

2025 SYC J/105 & J/88 Spring Invitational

March 15th - 16th, 2025 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

RRS Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

2. Safety

Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether the requirements of RRS 60.2 have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.4(b) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE).

Propulsion: To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obliged to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(h)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of 2 places worse than she would have received, however she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.

3. Notices to Competitors/Changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the regatta website www.regattanetwork.com/event/29379. Notices shall be posted not later than 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Schedule and Class Flags

First Warning will be at 1130 hrs each day. The starting order for the first race each day will be as follows.

J/105	Green flag with white "J" logo
J/88	White flag with black "J" logo

The starting order for subsequent races each day may change.

Starts will not be rolled. Three races are intended to be run for both fleets each day. The Warning Signal for subsequent races shall be made as soon as practicable.

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5. Communications

- (a) On-the-water radio communications between the Race Committee (R/C) and racing boats will be on VHF channel **63A**.
- (b) The R/C may hail boats that are OCS. Failure to make such a hail or the inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information or the order in which boats are hailed shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- (c) RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the R/C needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on the above VHF channel.

6. Check-in and Retire

- (a) All boats shall show their sail number to the Race Committee by sailing past the Signal Boat on a starboard tack prior to the first warning signal.
- (b) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

7. The Start

The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of an orange "Tomato" mark or the staff of an orange flag on a pin boat.

8. Courses and Marks

Courses and mark descriptions are defined in Attachment A.

9. Change the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark of a different color (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.

10. The Finish

The DOWNWIND finish line for Courses 1 and 2 will be between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of an orange conical mark at the port end. For Course 3 the finish line will be between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and an orange conical mark at the port end.

11. Time Limit

Time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division that sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

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12. Hearing Requests

- o The hearing request time limit is one hour after the signal boat docks.
- Hearing requests shall be submitted to SYC by email to the Chief Judge and PRO at the email listed below. This changes rule RRS 60.3(b).
- Notices to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties will be posted on the Online Notice Board at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/28318 soon as possible but no later than 30 min after the hearing request time limit.
- O Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following racing at the direction of the Chief Judge, and will be held in person and / or on Zoom.
- o Chief Judge: Don Wieneke

13. Scoring

A minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a series. All races count. No race shall be discarded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

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Principal Race Officer	Jeff Zarwell	jzarwell@yahoo.com	415-595-8364
Protest Committee	Donald Wieneke	dkwieneke@gmail.com	415-332-0186

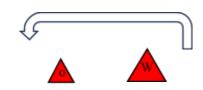
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Attachment A - Courses and Marks

1	S – W – o – F
2	S-W-o-G-W-o-F
3	S-W-0-G-W-0-G-F2

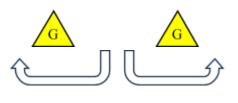


Courses



Description of Marks

S	Orange "Tomato" mark
W	Red conical rounding mark
0	Smaller red conical mark
G	Yellow conical marks
F	Orange conical mark
F2	Orange conical mark
Change Mark	Green conical mark







Course diagram is not to scale or proportion

All marks shall be taken to port, except "G" (gate). For gate, boats shall pass between the gate marks from the direction of the last mark, then may round in either direction. In the event the "o" offset is missing it shall be disregarded.

If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark will become a rounding mark that shall be taken to Port.