

Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association

J/80 One Design Series Fall 2004

Sailing Instructions

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Rules: Races will be governed by [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) 2001-2004, the [prescriptions of US Sailing](#), the [J/80 class rules](#), the [Notice of Race](#) of the specific regatta referenced below in the schedule, the [2004 LWSA/WYC Sailing Instructions](#), and by these Sailing Instructions.

Schedule: Racing will be as part of the fall regattas listed below. Specific Notice of Race for each event is available at www.lwsa.org.

August 22rd , 29th , Sept. 5th LWSA Sunday Series

September 11th – 12th J Jamboree

September 18th Wolfeboro Corinthian Yacht Club Race

Six races shall constitute a series. Abandoned races will not be rescheduled unless they are essential to meet the six race minimum requirement for a series.

For a race to count in the series, a minimum of three registered boats intending to race must be in the vicinity of the starting area during the starting sequence.

The first three races of each day of the scheduled events shall count towards the series scoring. Any additional races on a given day will not count toward the series score but will factor into the specific event's awards.

Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.lwsa.org/J80notices, and/or emailed to the owner/skipper list.

Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board of the sponsoring club the day it will take effect, and/or emailed to the owner/skipper list.

Signals Made Ashore: In the event racing must be cancelled, a cancellation notice will be posted on the notice board. If not posted, or cancelled on race day, efforts will be made to call and/or email all registered skippers. Should the race committee find it necessary to postpone due to weather or equipment problems, they will broadcast a notice to competitors on the VHF radio.

Course: The courses will be windward/leeward per the course descriptions in the 2004 LWSA/WYC Sis or the specific event's SI. This is different than the Thursday Night Series.

Marks: The race committee reserves the right to use whatever marks may be available. The windward and leeward marks will be of the same type and color. Competitors should note the type of marks in use for the day by observing the leeward mark at the start.

Penalty System: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing may take a Turns Penalty at the time of the incident as described by rule 44 which shall be 720° and must include two tacks and two jibes. This is different from the Thursday Night Series.

Time Limit: A boat that fails to finish within fifteen minutes of the first place boat will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). The race committee will hail her on the radio. She will then be given 5 minutes to get to the starting area before the warning signal for her next race. In the interest of expediency, use of the motor is encouraged.

Navigation Lights: Class rules require a battery and working navigation lights. Any boats racing after sunset must illuminate their navigation lights. Boats not so illuminating their navigation lights at the finish will be scored DNF.

Protests: The purpose of the 720° penalty provision is to reduce or eliminate off the water protests. Adjudication of protests will be difficult and inconvenient for all parties, including those disinterested parties that will be forced to assemble to hear the protest. For that reason, the following protest protocol will be used:

All protests must be properly initiated. This includes immediate hail and display of the flag, display of the flag at the finish, and prompt notification of the race committee prior to the start of the next race.

Protests must be filed per the specific regatta's instructions and be written on [official protest forms](#) available from US Sailing. Reasonable effort will be made to arrange a time and place convenient to all. Failing that, the convenience of the protest committee, the protested party, and the protester shall be considered in that order.

The parties may agree to an alternate penalty at any time after the race. The penalty will be a scoring penalty equal to one third of the number of the boats competing in the race rounded up to the next whole number. Both parties must sign a letter to the fleet captain informing him of the agreement.

Scoring: The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used with the following modifications:

Each boat's series score will be the total of all her scores, discarding her worst scores, one for every four races sailed.

In any regatta where there may be other boats, not registered for the Fall series, finishing ahead of a registered boat, their scores will be omitted for the sake of computing finish

position for the registered boats. As an example: If a non Fall series boat finishes in 1st place at a J Jamboree race, that boat's position will be omitted from calculating finishes for registered fall series boats. A registered Fall series boat finishing in 2nd place behind this boat would receive one point for the Fall series standings, etc.

Paragraph A4.2 is modified to "... one more than the number of boats *that started plus the number of boats scored OCS*. Paragraph A.9 is deleted for this series.

Support Boats: Friends and relatives in non-competing boats should be instructed to keep clear of the racing area and avoid verbal or physical contact with the competitors.

Radio Communication: The race committee will monitor and use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors. Note that class rules require a working VHF radio on all boats.

Cell Phones: For safety and organizational reasons, cell phones are allowed on board but must be off while racing.