



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR J CLASS YACHTS
10TH SUPERYACHT CHALLENGE ENGLISH HARBOUR, ANTIGUA
11 TO 15 MARCH 2020

Organising Authority (OA) Superyacht Challenge Antigua Ltd.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 World Sailing RRS Addendum Q Umpired Fleet Racing – "J Class - Jan 2020." Approved by World Sailing.
- 1.3 The J Class Association Class Rule will apply.
- 1.4 No National authority prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Race Office.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "J Class Race Committee". VHF channel 72 will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 In addition to VHF radio, the J Class WhatsApp group will also be used to provide notifications and RC intentions. Sign up details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive J Class WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 It is mandatory for the Boat Captain and Afterguard Members (Tactician and Navigator) of each yacht to attend the Event Briefing and Daily Briefings (*Notice of Race – Change 1 section 6. Schedule*).
- 3.2 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners.
- 3.3 The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the above regulations on the basis of a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 3.4 Yachts shall operate Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponders at all times while afloat and off their moorings.
- 3.5 The Umpire and Boat to Boat Safety Communications for the J Class yachts is VHF 72. All yachts shall maintain an active radio watch on VHF 72 from their approach to the starting area where the Chief Umpire or Race Committee will do the radio checks with all yachts at about 15 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of each day, until departing the finish area following its last race. Yachts hailed by another yacht shall respond.
- 3.6 A yacht with "CREW OVERBOARD" shall notify the RC on VHF 72 immediately. Class Rule "C1.1 (d) In the event of a crew overboard, any yacht with crew overboard should attempt to recover crew immediately. In the interest of safety, a yacht can call a rescue craft or other craft for immediate assistance. Crew can be returned on board, or taken ashore, as conditions allow. This changes RRS 47.2 for Class Events."
- 3.7 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF before leaving the race area, or by telephoning the Race Office.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB by 08:15hrs on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No signals ashore will be displayed. The RC will inform competitors using VHF and the J Class WhatsApp group.



6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Up to eight (8) races may be sailed. There will be no more than two races a day.
- 6.2 The first warning signal each day will be displayed at 11:00hrs.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 14:00hrs on Sunday 15th March.
- 6.4 The class flag will be a white flag with the J Class logo.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be in the adjacent waters to the south and south west of Antigua with the centre of the race area circle being approximately 17° 00'.252 N 61° 55'.811 W, 9nm west from Falmouth Harbour entrance. The RC will advise competitors of the intended start location at the daily briefing.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are detailed in the Addendum A.
- 8.2 The course signal (NP1 or NP2) and approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark(s) of the course for each race will be announced by VHF before the attention signal.
- 8.3 For course signal NP3, the lat/long position of the mark(s) and/or range and bearings will be provided before the attention signal.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The description and colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the RC at the daily briefing or using VHF.
- 9.2 The description of starting and finishing marks will be confirmed with the course announcement details.

10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the warning signal.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the pin end inflatable mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls will be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled sail number or yachts name shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to its previous position and/or up to approximately 370 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 For changes greater than those described in SI 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) (or move the finishing line).
- 11.3 The RC will use VHF radio to assist in communicating any change of the next leg of the course. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the flag staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of a yellow buoy.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



14 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- 14.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 14.3 No scores will be excluded.

15 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- 15.1 Any equipment changes must be approved by the Class Measurer.
- 15.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Safety requirements. On the water a boat may be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 16.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
 - 16.1.1 Race Committee vessels – Yellow flags.
 - 16.1.2 Umpire vessels – White Flag with pink U.

17 SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Support boats and tenders shall display a white flag with the J class logo, which will be provided to all registered support boats and tenders.
- 17.2 All registered support boats and tenders shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio, capable of transmitting and receiving, and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 A selection of Rum Barrels suitably filled.

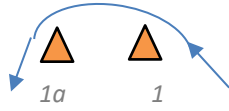
19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk and are required to have requisite insurance coverage. Superyacht Challenge Antigua Ltd, its employees, agents and affiliates, including the race committee and jury (collectively termed “the Organisers”) shall not be responsible or liable for any damage or for loss of life or personal injury caused by or to a competing yacht either in collision or otherwise occurring in connection with the operation of the yacht or any other damage whatsoever by reason of the yacht’s participation in the regatta. Yacht Owners shall indemnify and hold harmless the Organisers from any such claim that may arise including attorney’s fees, costs and any commissions incurred by the Organisers in defending any such claims.

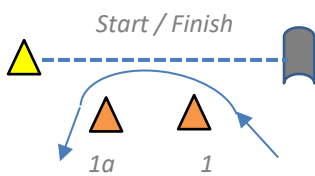
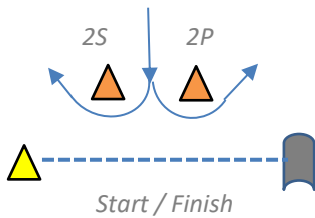
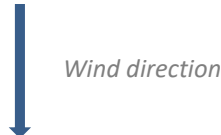
20 INSURANCE

Each yacht shall be adequately insured. It is the responsibility of each Yacht Captain and Owner to certify that all crew and guests aboard are properly insured against all liabilities and injuries incurred for the duration of the regatta.

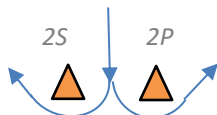
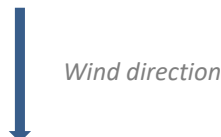
ADDENDUM A – Course Diagrams.



COURSE 1 (Numeral Pennant 1):
START, 1-PORT, 1a-PORT,
2S-2P Gate, 1-PORT, 1a-PORT, FINISH.



COURSE 2 (Numeral Pennant 2):
START, 2S-2P Gate, 1-PORT, 1a-PORT,
2S-2P Gate, FINISH.



COURSE 3 (Numeral Pennant 3) Flexi course.

M - Mark 1 Position to be confirmed using either Lat / Long or range and bearing.

G - Gate Position to be confirmed using either Lat / Long or range and bearing.

F - Finish Position to be confirmed using either Lat / Long or range and bearing.