preparatory Signal, the Starting Signal and/or any other relevant signal.

10.3 When " Z " flag is displayed, the " I flag Rule" is also in effect. This modifies RRS 30.1 and 30.2.

10.4 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Starting Boats A and B and between staffs displaying orange flags on starting boats B and C as shown below. Starting Boat B may not be in a straight line between Starting Boat A and Starting Boat C. For the purpose of RRS 30, the ends of the starting line are Starting Boats A and C. For the purpose of RRS 30.1 the extensions of the starting line are the extensions beyond Starting Boats A and C.



10.5 The Starting Line shall be to leeward of Marks 2p and 2s. Marks 2p and 2s are not rounding or passing marks on the first leg of the course.

10.6 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

**10.7 If weather conditions require, the Signal boat and the Line End boats may keep their position with the aid of the motors. This shall not be grounds for requests for redress.**

## **11 RECALLS**

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail or bow number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF channel 72. Failure of a competitor to hear, interpret, or receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress under RRS62. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers shall also not be grounds for redress under RRS62.

11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3.

11.3 After one or more general recalls in a race, code flag "Z" or the Black Flag may be displayed. When either Code Flag "Z" or the Black Flag is displayed SI 12 will then apply in addition to RRS 30.

## **12 STARTING PENALTIES**

12.1 The sound signal for the drop of the "I," "Z," "I" and "Z," or the Black Flag will be a horn.

12.2 RRS 30.2 is changed so that a boat infringing this rule shall receive a scoring penalty also if an Individual Recall is signaled and if that boat starts properly.

12.3 The penalty for being over the line in two or more restarts of the same race under the "Z" flag shall be the sum of the penalties received, however no boat shall received a score worse than points for DSQ.

12.4 The race committee may fly flags I and Z together.

12.5 When a boat infringes RRS 30.3, a Race Committee Boat at Mark 1 will attempt to post the sail numbers of the boats to be scored DSQ. Those boats shall then retire from the race. Failure of a boat to see her number or of the Race Committee to post her number shall not be grounds for redress. The Race Committee may redisplay the black flag after the start to notify the fleet that one or more boats will be penalized (this modifies RRS 30.3-.1pt .)

## **13 CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

13.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33 and SI 8.5, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13.2 When the Race Committee uses a "+" or "-" sign in conjunction with Code Flag "C", RRS 33 is modified such that the leg in question shall not be lengthened or shortened by more than 30% of its original length.

13.3 The approximate bearing of the course towards the new mark will be displayed on the Committee boat signaling the change of the course. Failure by competitors to read this bearing or of the Committee in displaying it shall be not be grounds for redress.

## **14 THE FINISH**

14.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Line boat and the nearby Finish Mark. The line will be placed to weather of Mark 1. The Finish Mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

14.2 In case of a shortening of the course, the finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Line boat and the nearest Mark of the course.

**14.3 If weather conditions require, the finishing line mark boat may keep its position with the aid of the motors. This shall not be ground for requests for redress.**

#### **15 TIME LIMIT**

If the first " " boat does not reach Mark 1 within 60 minutes of the start or the first "" boat to finish does not finish within 150 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) and will be scored two more points than the last boat finishing. This modifies RRS 35 and Appendix A. An abandoned race may be resailed prior to any other race that is on schedule.

#### **16 SAFETY**

A boat, which retires from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to compete in a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

#### **17 SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

17.2 Nine races are scheduled. If at least 5 (five) or more races are completed the worst score of each boat in the series will be discarded. A minimum of four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.1.

#### **18 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

18.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 shall apply.

18.2 The yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable), to be displayed in accordance with RRS 44.3(a), shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm, and will be displayed from a leg of the backstay adjuster.

18.3 In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3 (a), the infringing boat shall file a written declaration of the infringement on the "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Forms" available at the Regatta Desk and lodge it with the Jury's representative there within the Protest Time as described at point 19.2 of these Sl's.

18.4 A boat which complies with some but not all of the requirements of Instruction 18.2, 18.3, and RRS 44.3 shall be penalized 50%, however, no boat shall receive a score worse than the number of points awarded for DSQ.

#### **19 PROTESTS**

19.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm) flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster. The protesting boat is requested to inform the Race Committee boat, stationed on the finish line, about her intention to protest and the identity of the protestee, and she shall wait for the Race Committee to acknowledge the protest.

19.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Desk and lodged with the Jury's representative there within the Protest Time, which will end 90 minutes after the Race Committee Starting Boat B docks. The Protest Filing Time limit will be posted on the Notice Board.

19.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Filing Time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses.

19.4 The International Jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

19.5 Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

19.6 Amending RRS 66, on September 29, 2000, the requests for the reopening of a

hearing shall be lodged not later than 30 minutes after the provisional results have been posted on the Official Notice Board on Sept 29th.

## **20 SUPPORT BOATS**

A boat shall receive no outside assistance that is not available to all competitors, including support boats, after leaving the harbor area for the first race each day, until she returns to the harbor area after the last race of each day.

## **21 DOCKING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Launching will be done at the Admirals Pier at Sail Newport. Details will be available in the official registration package. All boats must be afloat by 1600 on Sunday September 24th and shall not be hauled out before the end of the series without the prior written permission of the Jury. All yachts shall be docked at the Sail Newport Alofsin Piers, Admiral's Dock or Youth Docks at the direction of the Organizing Authority. Dockage will be available at the Sail Newport Piers starting Friday Evening September 22nd and running through Saturday September 30th.

## **22 PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

## **23 CAREENING**

Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

## **24 RADIO EQUIPMENT**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing or receive a special radio communication not available to all the other boats: this also includes mobile phone communications.

## **25 CREW REQUIREMENTS**

25.1 Any substitution requires written permission of the Jury, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

25.2 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Jury.

25.3 Requests for substitution and any reply shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

25.4 Unless the Jury otherwise specifies, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only

25.5 Number of crew shall not change during the regatta, and the Class weight limit (IJC Class rule 5.1) shall not be exceeded.

## **26 INSPECTION**

Random inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.

## **27 SAIL NUMBERS**

27.1 Boats shall race with the sail numbers assigned by their respective National Authorities. There shall be no changes, unless the International Jury decides to give an exceptional written permission.

27.2 Boats infringing RRS 77 and/or Appendix "H" to the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 1997-2000 may be protested by the Race Committee.

## 28 PRIZES

The World Championship Challenge Prizes shall be awarded, and in addition prizes will be awarded to skipper and crews finishing in the top 10 boats, and to the first boat classified in each race.

## 29 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

It is forbidden to throw trash into the sea, especially if it is not biodegradable such as plastic, PVC, oil, cans. Boats infringing this SI are liable to a penalty of being scored DSQ for a race on the day of the infraction at the International Jury's discretion.

## 30 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors shall be ready to follow the instructions and the requests of the Organizing Authority, if reasonable, and are hereby committed to take part to those official public functions where their presence is required. The behavior of the competitors shall in no case be such to discredit the event, or damage the image of the Class or the Sport.

## 31 NARRAGANSETT BAY

Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right-of-way over a vessel that is restricted in her ability to maneuver.

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