

# **J World Annapolis Thursday Night Racing Sailing Instructions – 2016**

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### **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS.)

1.2 For all classes RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for breaches of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

1.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of class rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

### **2. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration forms with the organizing authority - J World Annapolis. Forms are available online or at J World Annapolis' office. Thursday Night Racing competitors are encouraged to be current members of US Sailing, CBYRA and their local fleet organizations.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at J World Annapolis (213 Eastern Ave.) as well as on the online notice board at [www.jworldannapolis.com](http://www.jworldannapolis.com).

### **4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

No signals will be made ashore. In the event of a cancellation, J World Annapolis will make an announcement on competitor VHF channels as well as post a cancellation notice on the online notice board as well as our Facebook pages. J World Annapolis may also send an email to all registrant email addresses.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1830 each racing day. The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable each day.

Series One begins May 5th and continues every Thursday until June 23rd. There will be no racing June 30th. Series Two begins July 7th and continues every Thursday until August 25th. Two eight night series are scheduled.

## 7. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, AND INITIAL STARTING ORDER

All will be posted on the official notice board and starting order will be announced via VHF broadcast. The race committee for the J/70 and J/80 course intends to start the J/70's first for the first series and second for the second series.

## 8. COURSES

8.1 Windward/Leeward Courses (see course diagrams.)

8.2 An offset mark, Mark 1a, will be placed approximately 30-50 yards from Mark 1 perpendicular to the course axis (see diagrams.)

8.3 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. When the line is "closed" it is an obstruction. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1. On a leg of the course from W to L or from L to W, boats may leave the line between Start/Finish line port or to starboard.

## 9. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable buoys, some of which may display advertising. Some marks, such as the offset mark, may be "hippity hop" style buoys.

## 10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started as follows: Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S of the 2013-2016 RRS. This changes rule 26.

10.2 The warning signal for the succeeding class will be made at anytime after the starting signal for the preceding class.

10.3 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START without a hearing.

## 11. RECALLS

11.1 Individual Recalls. The Race Committee may hail any boat recalled. Division Alpha will broadcast on VHF channel 72 and Division Bravo will broadcast on VHF channel 71. Errors and omissions on the part of the race committee or any designated observer will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.2 General Recalls. In the event of a general recall, the recalled class' starting sequence will commence after all other classes in their division.

## 12. RETIRING FROM A RACE

Boats retiring from a race are requested to inform the race committee before leaving the racing area.

## 13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## 14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms (available at J World Annapolis or online at [www.jworldannapolis.com](http://www.jworldannapolis.com)) and delivered to J World Annapolis by 0900 of the Friday immediately following racing.

14.2 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the official notice board and on the online notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing)

## 15. POST RACE SCORING PENALTY AND PROTEST ARBITRATION

15.1 Add new rule 44.4: A boat may take a penalty prior to the start of a protest hearing which involves her. Her penalty shall be a 40% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with rule 44.3(c), but not more than half of the difference between the boat's score prior to applying the penalty and the score for boats that scored DNF.

15.2 An arbitration hearing, with one representative from each boat, will be held prior to a protest hearing for each protest involving the rules of Part 2 or rule 31. No witnesses will be permitted. Based on the testimony, the arbitrator may decide that one of more boats broke a rule and should take a penalty. If all boats are not represented, or if the arbitrator decides the incident is not appropriate for arbitration, the arbitration hearing will not be held or will be closed.

15.3 Add to rule 63.1: An arbitrator may accept a protester's request to withdraw the protest.

## 16. SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as follows: each boat's total score will be the sum of her daily score totals for all dates that races were held, excluding discards. The lowest total score wins. One discard will be allowed after four completed racing days and an additional discard will be allowed after eight completed racing days.

16.2 To request correction of an alleged scoring error in a posted race or series result, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at J World Annapolis or at [www.jworldannapolis.com](http://www.jworldannapolis.com).

## 17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or other electronic transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio or other electronic communications.

## 18. PRIZES

Overall prizes for the first, second and third place finishers in each class will be awarded. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 19. Media Rights

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, organizers, sponsors, official event photographers, videographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media worldwide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event and all participants therein.

## 20. Disclaimer of Liability and Injury

Competitors participate in the J World Annapolis Thursday Night Racing Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. J World Annapolis, the Organizing Authority, supporting organization, sponsors, volunteers agents, employees and service providers, the PRO and the committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta or race for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers and crew) agrees to release the race organizers and all person and groups included above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 21. Website/Information

At the J World Annapolis website [www.jworldannapolis.com](http://www.jworldannapolis.com) you will find all the event information including the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Schedule of Events, hospitality, awards, entry forms and more.

## 22. Event Management

J World Annapolis Thursday Night Racing is managed by J World Annapolis, 213 Eastern Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403. Tel. 410.280.2040.

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