



J/88 North American Championships

Chicago Yacht Club

September 21-25, 2022

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

ABBREVIATIONS

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the J/88 Class Constitution, and the J/88 Class Rules.
- 1.2 At the direction of the J/88 Class Executive Board, Class Rule 6.2 is in effect, waiving 6.1. Therefore, the maximum crew weight of 1,110 pounds will be enforced for this event.
- 1.3 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.4 **[NP]** Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Illinois and City of Chicago, and the Chicago Yacht Club's policies regarding coronavirus, COVID-19, that are in effect at the time of the event.
- 1.5 **[NP]** Competitors and Support Persons shall not fly Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (“drones”) during racing or in the racing area.
- 1.6 **[NP]** Boats shall display bow numbers during the event as provided by the OA. They shall be attached to both sides of the boat’s hull while racing. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers remain on the boat and obtain replacements from the OA as necessary.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted:
 1. Before 0900 on the day it will take effect or,
 2. In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore or,
 3. By 2000 on the day before a schedule change will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15016>.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 80A.
- 3.3 **[NP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 **[NP]** Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 **[NP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 **[NP]** Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.



5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the northeast corner of the Monroe Station clubhouse. In addition, signals made ashore may be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form. Failure to receive courtesy electronic communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Event	First Warning Time
September 21, 2022	Practice Day	1300
September 22, 2022	Race Day 1	1100
September 23, 2022	Race Day 2	1100
September 24, 2022	Race Day 3	1100
September 25, 2022	Race Day 4	1100

- 6.2 The maximum number of races in the regatta will be 13.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

7 CLASS FLAG

The J/88 Class flag will be a flag with the J/88 class logo.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be approximately 3.6 miles northeast of the entrance to Inner Monroe Harbor at a bearing of 077°M. The approximate coordinates are 41° 53.61' N 87° 31.91' W.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 **[NP]** Course information may be signalled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are orange inflatable marks, robotic marks, or a combination thereof.
- 10.2 Change marks, as provided in SI 13, will be yellow inflatable marks. Offset marks may be set for a change of course, but if the offset is not in place, the single windward mark shall be left to port.
- 10.3 For course "W" (See Addendum A), Mark 1 will have an offset. If the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.



10.4 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:

- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on another vessel at the port end. Alternately, a green inflatable or robotic mark may be used on the port end of the line, and in that case the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number and/or bow number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

12.4 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.***

12.5 Any self-correction movement by a robotic mark on the starting line shall not be considered an improper action of the RC and not grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). ***This is added RRS 27.2.***

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 A course change of 5degrees or less will not be signalled by the Race Committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. ***This changes RRS 33(a).***

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark. The finishing mark will be a white mark.

14.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below in minutes.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30	120	15

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.



- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat complies with RRS 28. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. ***This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.***

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Hearings will be held in person at the Monroe Station immediately following that day's racing.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station.
- 17.3 Alternatively, hearing requests can be filed online in the Owner's Corner of YachtScoring within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.4 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system is Low Point Scoring using RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 18.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 If six or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. ***This changes RRS A2.1.***

19 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the Race Committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Changes or substitutions of crew or measured equipment during the event will require the consent of the Principal Race Officer or the Deputy Race Officer. The number of crew may not be changed during the event.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKES

Boats, equipment, and sails shall be inspected and/or measured in accordance with the Notice of Race.

22 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 All Support Boats must remain out of the way of Race Committee boats and boats with a Jury flag or Press flag at all rounding marks, start and finish lines, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the request of the boat or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 22.2 Support Boats must register with the Race Committee. Before leaving the dock, Support Boats must fly the Coach Flag (provided at registration) until the last boat finishes for the day.
- 22.3 Coaches, Support Persons, and Support Boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

23 BERTHING

[NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at Monroe Station.



24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 24.1 **[NP]** Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except in an emergency with the prior written permission of the Race Committee and after consulting with the class measurer or their designee.
- 24.2 All boats must be in the water by 1600 on September 21, 2022 and must remain in the water subject to SI 24.1.

25 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

27 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

28 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Addendum A Course Diagrams

Course Assignment	4 Legs	5 Legs
W	Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

Marks may be a different color or shape than shown below. Refer to SIs for specifics.

