



J/88 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 25th – September 29th, 2024

(OA) Organizing Authority:

J/88 Class and Macatawa Bay Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta Official Notice Board will be on the event page in Yacht Scoring.
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16500>
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The J/88 Constitution, available on the J/88 website, applies.
- 1.4 Class Rule 6.2, is in effect with permission from the Executive Committee.
- 1.5 Appendix T, will apply.
- 1.6 Appendix V, will apply.
- 1.7 **[NP]** Any boat that has not complied with the requirements of the NoR, will be Scored DNC for any races prior to completing the requirements of the NoR.
- 1.8 **[NP]** RaceSense
 - (a) Signals displayed on the Race Committee vessel shall take precedence over RaceSense.
 - (b) The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee. This changes **RRS 41(c)**
 - (c) Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will available to rent to any boat that does not have one available.
 - (d) RaceSense information is available to all boats.
 - (e) Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.3(b), and 63.1.
 - (f) For information purposes only, Atlas 2 devices will display a countdown timer, distance to line, and an OCS notification if you are on the course side of the line at the starting signal.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0930 on the day they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16500>.
- 3.2 Courtesy postings will be located on the patio at MBYC.
- 3.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio channel 72.

3.4 **[DP]** While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the yacht club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tues. Sept 24	1000 - 1600	Registration & Measurement – Commodore Room MBYC
Wed. Sept 25	0900 - 1200 1300 1600 – 1700 1700	Registration & Measurement - Commodore Room MBYC Practice Racing Registration & Measurement - Commodore Room MBYC Competitors Meeting – MBYC Patio
Thurs. Sept 26	1100	First Warning Signal Sailors Welcome Ashore following racing.
Fri. Sept 27	1100	First Warning Signal Sailors Welcome Ashore following racing.
Sat. Sept 28	1100	First Warning Signal Event Dinner - MBYC Dining room.
Sun. Sept 29	1100 1500	First Warning Signal No warning signal after this time Sailors Welcome Ashore on the MBYC Patio following completion of racing with Awards Presentation to follow.

6 RACE AREA:

6.1 Races will be on the Lake Michigan approximately 1nm West from the harbor entrance.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 See Addendum A for Course Diagram. Courses will be a four leg Windward / Leeward. Windward mark(s) will be rounded to port.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and approximate distance to the first mark.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may set a windward offset mark (1a) and/or a leeward gate (2s and 2p). If the windward offset mark is not set, boats shall round the windward mark (1) leaving it to port. If only one gate mark is in place for the leeward gate, boats shall round the single leeward mark leaving it to port.
- 7.4 One of the gate marks may be the same as the starting and finishing line marks.
- 7.5 When set to windward of the starting/finishing line, the leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg.

8 MARKS

8.1 Marks will be yellow MarkSetBot self-propelled marks, or yellow inflatable marks. 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.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The start will be in accordance with **RRS 26**.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal ("OCS") and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via the official VHF channel. 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)**.
- 9.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes **RRS A5.1 and A5.2**.
- 9.5 When a boat is OCS at the start, in addition to the procedures in RRS 29.1, the RaceSense system may also notify a boat that it is OCS by displaying "OCS" on the boat's Atlas 2. Failure of the RaceSense to indicate that a boat is OCS will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position. Marks may be moving into position after the change is signaled. A course change of 5 degrees or less will not be signaled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The start and finish lines will be the same. The line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The Race Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
- 12.2 Finishing Window: Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to start, sail the course and finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 12.3 **[NP]** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. 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. Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the Time Limit (SI 12.1) plus two (2) points. Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus one (1) point. This changes **RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10**.

13 HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2 Rule 61.1(a) is changed, add: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest.
- 13.3 Protest Forms may be completed and emailed to Dale Gort [dgort234@gmail.com or text to 616.403.6158] or given to the PRO at the event. Electronic forms can be found at US Sailing.com or on the Official Notice Board under General Race Documents.
- 13.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race signal vessel, on starboard tack, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 15.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.3 [DP] All boats and support vessels shall comply with RRS 37 when flag V (white rectangle with red X) is displayed with 1 sound.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee, after consultation with the class measurer or his designee.
- 16.2 All boats shall be in the water by 1600 on September 27 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NoR 12.2.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first through third place overall.
- 17.2 A Corinthian trophy will be awarded for the top scoring boat with an all-Corinthian crew.
- 17.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to participants at the discretion of the OA.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Competitors are reminded of the Disclaimer of Liability to which they agreed as stated in the notice of race.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Addendum A

The COURSE Robotic MarkSetBots will be used for Marks of the course. However, the race committee may replace one or more of the MarkSetBots with traditional inflatable drop marks. All marks will be YELLOW. Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port.

After the start, the Pin will move to the 2S position to serve as the Gate. When all competitors have passed the Gate, 2S will move to the Pin location for the finish.

Course L4: Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish

