



2018 J/111 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 18-21, MACATAWA, MICHIGAN
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the J/111 Class Association and the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC).
- b. The J/111 NA's shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the J-111 Class Rules.
- c. The J111 class shall abide by their class's safety guidelines, which requires full compliance with the Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4.
- d. US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.4 will not apply.
- e. The following RRS will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the SI's. The SI's may also change other racing rules.
 - RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11 will be changed so that boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), with points equal to the last finisher plus one.
 - Race signal AP is changed from "1 minute" to "not less than 30 minutes."
 - RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a) are changed regarding Race Committee (RC) courtesy recall hails on the VHF radio.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed. Appendix V shall apply.
 - RRS 61.3 is changed to read protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked.
 - RRS 62.2 and 66 are modified regarding a request for redress on the last day to read "no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day."
 - RRS A2.1 is modified to reflect there shall be no discards.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Official notices to competitors and scheduled protests shall be posted on the cork board at the MBYC Junior Sailing Classroom.

- b. An unofficial notice board will be posted on the on-line racing notice board located at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the SI's shall be posted on the official notice board before 0830 EDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 EDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore shall be made on the MBYC flagpole.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Schedule of races and events is as follows:

- a. Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- b. At the finish of the last race of each race day, the RC shall display code flags AP over A.
- c. No more than three (3) races will be run per day.
- d. No warning signal shall be given after 1430 hrs on Friday, September 21ST, 2018.

Date	Time	Event
Mon, Sept 17	1100-1700	Weigh-in
Tues, Sept 18	1300	Practice starts/races
Tues	1830	Competitor's meeting
Wed, Sept 19	1100	Warning signal first race of the day; subsequent races to follow
Thurs, Sept 20	1100	Warning signal first race of the day; subsequent races to follow
Friday, Sept 21	1100	Warning signal first race of the day; subsequent races to follow
Friday, Sept 21	1900	Awards presentation

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the MBYC burgee.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area is approximately 1.5 nautical miles at a heading of 230 from the Holland Harbor entrance.

8. COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed shall be windward-leeward.
- b. Attachment A, Course Diagram, shows the courses to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- c. Before the warning signal, the course, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the windward mark shall be displayed from the RC signal boat.

9. MARKS

- a. The start/finish mark will be a white tetrahedron.
- b. The marks of the course will be orange tetrahedrons. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- a. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of a white tetrahedron.

11. RECALLS

- a. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS will be announced on VHF channel 78.
- b. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification, the timing or the order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).

12. THE FINISH

- a. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of a white tetrahedron.
- b. For downwind finishes, the finish line will be the same as the start line.
- c. For upwind finishes, the finish line will be on the port side of the RC Boat coming from the last mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. The protest desk will be located in the MBYC Commodores Room. Protest forms will be available at the protest desk. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit.
- b. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked. This changes RRS 61.3.
- c. Notices will be posted both on the official notice board at MBYC and the unofficial on-line notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are a party or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the RC or PC shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- d. Images from a drone vehicle are not admissible as evidence to a protest or redress hearing.
- e. On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

14. TIME LIMIT

- a. For a race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes or finishes within 2½ hours, the race shall be abandoned.
- b. Any boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35.
- c. If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the next start, the RC may order the race terminated for that boat and score the boat points equal to last place.

15. SCORING

- a. Each boat's series score shall be the total score of all her races. There shall be no discards. This modifies RRS A2.1.
- b. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded one point more than the number of boats that finished within 30 minutes of the first boat. The score of TLE shall not exceed the score of a boat finishing last. This changes RRS A4, A5 and A11.

16. WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC before leaving the race course on VHF channel 78. Boats that cannot communicate with the RC, shall call MBYC at 616-335-5815 as soon as possible. [DP]

17. RACE COMMITTEE COURTESY BROADCASTS

The RC may attempt to report visual signals displayed and other pertinent information over VHF channel 78. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter a boat's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

The use of biodegradable sail stops while setting a sail is permitted.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. [DP]

20. PRIZES

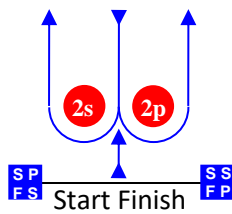
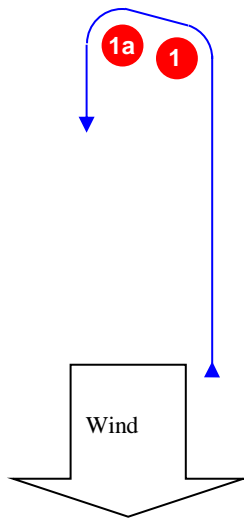
- a. The J-111 North American Championship Perpetual Trophy shall be presented the winner.
- b. Keeper trophies will be presented to the top three boats.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (Organizing Authorities, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

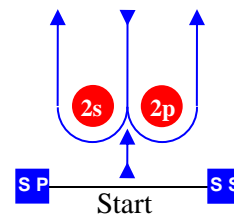
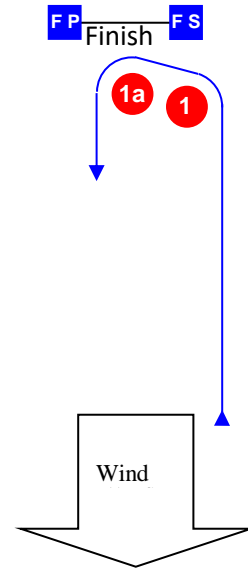
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
L6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
W5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Mark	Description	
1	Orange tetrahedron	
1a	Orange tetrahedron	
2s 2p	Orange tetrahedron	
SS	Starting mark starboard end	RC signal boat
SP	Starting mark port end	White tetrahedron
	L	W
FS	Finishing mark starboard end	RC boat
FP	Finishing mark port end	White tetrahedron