NOYC Closing Regatta
One Design

November 7, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS). (Reference: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 - US Sailing)

1.2 The J/80 National Class Association rules shall apply: International J/80 Class Rules

1.3 A protest is invalid if it does not comply with the definition Protest or rule 60.2 or 60.3, if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in it AND did not see the incident, or as far as it alleges a breach of rule 69 or a Regulation referred to in rule 6, unless permitted by the Regulation concerned. This changes 60.4(a).

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69 while on the water.

3.2 The New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC) RC Office is located on the clubhouse second floor.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the NOYC flagpole, located near NOYC 2 Race Committee Boat.

4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 69, text message, and/or e-mail. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 61.1 and 61.4(b).

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the J/80 flag.

6 RACING AREA

RC will rendezvous to mark A at 1000 each morning. From the A mark we will set up a course depending on the wind direction. The location of A Mark can be determined by the CHART available on the official notice board.

7 COURSES

7.1 The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are shown in Figure 1.

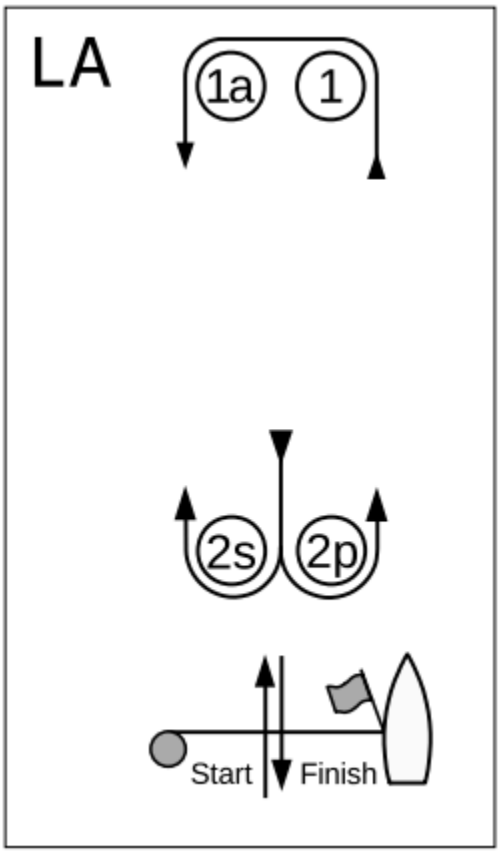
7.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the back of the RC Signal Vessel.

7.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag “C” will be displayed by the RC Signal Vessel, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

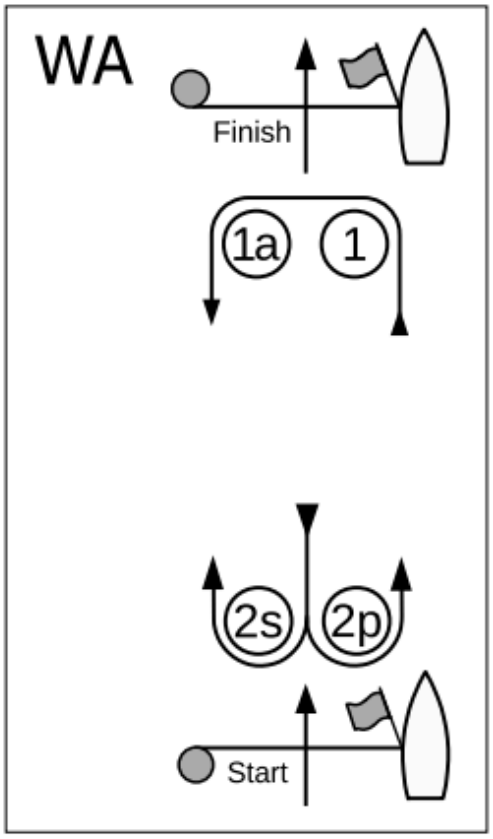
7.4 In the event of a change of course indicated 7.3, there will not be an offset mark.

7.5 In the event an “LA_” or “WA_” course is selected, if only one (1) mark at the weather end of the course is present, boats shall round the single mark to port.

7.6 If only one (1) gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	*Mark Rounding Order*
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	*Mark Rounding Order*
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

Figure 1. J/30 North American Championship Course Diagrams

8 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	5-foot Orange Tetrahedron or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Tetrahedron (Weather Mark)
1a	3-foot Orange Hippity Hop (Weather Offset Mark)
2p/2s	5-foot Green Tetrahedron (Leeward Mark/Gate)
Change for 1	5-foot Yellow Tetrahedron
Finishing	5-foot Pink Tetrahedron

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel or the course side of a port end tetrahedron.

9.2 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 RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 and 61.4(b).

9.3 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below for each class.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes

12.2 The race for a class will be abandoned if no boat in that class passes Mark 1 within the time limit.

12.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat that sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

13 SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be per RRS Appendix A

13.2 A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1).

14.4 Protest may be filed electronically by using the *"US Sailing Racing Rules App"*. Electronic protests should be sent to racecommittee@noyc.org.

14.5 Paper copies of the Protest Hearing form will be available at the RC office on the second floor of NOYC.

14.6 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. The parties to a hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 69, or the NOYC land line phone (504) 283-2581, or email racecommittee@noyc.org.. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number.

16 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

A spare spinnaker may be carried with use only in the event the primary spinnaker fails.

17 ENVIRONMENT

This is an environmentally friendly regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible