



FLEET 43 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

1. RULES:

The Series will be governed by:

- (a) The 2017 Tonini Series Notice of Race,
- (b) The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"),
- (c) The current J24 class rules,
- (d) These Sailing Instructions and any amendments of the above listed in these Sis.

2. COURSES and MARKS:

Courses will be set SE or SW of Clapboard Island.

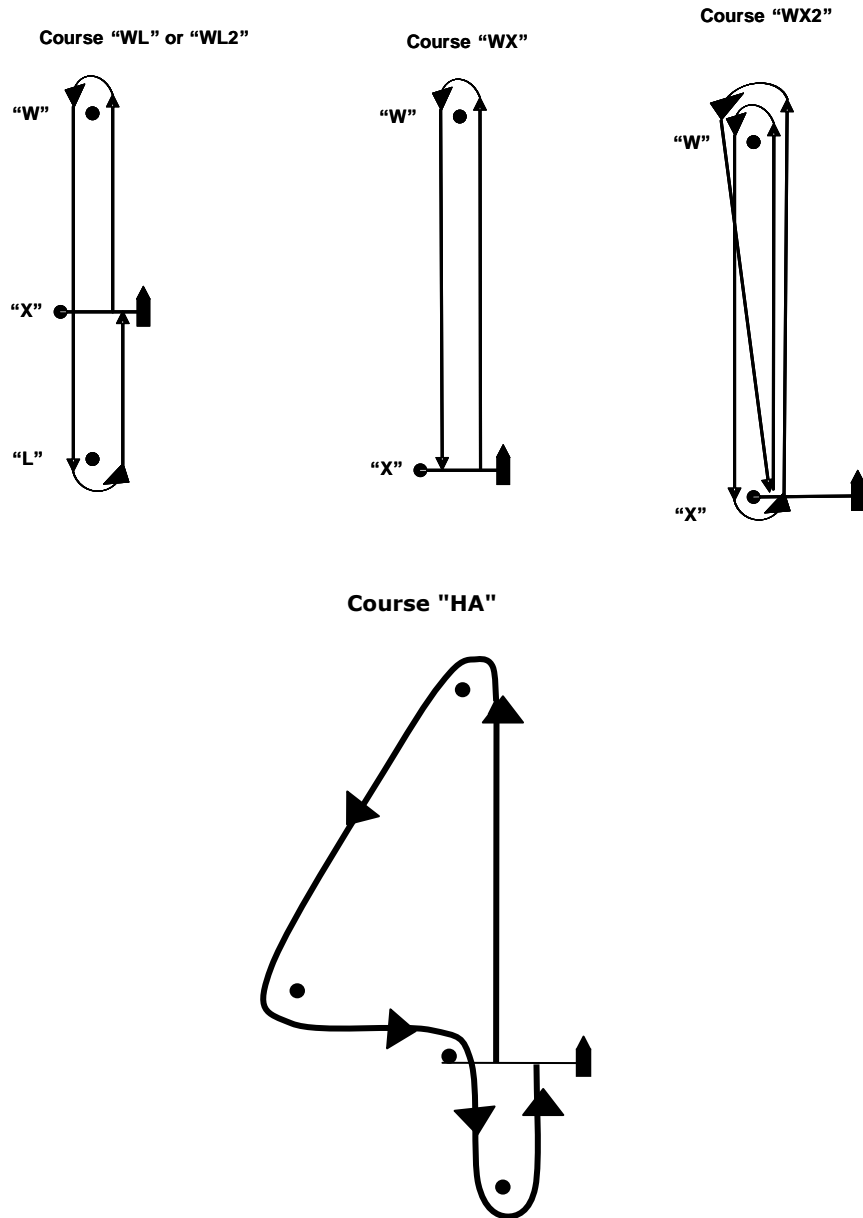
The Race Committee will display a drop mark course ("WL", "WX" or "HA") as designated below, or may display a course proceeding around government marks.

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.

Length of courses- the distance from the starting line to the weather mark will be between .7 and .9 Nautical Miles.

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.

There shall be at least one practice start each night. The RC shall clearly communicate if the start is a practice start and how many practice starts they intend to run before the actual start on VHF channel 69

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Class Flag*	Short	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black	Short	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag(s) removed	Long	1
Start	Class flag removed	Short	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 or VHF Channel 69; however, it is the responsibility of the competitors to start correctly. General Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2.

9. TIME LIMIT:

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

Appendix T will apply

12. Number of Races on Wednesday Evening

The race committee will endeavor to run two to three races per night with the ultimate goal of running three 40 minute races for a total sailing time of just over 2 hours.

13. ARBITRATION & PROTESTS:

Appendix T will apply

Immediately after finishing the race, any boats intending to file a protest must notify the Race Committee and identify the boats being protested.

All incidents will go to Arbitration first before a formal protest hearing, the arbiter will be the Fleet 43 Race Officer

If the parties want to continue to a protest hearing a Protest Committee will be comprised formed by the Fleet Race Officer and a date and time will be set for the meeting – most likely the next evening. If the Fleet Race Officer was involved with the protest, or has a conflict of interest, he/she shall also be replaced.

14. 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.