



2019 J/24 District 1 & Northeast Regional Championships

September 14-15, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Organizing Authority: J/24 USA Fleet 23 and the Malletts Bay Boat Club
 Regatta Chair: Paul Hansen, <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/contact>
 Event Website: <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/2019-districts>
 Location: Malletts Bay Boat Club, 662 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester, Vermont, USA

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The class rules of the J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply.
- 1.3 Class rule J.4.3 shall be used, except that “during registration” is replaced with “during check-in” and “race committee” is replaced with “organizing authority.”
- 1.4 Different sails may be used on different days of the event. This changes class rule C.10.2(b).
- 1.5 **Crew changes are permitted only with prior authorization from the organizing authority. This changes class rule C.2.1(b).**

2 Schedule

2.1	Friday, September 13	1000 - 2100	Boat launching and check-in
	Saturday, September 14	0800 - 0900	Light breakfast & late check-in
		0900	Competitors meeting
		0930	Harbor start
		1030	First warning signal
		1800	Dinner at MBBC
	Sunday, September 15	0800 - 0900	Light breakfast
		0900	Harbor start
		1000	First warning signal
		ASAP	Awards following racing

- 2.2 No race will begin after 1500 Sunday.
- 2.3 Schedule changes will be posted to the official notice board by 1900 before the day on which they will take effect.

3 Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official notice board by 0910 on Saturday 9/14 and by 0840 on 9/15.

4 Notices to Competitors: The official notice board will be located outside the MBBC clubhouse basement, on the wall or window facing the lake.

5 Racing Area & Courses

- 5.1 The primary racing area is outer Malletts Bay. The secondary race area is inner Malletts Bay.
- 5.2 Courses will be windward-leeward. See SI 18 for course diagrams.
- 5.3 A windward offset and/or leeward gate may be used, at the discretion of the race committee.

6 Marks: Marks will be orange and green shapes.

7 Class Flag: The class flag will be white, or white with the J/24 class logo.

8 Penalties: Penalties for violations of class rules may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 78.

9 Time Limit: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the finish of the first boat shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

10 Signals Made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed from either the committee boat on or near the dock, or near the official notice board. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

11 Protest Time Limit: The protest time limit is 60 from the time the signal boat "Volunteer" arrives back at the dock or is back on her mooring, whichever is earlier.

12 Scoring

12.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

12.3 Time Limit Expired (TLE) is equal to one place more than the score of the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes rules A4, A5, and A11.

13 Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall places in the regatta.

13.2 The top finisher from J/24 District 1 will be awarded the District 1 Championship and trophy.

14 Launching and Haul-Out Restrictions

14.1 An MBBC member must be present while the hoist is in use.

14.2 Boats shall be afloat by 2100 hours on Friday, September 13 except with permission granted by the organizing authority to launch on Friday evening or on Saturday morning. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of permission of the organizing authority.

14.3 Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.

14.4 Priority for haul-out at the end of the regatta will be given to boats that will be traveling the farthest on Sunday.

15 Radio Communications

15.1 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 phones.

15.2 It is the intent of the race committee to use marine VHF radios to communicate with the fleet. The race committee will use VHF channel 12.

16 Disclaimer of Liability

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and race committee 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.

17 Clean Regattas and Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention

17.1 This regatta is registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea. Please use refillable water bottles and make use of bins for compostable and recyclable items during the event. Boats with bottom paint may not be cleaned while afloat.

17.2 State of Vermont law prohibits the transport of aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species. You must ensure that your boat, equipment and trailer are clean, drained and dry before arriving at the regatta venue. The organizing authority may request that a boat be cleaned before it may be launched.

17.3 Lack of compliance with SI 17 shall not be grounds for protest, disqualification or ineligibility.

18 Course Diagrams: At right.

19 Further Information: Visit the official regatta website at: <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/2019-districts>

