



# **International J24 MONJON National Championship 2016**

**3 to 8 January 2016**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **1. Rules**

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Part 1, and the Rules of the International J24 Class (except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race (NoR) or these Sailing Instructions (SI)).

1.2 YA Special Regulations, Part 1, Safety Category 6 plus hand-held VHF Radio capable of receiving Ch16 and Ch77 shall apply.

1.3 A National Jury has been appointed for this event in accordance with RRS Addendum A.

## **2. Alterations to J24 Class Rules.**

The Rules of the International J24 Class will be changed as follows:

2.1 Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when the Measurer is satisfied that the item in question is “as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacturer.”

2.2 Class rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

2.3 Class rule 3.6.1 is changed as follows: A boat may carry one mainsail, one genoa, one jib and two (2) spinnakers on-board while racing

2.4 Class rule 8.1.5 is changed as follows: The Organising Authority has arranged for the publishing of races on-line via a GPS tracking system. Boats wishing to be included in this program will be allowed to either:

- 2.4.a Carry a designated GPS tracking device which may be hired from the VIC J24 Class Association
- 2.4.b Operate the designated tracking software on a compatible mobile phone which can transmit GPS data to the system in real time.
- 2.4.c No other use of GPS enabled devices will be permitted

## **3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the Auditorium.

## **4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than ninety (90) minutes before the next scheduled start, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before they will take effect.

## 5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag mast located next to the Ken King Centre.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed on shore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## 6. Registration and Measurement

6.1 Registration and crew weigh In will be conducted at Sandringham Yacht Club Auditorium on:

6.1.a Saturday 2 January from 12:00 until 6:00pm, and

6.1.b Sunday 3 January from 9:00am until 11:00am.

6.2 Unmeasured sails shall be presented for measurement at the Sandringham Yacht Club prior to 4:00pm Saturday 2 January 2016.

6.3 Crew briefing will be held in the Auditorium at 1000hrs on Monday 4 January.

## 7. Schedule of Races

Day	Date	First Warning Signal
Invitational	Sunday 3 January	No earlier than 1455
Day 1	Monday 4 January	No earlier than 1155hrs
Day 2	Tuesday 5 January	No earlier than 1155hrs
Lay day	Wednesday 6 January	No racing scheduled
Day 3	Thursday 7 January	No earlier than 1255hrs
Day 4	Friday 8 January	No earlier than 1155hrs

7.1 When more than one race will be held in the same session, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race. To alert boats that another race will begin shortly, an Orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.2 A maximum of four (4) races will be sailed on one day

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on Friday 8 January 2016.

7.4 There will be no resails after Friday 8 January 2016

## 8. Class Flags

Class flag will be the J24 flag, which is a white flag with J24 insignia.

## **9. Racing Area**

The sailing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip, off SYC. See Attachment 2.

## **10. Courses and Marks**

10.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **11. Start**

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

11.3 A crowding mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the Race Committee boat.

11.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.5 If a boat fails to start or breaks RRS 30.3, the Race Committee at mark 1 or 1a may point code flag X at her, make a sound and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so, her disqualification under RRS 30.3 shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. This changes rule RRS A5. Sail numbers of boats that fail to start or break RRS 30.3 will be written on a board at the stern of the Race Committee boat.

## **12. Change of the next Leg of the Course**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When changing the position of marks 1 & 1a, the race committee will lay a single new mark.

12.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark, except that in any subsequent change to the new single mark which replaced marks 1 and 1a. Further changes of that mark will be a single mark of the original colour.

12.3 Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

## **13. Finish**

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.

## **14. Penalty System**

When the Jury decides that a boat that is a party to a protest has broken a rule it shall disqualify her per RRS 64.1, unless the rule broken is one of the class rules listed in Attachment 3, for which the applicable percentage penalty is prescribed therein, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c)..

## **15. Time Limit**

15.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 75 minutes.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office.

16.2 Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit expiry to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the location of the hearing.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

16.5 Breaches of SI 2, 18.2, and 20.2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

16.6.a within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

16.6.b no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16.7 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

### **16.8 ARBITRATION**

16.8.a RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty will be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) equal to 30% of the number of starters in that race or 40% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of starters in that race, whichever is less.

16.8.b The penalty for a boat that has caused injury, serious damage or gained a significant advantage from her breach shall be to retire.

16.8.c Parties to a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 may be invited to attend an arbitration hearing. At the posted time (SI 16.3) one designated representative from each boat will testify before the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

16.8.d After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator will make one of the following designations;

(1) There was no rule broken. If the protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed.

- (2) There was a rule broken by one or more of the parties involved. The representative of the offending boat(s) has the option of accepting the scoring penalty contained in SI 16.8.1. If the penalty is accepted by the offending boat and the protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened, redressed or appealed.
- (3) Direct that the protest be submitted to the Jury for a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

16.8.e The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury. This changes RRS 63.3 (a).

## **17. Scoring**

17.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply, with no exclusions if 5 or less races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

17.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which six (6) completed races are required to constitute the regatta. If 6 or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one exclusion.

17.3 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee, may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

## **18. Safety Regulations**

18.1 Competitors shall sign on as an entrant prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Boat, hailing their sail number and having the hail acknowledged. Any boat failing to sign-on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

18.2 Competitors who retire from racing shall inform the Race Committee boat by radio on the allocated frequency, by hailing any race management boat or by advising the regatta office in person or by phone as soon as possible.

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

19.1 Substitution of competitors or equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Requests for equipment substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day. The written application for substitution and the decision of the Race Committee will be displayed on the notice board.

Any changes outside these parameters must be approved by the Race Committee.

## **20. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the regatta rules. A boat shall comply with a request by the Measurer to proceed to a designated area for inspection and facilitate the inspection.

20.2 A boat that fails to comply with this official request for inspection will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

20.3 Boats may be checked for sailing weight at any time.

## **21. Official Boats**

Official boats will be marked by displaying SYC burgee.

## **22. Support Boats**

Support boats shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **23. Haul-Out Restrictions**

23.1 Boats shall remain in the water from 1200hrs on Sunday 3 January 2016 until the completion of the racing.

23.2 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. Haul-out approval is only to facilitate work that could not have been done afloat.

23.3 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be launched later than 1200hrs on Sunday 3 January 2016 provided it is satisfied that this is for genuine reasons.

## **24. Plastic Pools and Diving Equipment**

Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1200hrs on Sunday 3 January 2016, until the completion of the racing.

## **25. Radio Communication**

25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing, nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This prohibition includes use of mobile phones.

25.2 In accordance with RRS 41, the Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or any information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. For this purpose boats shall carry a VHF radio. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.

25.3 The designated race frequency is VHF Ch 77

## **26. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third in the Championship and First, Second and Third on EHC Handicap.



## **27. Media and Television Policy**

In participating in this regatta, all competitors automatically grant to the International J24 Class Association of Victoria and the Sandringham Yacht Club, its agents and sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time, and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her recorded during the period of the completion for the regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.

## **28. Disclaimer of Liability**

All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club in association with the Victorian J24 Association do so at their own risk and responsibility. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Race Rule 4 - Decision to Race, which states:

**“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.**

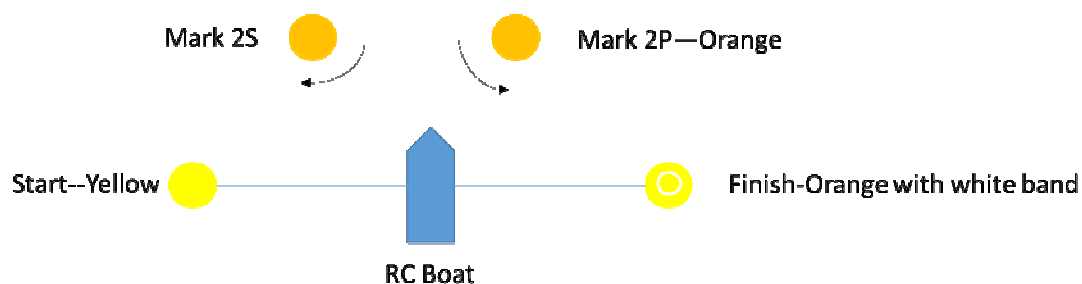
Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury associated with races conducted by the Club.

## **29. Insurance**

All competing boats shall have third party insurance cover with racing endorsement. of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten Million Dollars) Boats shall produce evidence of insurance at registration.

### 30. ATTACHMENT 1—Courses

- 30.1 All courses will be windward/leeward configuration.
- 30.2 Courses will be advised by the flying of the appropriate numeral pendant (1-3) below the Class Flag.
- 30.3 All marks to be left to port except gate mark 2. Boats shall pass between 2P and 2S before rounding either mark to commence the next leg of the course.
- 30.4 On any course where a mark is shown as a gate, if there is only one mark in place, competitors shall leave it to port.

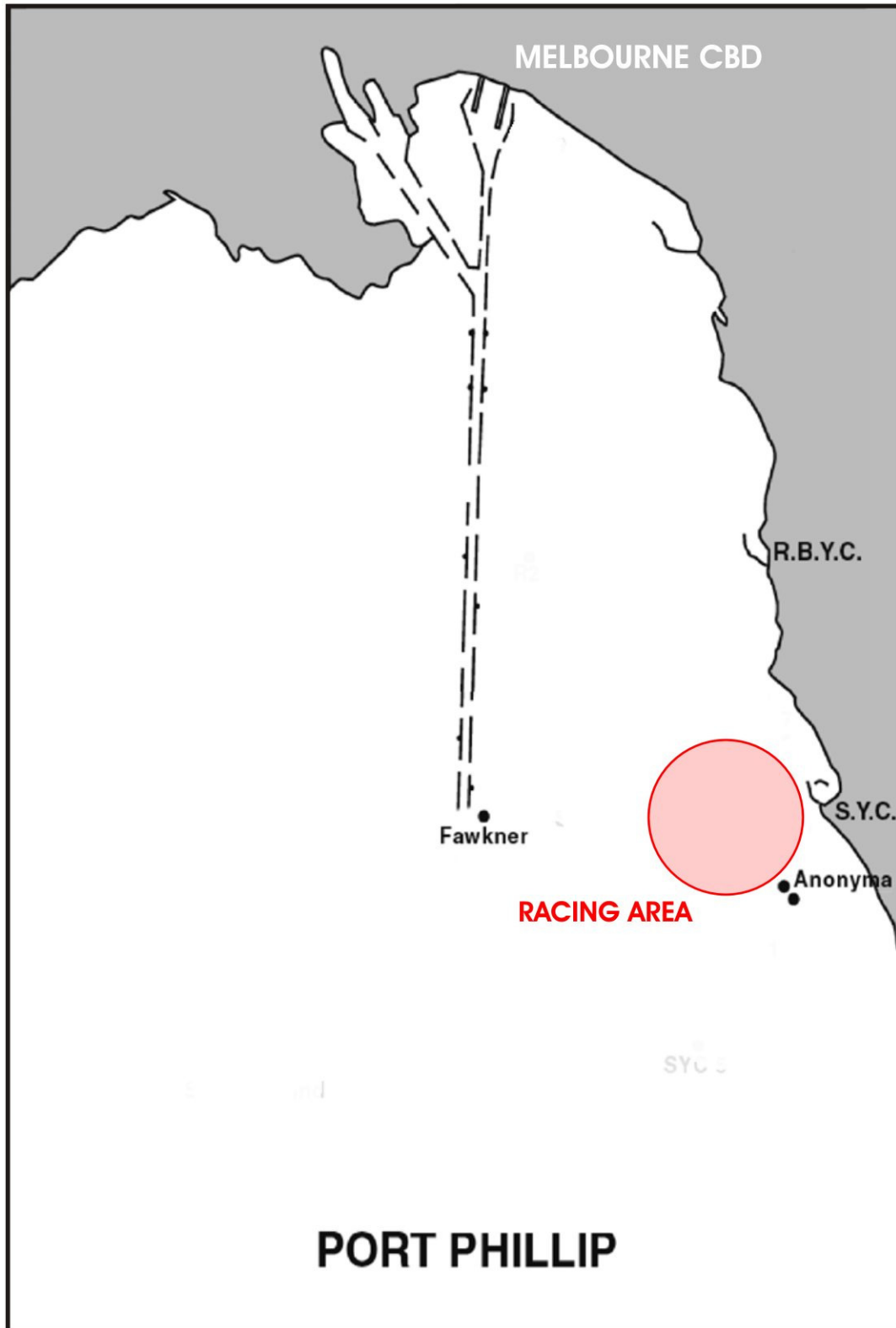


Course No	Course Configuration
1	Start—1—1a--Finish
2	Start – 1—1a—2P/2S—1—Finish
3	Start—1—1a--2P/2S—1—2P/2S—1—Finish

- 30.5 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 2P, 2S will be orange inflatable truncated cones
- 30.6 Starting mark will be a yellow inflatable truncated cone
- 30.7 Finish mark will be a yellow inflatable truncated cone with a white band
- 30.8 Change mark will orange inflatable truncated cone with a black band

**31. ATTACHMENT 2—Course Area**

The sailing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip, to the west of the Sandringham Yacht Club.



### 32. ATTACHMENT 3—Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	PENALTY
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	20%
2.6.1	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
3.8.5	Two bailing buckets of minimum capacity 9 liters each fitted with a lanyard are not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container are not secured against movement.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%
8.1.4	The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment.	20%
8.4	The 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 will include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the Jury.