

2026 J/24 District Championship 8-9 August 2026 Malletts Bay Boat Club, Colchester VT
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is J/24 Fleet 23 and the Malletts Bay Boat Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instruction means that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level of the Malletts Bay Boat Club and will be posted online using the MBBC-VT.org race calendar event link.
- 1.2. The Race Committee (RC) will monitor and communicate on VHF channel 72.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. RULES

- 3.1. Crew substitutions are permitted with written approval by the PRO. Official weigh-in is required for all crew members.
- 3.2. Appendix V (V1 and V2) of the RRS and prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club's main flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. Flag B (Bravo) displayed ashore with one sound signal means that protest time ends in 60 minutes. Flag B lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended." This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1. Thursday August 6th

1810: Warning signal for the MBBC Summer Series – all competitors are welcome to come early and may participate in this very casual race.

Friday August 7th

1400 – 1830: Check-in and crew weigh-in

1600: Welcome refreshments

Saturday August 8th

0800 – 0900: Late check-in, crew weigh-in and lite breakfast

0900: All boats must be launched

0915: Competitors meeting

0930: Harbor Start 1100: Warning Signal for the first race (other races to follow)

1800: Drinks and dinner at the club

Sunday August 9th

1000: Warning Signal for the first race of the day (other races to follow)

5.2. Seven (7) races are scheduled

1500: No races shall start after this time, haul out and awards to follow

6. RACE AREA

- 6.1. There will be two sailing areas in Malletts Bay. The primary sailing area will be the "Outer Bay". The secondary racing area will be the "Inner Bay"

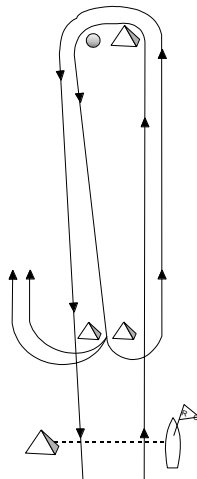
7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses shall be windward leeward, up to five legs. A windward offset mark and leeward gate may be used. If an offset mark is used, it is not considered a separate leg of the course.
- 7.2. All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes.
- 7.3. Course Diagram see Attachment A. Course will be displayed on the signal boat, 1WL (4 legs) or 2WL (5 legs)

8. THE START

- 8.1. Rule 26 applies. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.
 - 8.2. A boat starting later than six minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
 - 8.3. The RC will attempt to broadcast twice on channel 72 the Bow Numbers/Sail Numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions following the start. Failure to broadcast, or to hear broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(b).
 - 8.4. The class flag will be a J24 insignia flag.
- 9. THE FINISH**
- 9.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing line vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.
 - 9.2. If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the flag L with no sound while the boats are finishing. This changes RRS race signals. Failure to display flag L is not grounds for redress
- 10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 10.1. The target time for races is 70 to 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 10.2. Boats still racing more than 45 minutes after the first boat to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the orange flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.
- 11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 11.1. Protest forms are available from the Signal RC boat, located at the main dock. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 - 11.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after flag B (Bravo) is hoisted ashore. Flag B will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to the harbor at the discretion of the RC. The RC will post the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board at or before the hoisting of flag B.
 - 11.3. 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 598 West Lakeshore Drive. (Building to the east of the main clubhouse).
- 12. SCORING**
- 12.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 12.2. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 12.3. A "TLE" score is defined as two finishing places greater than the number of boats that have finished within the finishing window described in SI 9.2. This changes A4, A5 and A10.
- 13. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]**
- 13.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations and class rules
 - 13.2. A boat that retires from a race, leaves or returns to the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
 - 13.3. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat that is displaying flag L (Lima) and hail her Bow Number/Sail Number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's Bow Number/Sail Number.

ATTACHMENT A. Course 1WL



Course 2WL

