

FLEET 43 2009 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The Series will be governed by:

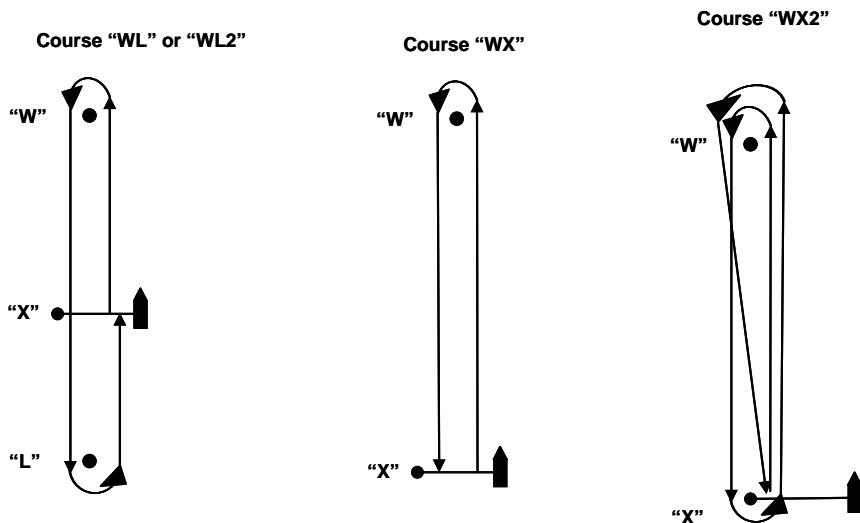
- (a) The 2009 Tonini Series Notice of Race,
- (b) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 ("RRS"),
- (c) The J/24 Class Rules (effective 1 March, 2009), except as any of the above are altered by the Sailing Instructions
- (d) These Sailing Instructions and any amendments hereto.

2. COURSES and MARKS:

Courses will be set SE or SW of Clapboard Island. The Race Committee will display a drop mark course ("WL" or "WX") as designated below, or may display a course proceeding around government marks. When designating a course around government marks, the Race Committee shall signal code flag "L" (with one sound) as prescribed in item 4 below, to allow communication with the competitors regarding the course. The government mark list will be the same list used for the Portland Yacht Club Thursday Night Series and is available on the PYC website or in hard copy form in the clubhouse.

A number displayed after a course designation indicates the number of laps that must be completed. The Race Committee may display the compass heading to the first mark.

Boats may pass through the Start / Finish Line on the way to the next mark.



3. CHECK-IN:

Prior to the Warning for the first race of each evening, every boat shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat and hail its boat name (Please get an acknowledgment from the Race Committee.) Check-In for the Second Race is required only for boats that did not sail the first race.

4. CODE FLAG "L":

When the Race Committee displays Code Flag "L" prior to the Warning Signal of a race, boats are to come within hail, to receive an announcement. This may include a change to these Sailing Instructions.

5. STARTING LINE:

The Starting Line will be between the orange or yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby orange or yellow mark.

6. STARTING:

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26, as summarized below. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Class Flag*	Gun	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black	Gun	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag(s) removed	Long horn	1
Start	Class flag removed	Gun	0

* If the "J/24" class flag is not available, code flag "J" may be used as a substitute.

7. FINISHING LINE:

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 choose to place a separate "Finish" mark between the "Start" mark and the Committee Boat.

8. RECALLS:

Individual Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may announce premature starters over the load hailer; however, it is the responsibility of the competitors to start correctly. General Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2.

9. STARTING PENALTIES:

The Race Committee, at its discretion, may employ RRS 30.1 (Round-an-End-Rule). RRS 30.2 (20% Penalty Rule) and RRS 30.3 (Black Flag Rule) will not apply to this series.

10. TIME LIMIT:

The first boat must finish before thirty (30) minutes after sunset in Falmouth. All boats 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.

11. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2:

RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty) will apply.

12. PROTESTS:

Immediately after finishing the race, any boats intending to file a protest must notify the Race Committee and identify the boats being protested. The Protest Committee will hear a "10 Min Protest" immediately after the evenings racing, at PYC. The Protest Committee will be comprised of the Fleet Race Officer, Race Committee Skipper and at least one other person not involved with the protest. If the Fleet Race Officer was involved with the protest, or has a conflict of interest, he/she shall also be replaced.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Amendments to these instructions will be posted on the Fleet 43 website in conjunction with a communication to all Fleet members at least 24 hours prior to their taking effect.