

2018 J/24 Easter Regatta
March 29 – April 1, 2018
J/24 Fleet 67 and the Columbia Sailing Club
Lake Murray, South Carolina

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.5 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 RRS 61.1(a) is changed to include the following addition: the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.8 RRS 44.3(a) is changed to include the following addition: code flag "I" may be used as the yellow flag and the flag used (either yellow or code flag "I") shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.9 RRS 63.7 is changed to include the following addition: If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.10 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside the clubhouse.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee PRO. The questions and any answers will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that *a) any change that will take effect on Friday will be posted within 15 minutes of the end of the Competitors Meeting, and b) any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.*
- 3.2 Changes in SI on the water per RRS 90.2 (c) will be made by hoisting code flag "L" with one sound and will be lowered when all the checked in competitors have acknowledged the change.

4 Signals Made Ashore:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made at the yardarm located on the front lawn of CSC.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'the time posted on the Official Notice Board before AP is lowered' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble only as it relates to RRS 40.

5 Schedule of Races:

5.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Friday	30 March	1100	Competitors' Meeting (clubhouse porch)
		1230	Warning for First Race of the Day
Saturday	31 March	0930	Warning for First Race of the Day
Sunday	1 April	0930	Warning for First Race of the Day
		1330	No Race Will Start after this Time
		1500	Prize Giving (approximate)

- 5.2 Ten races are scheduled over three consecutive days.
- 5.3 Three races are scheduled on Friday, four on Saturday, and three on Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of five races may be sailed in a single day.

6 Class Flag:

- 6.1 The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS 26.

7 Racing Areas:

- 7.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area, *approximately 1.5 miles SW of the sailing club.*

8 Courses:

- 8.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs (course 5) or four legs (course 4).
- 8.2 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on its stern the numeral "4" or "5" to designate the course to be sailed. The RC may also display the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg. The RC may also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking up wind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10 – 15 boat lengths to port of mark 1.
- 8.5 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC signal vessel at a distance to the discretion of the RC. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.6 Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.
- 8.7 No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than two legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than two legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and the offset mark will not be regarded as a leg of the course

9 Marks:

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron, mark 1a will be a red sphere, marks 2P and 2S will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The following marks are rounding marks: 1, 1a, 2P, 2S
- 9.3 New marks 1, 2P, or 2S, when used in accordance with SI 12 will be yellow cylinders.
- 9.4 The starting marks will be *orange flags on* race committee vessels at each end of the starting line. In the event that the port-end line race committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced with a *yellow tetrahedron*.
- 9.5 The finishing marks will be race committee vessels at each end of the finish line. In the event that the port-end line race committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced with a *yellow tetrahedron*.
- 9.6 A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.3

10 Areas That Are Obstructions:

- 10.1 No areas are designated as obstructions.

11 Start:

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee signal vessel and on the race committee pin-end vessel or yellow tetrahedron per 9.4.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This change is added to RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.4 Race Committee may broadcast starting information, countdowns and the bow numbers of any boats OCS on the VHF channel designated in the Radio Communication portion of this SIs (SI 25). Failure to make or receive such broadcasts or the order of transmission shall not constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under 62.1(a).

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course:

- 12.1 A course change to the next leg of the course will be signaled according to RRS33.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and a nearby mark, leaving mark to port and race committee vessel to starboard. This change adds to RRS 28.
- 12.4 The RC may, without a signal, adjust the offset mark (Wo) after all competitors have completed the first weather leg, and/or adjust one of the gate marks (Ls or Lp) after all competitors have completed the first run.
- 12.5 A changed weather mark, W, will not have an offset mark (Wo) for the rest of the race even though the original offset mark (Wo) may still be in the water.

13 The Finish:

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC vessel or *yellow tetrahedron*.

- 13.2 If the RC intends to not start another race on the same day, it will display the flag "A" at the finish line. This change is added to RRS race signals.

14 Penalty System:

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 (main body) and 44.2 (turns penalties) are not in use for this regatta. RRS 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) continue to apply. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA (table below).

Action\Penalty	10%	20%	25%	30%
Touching a mark (RRS 31)	X			
Breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room")	X			
Breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room") within the zone		X		
After Race Scoring Penalty for touching a mark		X		
After Race Scoring Penalty for a breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room")		X		
After Race Scoring Penalty for a breach of a part 2 rule ("right of way, room") within the zone			X	
If one of the above After Race Scoring penalties is taken after the protest time limit				X
Penalties imposed by the Race Committee or Int. Jury without a hearing: These modify RRS 63.1				
If a boat fails to check in before racing (SI 18.1) (RC)	X			
If some, but not all requirements of a properly taken Scoring Penalty are met (Jury)				X

- 14.2 RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying the scoring penalty percentage, shown in the table above, that best suits her situation against the number of boats competing and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.
- 14.3 The reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b) may be satisfied by contacting the Race Committee by VHF radio channel to be identified in SI 25, **Radio Communication**. Additionally, a boat accepting a Scoring Penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form". The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have properly accepted a Scoring Penalty on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4 After Race Scoring Penalties may be taken by filing a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form", available from the Jury Desk next to the Official Notice Board, prior to the start of a hearing involving the incident. Timing of the filing, either within or after the protest time limit, will affect the penalty as shown in the table.

14.5 Other penalties as per RRS 64.1 apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See Attachment 3.

15 Time Limits and Target Times:

- 15.1 The target time for races is *45 to 60* minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1.
- 15.2 If no boat reaches Mark W within 30 minutes or no boat finishes within 120 minutes, the race shall be abandoned. This change is added to RRS 35.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This change is added to RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the blue "on station" flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress:

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk adjacent to the Official Notice Board, in the clubhouse . Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after docking of the race committee signal vessel. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be either 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Beach House Conference Room, beginning at the time posted, *in the order posted*.
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This change is added to rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This change is added to RRS 62.2.

17 Scoring:

- 17.1 *One race* is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 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.

18 Safety Regulations:

- 18.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee vessel displaying flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating her bow number.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

- 19.1 Class rule J.4.3 is in effect: A crew nominated or listed for the event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
- 19.2 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.
- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution of spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and carry event limitation marks for this event may be done without notification.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks:

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

21 Event Advertising and Bow Numbers:

- 21.1 Boats shall display bow numbers that are supplied by the organizing authority. Such bow numbers shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and shall remain in place for the duration of the regatta.

22 Support Vessels:

- 22.1 Support vessels shall remain no less than 150m from the race course from the Preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee has signaled a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2 Failure of a support vessel to comply with SI 23.2 rules may be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by the boats associated with the support vessel and is subject to protest. Any penalty applied to the boats associated with the support vessel shall be at the discretion of the jury and may not be excluded from their score. This change is added to RRS 63.1 and A4.2.

23 Afloat and Haul-out Restrictions:

- 23.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1200 on Friday 30 March and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury. This includes rudders.

24 Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:

- 24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 24.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

25 Radio Communication:

- 25.1 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. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
- 25.2 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on channel 74. It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications.

26 Prizes:

- 26.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top six boats entered.
- 26.2 The name of the First Place winner will be engraved on the *Perlita Trophy*, the perpetual trophy of the Easter Regatta, and on the J/24 half-hull perpetual trophy, which are both owned by, and maintained at, the Columbia Sailing Club
- 26.3 The name of the highest ranking member of J/24 Fleet 67 will be engraved on the Fleet's half-hull perpetual trophy, which is also maintained at the Columbia Sailing Club
- 26.4 The highest ranking helmsperson from J/24 District 8 will qualify for a berth at the 2019 J/24 World Championship.

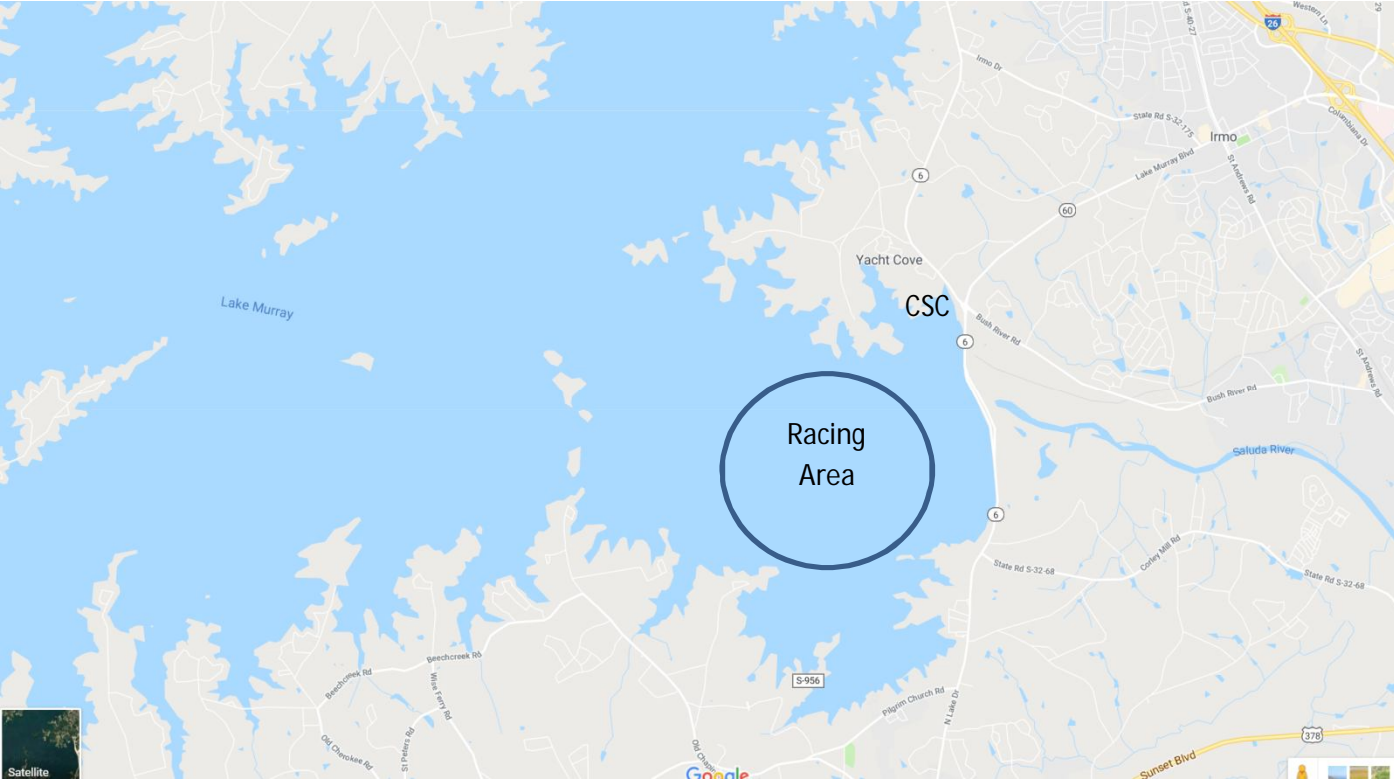
27 Disclaimer of Liability:

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 27.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided on the registration web site.

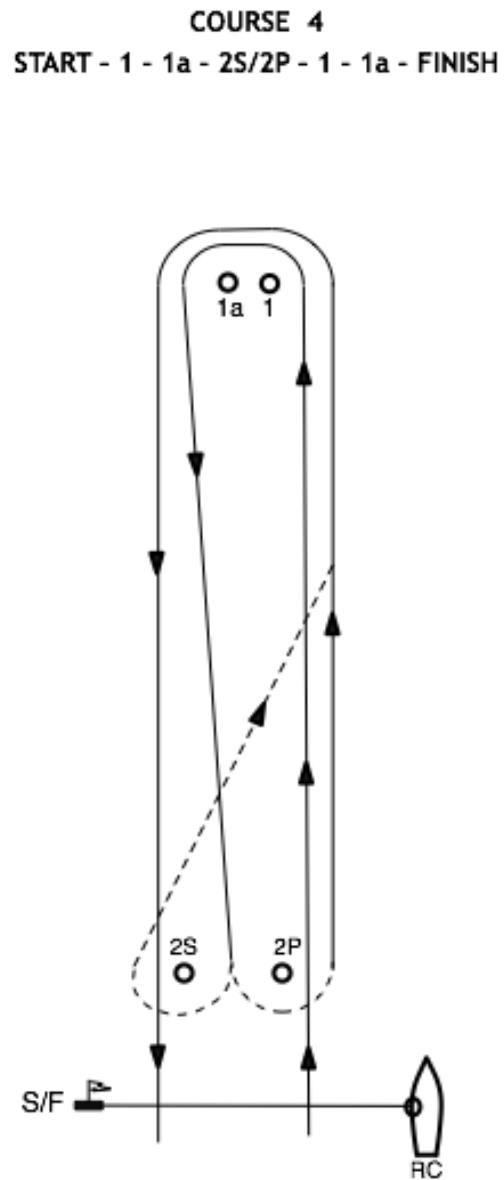
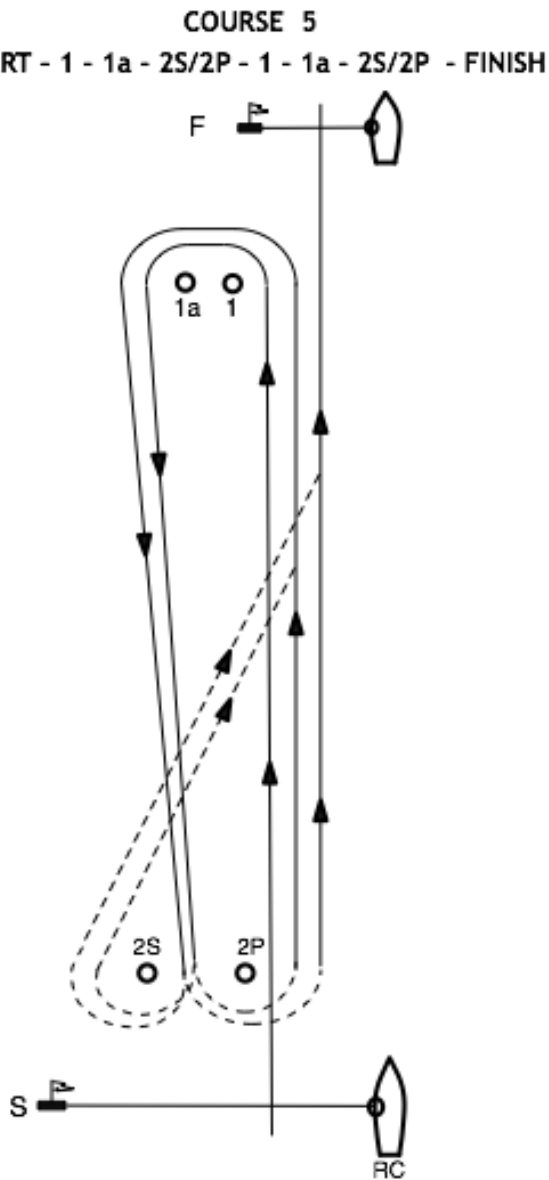
28 Insurance:

- 28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1 - RACING AREA LOCATION



ATTACHMENT 2 – COURSE DIAGRAMS



NOTE: If the gate (mark 2p and mark 2s) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2p and 2s, and shall be rounded to port. 2S/2P in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by 2.

ATTACHMENT 3 - Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

In place of disqualification, the following are penalties for a boat that is protested for breaking a listed class rule. Each of these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.9.4 & C.9.5	Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9 liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%
	Removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.