



2024 San Juan 21 North American Championship
September 26 – 28, 2024
Hosted by Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) and San Juan Fleet 8

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Notice of Race, and the San Juan 21 Class Rules.
- 1.2. The following rules are changed:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: "Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two points more than the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window." (See SI 13.4)
 - 1.2.2. RRS 62.1. (See SI 10.5)
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
 - 1.2.4. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of *start* 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. (See SI 10.6)
 - 1.2.5. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident will be in effect.
 - 1.2.6. Sections T2, T3, & T4 of Appendix T apply.
 - 1.2.7. RRS 61.1 (See SI 14.2)
 - 1.2.8. RRS 62.2 (See SI 14.5)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 2 hours before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect except that any change in the racing schedule will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying Code Flag "L," hailing competitors prior to their Warning Signal, and getting each boat's acknowledgement.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board is: www.Regattanetwork/event/28259/
- 3.2. The race office is located at the BSC Clubhouse.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 78A, including courtesy broadcasts.

3.4. [DP] [NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence their racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the deck at BSC Clubhouse.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule

Thursday Sept. 26 1030 Sail and Boat Measurement begins.

1300 Late entry, Registration and Check-in table opens at BSC Clubhouse

1300 Optional practice races run in conjunction with the Ensign Fleet.

1600 Late entry, Registration and Check-in ends.

1730 Casual social gathering, details to be announced.

Friday Sept. 27 0745 Continental breakfast in Clubhouse

0800 Check-in and Measurements continue.

1030 Sail and Boat Measurement ends

1045 Check-in closes

1100 Competitors Meeting on BSC Deck

1255 First signal.

1600 No warning signal after this time

1800 Social/Dinner, followed by National meeting.

Saturday Sept. 28 0800 Continental breakfast in Clubhouse

1055 First signal.

1500 No warning signal after this time

1800 Awards followed by dinner.

Sunday Sept. 29 1055 Make up race first signal, only if no races completed.

5.2. Sunday, September 29 is reserved for racing only for a class that has completed no races on Friday or Saturday.

5.3 There will be a limit of 5 races for each class on Friday and Saturday.

5.4 There will be a limit of 3 races for each class if there is any racing required on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

	Classes	Class Flag
Division 1	Spinnaker	Red SJ21 insignia on a white background
Division 2	Working	Black SJ21 insignia on a white background

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed are illustrated in Addendum 1 which shows the course diagrams, course designations, the number of legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The distance from Mark 1 to Mark 1a is not counted in determining the number of legs of the course.
- 7.2. The compass heading to the 1st mark will be displayed on the signal vessel.
- 7.3. All marks are to be rounded to port.
- 7.4. The course designation will be displayed on the signal vessel.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 8.2. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be 5' orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.3. Mark 1a will be a small orange ball.
- 8.4. The finishing mark will be 3' yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.5. Change marks will be 5' yellow tetrahedrons. See SI 11.

9. SAFETY CHECK-IN

[DP] [NP] Each boat shall check in before the first warning signal each day. Competitors shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the signal vessel, hail their sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.3. The starting signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.
- 10.6. A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. If the windward mark is moved, the offset mark will not be replaced.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 12.2. Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.
- 12.3. Code Flag "A" displayed while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see rule 35) and Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

- 13.2. If no boat in a class has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 13.3. If no boat in a class has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 13.4. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes. Boats in that class failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two points more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window.
- 13.5. If boats are delaying the next start for that class, the race committee may assign their positions.
- 13.6 One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

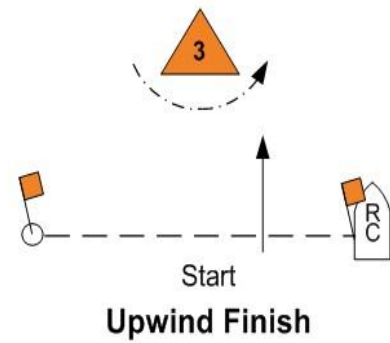
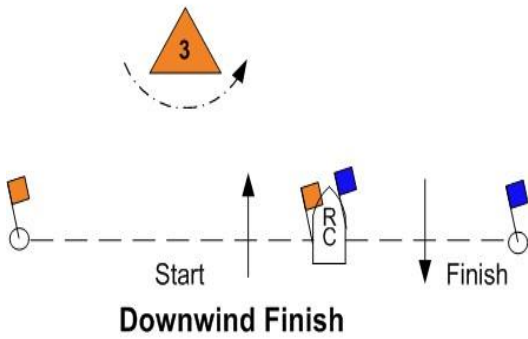
14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. A boat intending to file a protest shall so advise the race committee as they finish and confirm their hail is acknowledged. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 14.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee no later than 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks and sounds a horn.
- 14.3. Protest Forms will be available at BSC.
- 14.4. Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the BSC Clubhouse.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.6 Arbitration and/or protests will be heard as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be determined.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- [DP] [NP] Each boat shall be equipped with all required safety gear and is subject to inspection by the OA.

ADDENDUM 1
Course Diagrams are Approximate and Not to Scale



W 2: Start – 1 – 1a – Finish

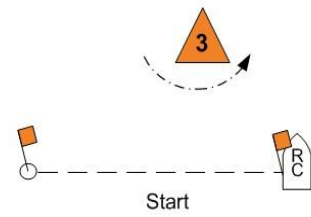
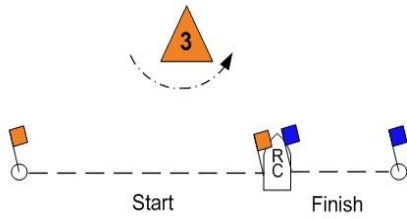
W 3: Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – Finish

W 4: Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – Finish

W 5: Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – Finish

W 6: Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – Finish

ADDENDUM 1 cont'd



Downwind Finish

T 1: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish

Upwind Finish

T 2: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish