



J/24 NSW Championships

1 & 2 November 2025



Held in conjunction with the Sydney Harbour Sprint Series on Saturday 1 November

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations) as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 The rules of the International J24 Class 2023 (Class Rules) are changed as follows:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) Class Rule C.2.1(b) is changed as follows in accordance with Class Rule J4: A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
 - (c) Class Rule C.10.2(a) is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and 2 Spinnakers on-board while racing. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.
- 1.4 A Vakaros Atlas 2 Sailing Instrument is mandatory equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 may be provided by the OA as part of the entry fee.
- 1.5 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- 1.6 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with the electronic identification by the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 1.7 A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device is posted on the [Event Webpage](#).
- 1.8 [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check in, which shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing.
- 1.9 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall do their best to keep the system safe and active. They shall inform race management as soon as possible, on the water or ashore, about any problems encountered with the device.
- 1.10 [NP] Any kind of failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat, Race Committee and Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), RRS 60.1(b), RRS 60.2(b), 60.3(b), 62.1(a), and 63.1.
- 1.11 [NP] If the Race Committee displays a Code Flag G (Golf) with one sound before the warning signal, SIs 1.5 to 1.10 will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the [event webpage](#) and may also be posted on the SailSys results page.
- 2.2 Competitors may be advised of the intended race area, a change to the sailing instructions, race postponement or other information via email or text.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [official notice board](#) before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change on the water will be announced on the VHF race management channel after display of Code Flag L with one sound.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the start box flagstaff on the north-eastern corner of MHYC and may be repeated at other clubs.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 31 October 2025	1700-1900hrs	Early Registration & Crew Weigh-In (Commodores Room)
Saturday 1 November 2025	0800-1000hrs	Registration & Crew Weigh-In (Commodores Room)
	1000-1030hrs	Competitors Briefing
	1200hrs	Up to 4 Races sailed in conjunction with the Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
	1700hrs approx.	Post Race BBQ
Sunday 2 November 2025	1100hrs	Up to 4 Races (no warning signal after 1500hrs)
	1700hrs approx.	Prizegiving

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a Blue J/24 Insignia on a White Background.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of windward-leeward racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram and tables in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the CV, preceded by the letter 'W', to indicate the number of roundings of the Windward Mark/s.
- 8.3 The race committee may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.4 The Gate will be laid approximately 50-100m to windward of the Start Line.
- 8.5 If either Gate Mark (2S or 2P) is not in place, boats shall round the sole leeward mark to port.
- 8.6 If an offset mark is laid adjacent to Mark 1, Mark 1A or Mark 1B, boats shall round the designated windward mark and the adjacent offset mark to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:
- (a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd Head) – All Marks
 - (b) Sow and Pigs Reef– All Marks
 - (c) Shark Island– South and West Marks

- 10.2 Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:
 (a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.
 (b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.
- 10.3 For the purpose of RRS 19 and 20, all Cardinal Marks surrounding the Gowlland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef and all imaginary straight lines projected between such marks, are deemed obstructions.
- 11 THE START**
- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made no less than 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
- 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 When a finish mark with a black & white chequered band is laid on the starboard side of the race committee vessel, boats shall finish by passing the committee vessel to starboard and the B&W finish mark to port.
- 13.3 When a finish mark with a black & white chequered band is not laid on the starboard side of the race committee vessel, boats shall finish by passing the committee vessel to port and the yellow start mark to starboard.
- 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
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| Race Time Limit | 60 mins |
| Windward Mark Time Limit | 20 mins |
| Target Time | 30-40 mins |
| Finish Window | 20 mins |
- 14.2 If no boat has passed the Windward Mark within the Windward Mark time limit, the race will be abandoned for that division. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1 Protest forms and requests for redress shall be delivered to the MHYC Sailing Office or via email to sailing@mhyc.com.au within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 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.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at MHYC unless the Protest Committee directs otherwise.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs 14 and 17 - 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) to the elapsed times. PHS TCFs for each boat will be allocated by the Race Committee and posted to the [event webpage](#). TCFs may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This amends RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their first warning signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]
- 17.2 Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. (DP)
- 17.4 All boats shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72. [DP]

18 ADVERTISING

- 18.1 All races governed by this notice of race are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules. [DP] [NP]
- 18.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the J/24 Class Association or Organising Authority (OA). If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP] [NP]

19 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Competitors shall not dispose rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20 CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
First, Second & Third Overall (One Design)
First, Second & Third Performance Handicap (PHS)
- 20.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class Association or Organising Authority.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

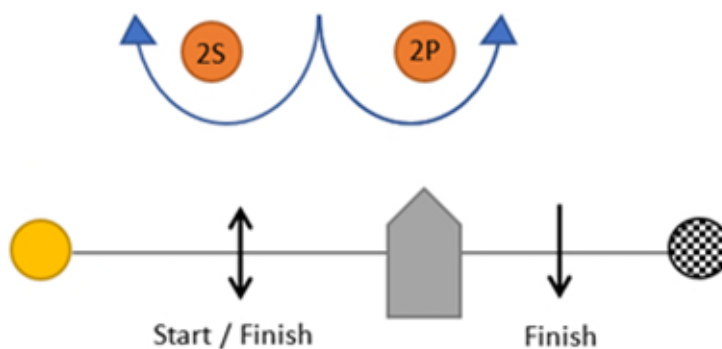
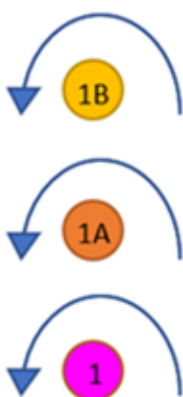
22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A



Attachment B – Windward Leeward Courses



COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start & Finish Mark	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Alternative Finish Mark (if laid)	Inflatable Buoy with Black & White Chequered Band
J/24 & Division 3 Windward Mark - Mark 1	Pink Inflatable Buoy
Division 2 Windward Mark - Mark 1A	Orange Inflatable Buoy
Division 1 Windward Mark - Mark 1B	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Offset Marks (if laid)	Orange Buoys
Gates 2S & 2P	Orange Inflatable Buoys

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE
W1	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish
W2	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish
W3	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish