



**J24 Quantum Sails
J24 National Championships
4-7 January 2017**

Sailing Instructions

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1 RULES

The regatta will be conducted under the following:

- 1.1 The Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.3 The Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW.
- 1.4 The current International J24 Class Rules
- 1.5 These Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 The Notice of Race, as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 The Rules of the International J24 Class 2015 are changed as follows:
 - 1.7.1 Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is 'as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture'. The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
 - 1.7.2 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 Officer and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
 - 1.7.3 Boats may carry a second, measured Spinnaker. This spinnaker may only be used if the primary spinnaker has been damaged beyond use, and the boat must notify the start boat at the first available opportunity of their intention to use the second spinnaker.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be conducted for the NSW J24 Class Association by Cronulla Sailing Club. All yachts competing in the Regatta should have third party insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000.
- 2.2 All yachts competing in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Cronulla Sailing Club, any Sponsor, Regatta Officials and the Class Association are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 2.3 The Cronulla Sailing Club, any Sponsor, Regatta Officials and the Class Association are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Regatta Office is situated at the Sailing Office of the Cronulla Sailing Club.
- 3.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board is located in the entrance foyer of the Cronulla Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Cronulla Sailing Club flagpole.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant displayed ashore means, "All races not yet started are postponed". The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered. Amends Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled over four (4) days of racing.

Tuesday 3 January 2017

Invitation Race Warning signal 1155

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Race Briefing 0930

1055 Warning Signal

Thursday 5 January 2017

0800 J24 National Association AGM

1055 Warning Signal

Friday 6 January 2017

1055 Warning Signal

Saturday 7 January 2017

1055 Warning Signal

- 6.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct the races as shown above, but the Race Committee may alter the Schedule of Races as required.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time, but will only advance the Regatta by not more than one (1) race per day.
- 6.4 After a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the day, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the "AP" flag will be displayed with two sound Signals for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5 At the end of racing each day, the Race Committee will fly "AP over A".
- 6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs on Saturday 7 January 2017.

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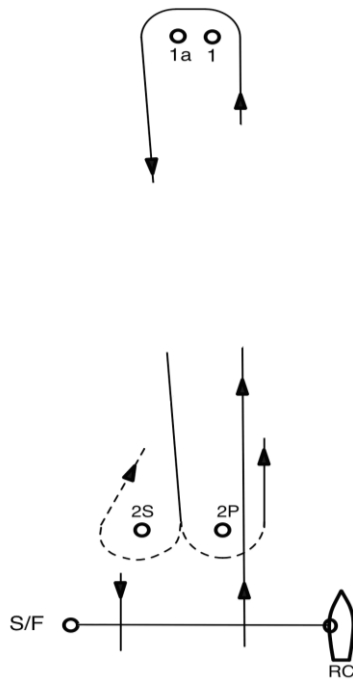


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The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration.

8.1

Windward / Leeward Course



Mark 1 and mark 1a shall be laid to windward of the starting line. Mark 1a shall be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1. Mark 1 and 1a shall be rounded to Port.

Mark 2S and 2P may be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line and shall form a gate with either mark 2S rounded to Starboard or 2P rounded to Port. (Note: Marks 2S and 2P may be laid after the starting signal)

The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant.

8.2 Course Configuration

Course 1 Start – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 2 Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 3 Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish.

8.3 A numerical pennant 1,2 or 3 will be flown at the Warning Signal indicating the course to be sailed.

8.4 Courses will be set with the aim to achieve 45 minute elapsed times. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9 **MARKS**

9.1 Mark 1,2S & 2P shall be yellow inflatable marks and 1a will be green.

9.2 The start / finish mark will be a yellow mark with a red band.

10 **BOW NUMBERS**

10.1 All boats shall display bow numbers on both port and starboard bows. Bow numbers shall be affixed by a Race Official and maintained by competitors in accordance with the following requirements:

- Bow numbers shall be placed perpendicular to the sheer line.
- No portion of a bow number may be placed farther aft than a vertical line intersecting a point on the sheer line one meter aft of Point A (the point of the bow).
- The tops of all bow numbers shall be placed within 20 mm of the sheer line.
- No portion of a bow number may wrap around the sheer or the stem.

10.2 Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of Sailing Instructions 10.1. (Amends RRS 60)

11 **COMMITTEE VESSEL**

11.1 The Committee Vessel at the start and finish of each race will display the CSC burgee.

12 **THE START**

12.1 The Class Flag will be Class Flag "J24"

12.2 Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26.

12.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the start mark, a yellow mark with a red band.

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

12.5 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

13 RECALLS

13.1 Individual Recalls

Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

13.2 General Recalls

Shall be in accordance with RRS 29.2.

The Preparatory Signal for the new start shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered.

14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14.1 Courses will not be changed after the start.

14.2 The Race Committee may abandon the race in case of a persistent wind shift exceeding 30 degrees or wind strength exceeds 30 knots for a five minute period. Amends RRS 33.

14.3 The course may be shortened after the start in accordance with RRS 32.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The Finishing Line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue on station flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finish Mark a yellow mark with a red band.

16 MEASUREMENT

16.1 Measurement may take place on a discretionary basis during the series. The Race Committee reserves the right to measure and inspect any boat during the course of the series.

17 TIME LIMIT

17.1 The time limit will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race. This changes RRS 35.

17.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first placed boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35.

18 PROTESTS

18.1 Protests shall be written on the ISAF prescribed forms and lodged at the CSC Sailing Office within 1 hour after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day. Amends RRS 61.3.

18.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing.

18.3 The Protest Committee may hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

19 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 19.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

20 SCORING

- 20.1 The Low Point Scoring System as set out in Appendix A2 of the current ISAF Racing Rules will apply.
- 20.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one exclusion. If 8 or more races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with two exclusions. This changes RRS A2. The lowest series score wins.
- 20.3 A minimum of 5 races is necessary to constitute the series.
- 20.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2, A5, and A11.

21 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel or vessels shall not approach closer than 50 metres to any boat racing. The penalty for failing to comply may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing vessels.

22 HAUL - OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 This regatta is a 'wet' series and yachts shall remain afloat throughout the regatta. Boats shall not be kept in "boat bags" during the regatta.
- 22.2 All boats must be in the water by 1000 hours on Wednesday 4 January 2017.
- 22.3 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled at any time for essential repairs. Haul out approval is only to facilitate work that could not be done afloat.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication. This prohibition includes use of mobile phones.
- 23.2 In accordance with RRS41, 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 must 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.
- 23.3 The designated race frequency is VHF 73

24 TROPHIES & FUNCTIONS

- 24.1 Wednesday 4 January 2017, BBQ at CSC after racing
- 24.2 Thursday 5 January 2017, J24 National Association AGM 0800hrs
BBQ at CSC after racing
- 24.3 Friday 6 January 2017, Optional Dinner at a Cronulla Restaurant 1930hrs
(\$30pp + BYO - bookings necessary at registration)
- 24.4 Saturday 7 January 2017 - BBQ & Prize Giving at CSC after racing
- 24.5 The awarding of any trophies shall be subject to decisions of outstanding protests and appeals.

25 ENTRY DISCLAIMER AND RISK WARNING

25.1 Disclaimer:

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.

All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 46;
- (b) The Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) The organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
- (e) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below ;
- (f) The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- (g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Cronulla Sailing Club, Class Associations, Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

25.2 Risk Warning:

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Cronulla Sailing Club, Class Associations and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Cronulla Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Cronulla Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting NSW entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third party property insurance cover and valid third party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one claim event.

27 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 27.1 Boats shall not dispose of any litter such as plastic bags, cans, bottles, etc. into the water. Rubbish may be placed on the Race Committee boats between races as per RRS 55.

28 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 28.1 In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of this Event, 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 film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Visiting Temporary Membership

Visiting Temporary Membership of the Cronulla Sailing Club has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.