

2008 Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race

J24 Fleet 50

Newport, RI

1. **RULES:** The Series will be governed by: (a) The International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 – 2008; (b) The J24 Class Rules, latest edition in effect, except if any of the above are altered by the Sailing Instructions; and (c) these Sailing Instructions and any amendments hereto. Advertising is subject to the restrictions of Appendix 1 of the RRS.

NOTE: The International J24 Class has chosen to allow additional advertising under Category C of Appendix 1 of the RRS.

2. **ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION:** The Series is open to all Registered Members of J24 Fleet 50. Boats shall register with Fleet 50 prior to sailing in any race in any Fleet 50 Series and be an Active member of the National Class Association. Unregistered boats shall not be scored. Failing to properly register with Fleet 50 prior to the start of any race will not be grounds for redress in that race or series under any circumstance.

3. **ENTRY FEE:** Total \$120.00 payable to J24 Fleet 50 by noon May 5th, 2008. **Late fee of \$30.00 for boats registered afterwards.** Mail Payments to Lee Bures, 5 Grafton Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

4. **MEASUREMENT:** Each boat is required to have a valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J24 Class Association.

5. **INSURANCE:** Each boat shall carry liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000 as a condition of entering any race. A current copy of the insurance certificate shall be kept on board at all times.

6. **SCHEDULE:** Racing will be held on Thursday evenings. The first Warning Signal will be at 1815. The Spring Series will begin on May 8th, and will end after racing on June 26th. The Summer Series will begin on July 10th, and will end after racing on September 18th. At the 2008 Spring Meeting, the assembly voted in favor of no racing on July 3rd. Average points 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 Bures at LBures@charter.net, in advance, so that he can advise the Race Committee. No redress will be given after the fact.

7. **CANCELLATION ASHORE:** If racing is canceled prior to the Race Committee leaving the dock, Code Flag “N” 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)486-1969 for information.

8. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** When the Race Committee displays Code Flag “L” before a race, 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.

9. **COURSES:** The instructions on the 2006 South Bay Race Chart, Starts Southeast of Rose Island, apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport’s main office. 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.

10. **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.

11. **CHECK-IN:** 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.

12. THE START:

- a. All Races will be started using the system outlined in RRS 26
- b. The flag used at the Warning Signal will be either Code Flag “J” or a “J/24” flag
- c. The Starting Line will be between an Orange or Yellow Flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby Inflatable Racing Mark
- d. 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
- e. RRS 30.1 “Round-an-End Rule” is in effect for all starts in Fleet 50 Thursday Series Racing, with or without the “I” flag being displayed

13. SUSEQUENT RACING: If there is to be a second race, the Race Committee will display Code Flag “R” prior to the finish of the first race.

14. 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.

15. RACE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION: 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.

16. 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. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the Race Committee may score the boat points equal to last place.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES: A boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a penalty by either making a complete 360 degree turn including one tack and one gybe that in all other respects complies with RRS 44.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of part 2 with in the two length zone of any rounding , passing or finishing mark her penalty shall be a 720 degree penalty turn, including two tacks and two gybes in compliance with RRS 44.2, any boat acknowledging a penalty must notify the race committee and identify the boat that was fouled.

18. LIFE JACKETS: When at any time, a boat is using the “blade jib” during racing, all crewmembers of that boat shall wear personal floatation devices as described by ORC and US SAILING prescriptions.

19. PROTESTS: 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. Protests shall be heard the Monday following the incident except Monday August 11 and Monday September 1 due to holidays. Protests which would have been heard those days shall be heard the following week.

20. SCORING: Refer to “J/24 Fleet 50 – Official Scoring System – 2005 Season”

21. PRIZES: 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.

22. CAUTION:

- a. 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 found to have run afoul of commercial vessels before, while, or after racing may be subject to penalty which may include disqualification from that day's completed races. We play where others work; please respect those who are working and do not impeded their progress in any way.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. **Ida Lewis Yacht Club and J/24 Fleet 50 bear no responsibilities for your actions or decisions before, while, or after racing on Narragansett Bay. Please sail safely, and responsibly within your own limits, at your own risk.**

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Fleet Captains