

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“SI’s”)

U-Gotta Regatta 2020 Regatta Website: <https://wyc.org/ugotta>

Organizing Authority: J/24 Fleet #1 (“OA”)
Host Club: Wayzata Yacht Club
October 3-4, 2020

1. RULES.

- 1.1 Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”) as well as:
- 1.1.1 Procedures documented on the RESTARTING RACING web page of the Wayzata Yacht Club found at: <https://www.wyc.org/restarttracing>; and
- 1.1.2 For J/70’s, see local WYC Official Special Fleet Rules:
https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7125-2204270/WYC_Official_Special_Fleet_Rules_2020.pdf#_ga=2.44787108.1823728599.1600010491-1858962664.1599700753
- 1.2 Additional changes to Class Rules are specified in Attachment 1.
- 1.3 Any questions regarding these SI’s shall be emailed to protest@wyc.org prior to the close of registration at 8:00 am on October 3, 2020. In attempt to socially distance, please do not physically contact OA, RC or PC. The questions and any answers, if any, will be posted on Regatta Website or announced via hail and/or VHF **channel 71** as soon as possible.
- 1.4 [DP] and [NP].
- 1.4.1 The notation ‘[DP]’ in a *rule* in these SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that *rule* may, at the discretion of the PC, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS *Rule* 64.1.
- 1.4.2 The notation ‘[NP]’ in a *rule* in these SIs means this *rule* may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS *Rule* 60.1(a).

2. WYC COVID RULES [DP]. Consistent with Governor Walz’s Executive Orders and current health guidelines, OA and Host Club’s goal is to permit sailors to enjoy sailing while maximizing social distancing in all respects for this event, in attempt to prevent spread of COVID-19, including without limitation:

- A. ALL registration and payment activities will occur online via the registration link provided on the Regatta Website.
- B. Competitor’s meeting will be online via Zoom as specified below.
- C. SOCIAL DISTANCING. Except persons from the same household, all competitors are expected to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet apart, when practicable.
- D. NUMBER OF CREW.
1. For J/22s: J/22s may only have 2 or 3 persons onboard (including skipper and crew).
 2. For J/24s & J/70s: J/24s & J/70s may only have 2-4 persons onboard (including skipper and crew). This changes J/24 Class Rule C.2.1(b), J/22 CR 8.9, and J/70 CR C.3.1.
- E. CREW ROSTER. As part of registration, boat owners shall register the names and phone numbers of their skipper and crew on their boat to be used by WYC and Minnesota Department of Health for contact tracing purposes in the event of preventing or investigating an outbreak linked to WYC. This crew roster information must be entered as part of the registration process via the registration link provided on the Regatta Website. A boat failing to submit and keep current their crew roster are ineligible to participate in, and will not be scored for, the Regatta.

- F. **DAILY CHECK-IN.** In addition, all skippers and crew shall register their presence at WYC each day by scanning the QR code poster and submitting their name, phone number, and sail number of the boat they are sailing on. In addition, by submitting their information, each person accepts the WYC **COVID Waiver** and **“Disclaimer of Liability & Release”** in these SIs.
- G. **WYC FACE COVERING RULES.** Depending on number of sailors and composition of households, the following WYC Face Covering Rule(s) apply:

Number of Skipper & Crew	Household Composition	WYC Face Covering Rule:
3 or 4	If sailors are from the same household.	Recommended
3	If two sailors are from the same household and the third is from a different household.	Strongly Recommended
3 or 4	If each sailor is from a different household.	Required
4	If a boat is sailing with four total sailors, with two sailors from the same household and two other sailors from different households.	Required
4	If a boat is sailing with four total sailors, with three sailors from the same household and one other sailor from different household.	Required

Where face coverings are **required**, the face covering shall comply with the prevailing Minnesota Department of Health guidelines, and shall be worn except briefly while changing, adjusting clothing, personal equipment, or eating, or drinking.

- H. **CREW WEIGHT.** There will be no general weigh-in of competitors. More specifically:
- For J/22s: J/22 CR 8.9 will **NOT** apply for this Regatta. This changes J/22 CR 8.9.
 - For J/24s: J/24 CR C.2.1 will **NOT** apply for this Regatta. This changes J/24 CR C.2.1.
- I. **NO CREW CHANGES.** The same actual persons shall be on each boat for all races of the Regatta. No skipper or crew may change except upon prior written approval of PC. This changes J/24 CR C.2.1(b), J/22 CR 8.10, and J/70 CR C.3.1.
- J. **LAUNCHING.** One person (designated by OA) will be assigned to operate the crane for boats launching and pulling of boats. Owners will oversee attaching hook to boat and disinfecting the hook. Contact Regatta Chairperson for details. Except as described in these SI’s, launching shall comply with the WYC rules and requirements specified in <https://www.wyc.org/restarttracing>
- K. Regatta will not have any food, socials or gatherings. No shrimp boil this year.
- L. Everyone should avoid congregating before, during, and after each race and the event.
- M. Spectators are prohibited.
- N. WYC clubhouse remains closed, except only 3 persons may use the WYC bathrooms at a given time. Note: additional bathrooms are available at Wayzata Sailing Center for Regatta participant’s use.
- O. WYC patio tables and chairs may not be used during the Regatta.
- P. WYC parking lots, passageways and docks may be used so long as persons comply with the member expectations posted at <https://www.wyc.org/restarttracing>.
- Q. All participants are required to follow then-current applicable CDC Guidelines, Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines, and Minnesota Outdoor Recreational Guidelines on-the-water and on WYC docks and property.
- R. Any person (whether skipper, crew, or support person) that willfully or repeatedly fails to follow WYC COVID Rules may disqualify their boat from the affected races (including as non-discardable

disqualification or DNE), as well as be prohibited from participating in future WYC events.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY.

- 3.1 Regatta is open to all J/24, J/22 and J/70 boats complying with their class rules, except changes herein.
- 3.2 All eligible boats shall enter by delivering to OA payment and the following forms via Regatta Website:
 - completed entry form,
 - crew roster, and
 - **WYC COVID Waiver** e-signed by skipper and each crew.
- 3.3 Before participating in the Regatta, each participant and their parents, for themselves and on behalf of their minors, shall complete and sign **WYC COVID Waiver** as a condition of eligibility and participation. Such **WYC COVID Waiver** will automatically be emailed to each participant on the roster filled out during registration, along with an e-signature request that each participant (or parent) is required to sign. Failure for skipper and all crew to submit completed e-signed **WYC COVID Waivers** makes the boat and sailors ineligible to participate, boat will not be scored, and/or possible revocation of WYC membership.
- 3.4 An entry will not be final until all fees are paid and required forms are accepted by OA.
- 3.5 Upon request, a boat shall present proof of insurance and class measurement certificate.
- 3.6 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, as amended by these SIs, if any. [DP]

4. FEES.

- 4.1 All boats shall pay an entry fee of **\$50**.
- 4.2 Except J/22s, all WYC boats shall also pay their 2020 local fleet dues.
- 4.3 All fees are non-refundable.

5. SCHEDULE. See Attachment 2.

6. RACES, SCORING & PENALTIES.

- 6.1 Maximum of 8 races (per fleet) will be held. One race (per fleet) must be completed to constitute a series (per fleet).
- 6.2 Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4.1, will apply except: (a) when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores; and (b) when six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS Rule A2.
- 6.3 *Penalty System.* A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing, except her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2:
 - (a) resulting in contact between boats; or
 - (b) while in the *zone*; or
 - (c) at or prior to her *start*.This changes the first sentence of RRS Rule 44.1.
- 6.4 *Scoring Inquiries.* If a boat is not scored or is scored incorrectly, the boat shall request a scoring change via a written request for redress in accordance with RRS Rule 62, noting "Scoring Inquiry" in the subject line. If RC rejects the Scoring Inquiry, RC will forward the request for redress to Protest Committee ("PC") and then PC will schedule a redress hearing.

7. NOTICES. Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Website or announced via VHF Channel 71.

8. CHANGES. These SIs may be amended upon posting on Regatta Website as follows:

- (a) any SI changed onshore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect,
- (b) any change to the time of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect, or
- (c) RC may alter any SI (excluding time(s) of race schedule) at any time on-the-water by hail and/or via VHF channel 71 after displaying code Flag "L" with one sound in the racing area.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from RC Boat at or near WYC Docks.
- 9.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’. This changes “Race Signals AP”.

10. VENUE & RACING AREA: Regatta venue is Wayzata Yacht Club. Racing area is Lake Minnetonka.

11. THE COURSE.

- 11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward courses. See Attachment 3 for diagram.
- 11.2 Number of legs and approximate bearing to the first mark will be designated on the board on RC Signal boat, except no race will be less than 2 legs.
- 11.3 Length and angle of legs and/or use of offset marks at the windward marks will be at the PRO’s discretion.

12. MARKS.

- 12.1 Unless otherwise announced by the RC via hail and/or VHF channel 71:
 - 12.1.1 J/70s will use farthest windward mark (Wa) which is intended to be yellow; and
 - 12.1.2 J/24s and J/22s will use closest windward mark (Wb) which is intended to be red.
- 12.2 Color and shapes (e.g., tetrahedron or balls) of other marks (and replacement of marks) will be announced at the competitors meeting and/or on the water.

13. THE START.

13.1 **Original** Starting Order:

<i>Start</i>	<i>Fleet</i>
#1	J/24
#2	J/70
#3	J/22

Starting order may be modified by RC at its discretion by hail and/or via VHF **channel 71**.

- 13.2 *Audible-Signal Racing System.* For all classes, all starts will be according to **Appendix U**. Hails may include without limitation whistles, horns, iStart horn system, or VHF radio. This changes RRS Rules 27.3, 32, 33, 34 and U3.
- 13.3 *Limited Signals.* No visual signals will be used except: orange flag, flag AP, First Substitute, flag ‘N’ and flag ‘Y’.
- 13.4 Participants are reminded that, when RC indicates flag ‘AP’, all skippers, crew, and support persons shall refrain from congregating before, during and after racing, whether on the water or on WYC docks or property.
- 13.5 Start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the closest mark.
- 13.6 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.7 **General Recalls.** **A RECALLED FLEET WILL GO TO THE END OF THE START SEQUENCE.** How the flags will work: the warning signal for a new start for the next class (or if none, recalled class) will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (with one sound signal), and any start for any succeeding recalled class will follow the new start, at RC’s discretion. This changes RRS Rule 29.2.

14. LEEWARD FINISH. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC Boat and the course side of the closest mark to the RC Boat. This changes RRS Rule 32.2(c).

15. TIME LIMIT.

- 15.1 Time limit for first boat of each fleet to finish will be 90 minutes from start signal of each fleet.
- 15.2 Time limit for first boat of each fleet to reach their first weather mark will be 30 minutes from start signal of each fleet.
- 15.3 RC may assign finish position(s) to boats not yet finished to expedite start of the next race. This changes RRS Rule 90.3(a) and Appendix A4 and A5. Assigning finish position(s) will not be grounds for redress under RRS *Rule 62.1(a)*.

16. PENALTIES, PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & REQUESTS FOR REOPENING.

- 16.1 *On-The-Water Penalty*. For all classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS *Rule 44.1 & 44.2*.
- 16.2 *Process for Protests & Requests*
 - 16.2.1 *Written Contents*. Participants shall submit in writing via email to protest@wyc.org fulfilling the requirements specified in RRS *Rule 61.2* for protests, RRS *Rule 62.2* for requests for redress, and RRS *Rule 66* for requests for reopening. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to submit their protest or request for redress/reopening utilizing the US Sailing protest form (or image or picture thereof) found at <https://www.wyc.org/rules>.
 - 16.2.2 *Time Limit*. Protests and requests for redress/reopening shall be electronically delivered via email to protest@wyc.org within **one (1) hour** of RC official return dock time (“Protest Time Limit”). Submitter is encouraged to retain proof of sending their email, with date stamp, in their ‘Sent File’.
- 16.3 Protest hearings will be held via Zoom as soon as possible after racing.

- 17. **WATER SAFETY**. A boat that withdraws or retires from a race shall, as soon as possible, notify RC via hail and/or VHF channel 71. [DP]

18. RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- 18.1 All boats **shall** carry an operating marine VHF radio. [NP] [DP]
- 18.2 Before, during and after *racing*, RC may (but is not obligated to) hail or announce via VHF **channel 71** (including without limitation premature starters (i.e., OCS), change-of- course, shortening of course and other announcements). Failure or delay to provide hails, announcements or flags will not be grounds for redress under RRS *Rule 62.1(a)*.
- 18.3 A boat will **NOT** use a VHF radio to (i) make radio transmissions, or (ii) receive radio communications not available to all boats except:
 - (a) in an emergency, or
 - (b) when retiring from a race.

From warning signal until boat has finished *Racing* for the day, mobile telephones, tablets, computers and other similar devices may not be used to obtain outside help. For purposes of clarification, boats may carry a GPS unit onboard as permitted in their class rules or for the purpose of recording data. Except as permitted in their class rules, a boat may not access the recorded data or software for its analysis until the boat is ashore. [DP]

- 19. **HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**. There are no haul-out restrictions, except no parking of any boat or trailer in any WYC parking lot overnight from 2000 on Friday, October 2, through end of regatta. [DP]

- 20. **PRIZES**. Prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in each fleet. J/24’s will be vying for the U-Gotta Regatta Trophy. J/22’s will be vying for the Evergreen Cup Trophy. Other awards may be given at OA’s discretion.

- 21. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RELEASE**. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of

damage and injury (including without limitation bodily injury, illness, sickness, personal injury, disability, and permanent disability) and death. Each person participates in each race entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "Decision to Race".

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, WAYZATA YACHT CLUB, J/22 FLEET #1, J/24 FLEET #1, WYC J/70 FLEET, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, WAYZATA SAILING FOUNDATION, WAYZATA SAILING CENTER, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE OR THE EVENT IN ANY WAY) (COLLECTIVELY, "**RACE ORGANIZERS**") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "**DAMAGES**") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE, THE EVENT OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.

BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST **RACE ORGANIZERS** FOR ANY **DAMAGES** TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Participant further releases all **RACE ORGANIZERS** from any claim and **DAMAGES** whatsoever on account of any of them giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.

22. INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than \$300,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

23. GOVERNMENTAL RULES. Each boat shall comply with all applicable local government laws, rules and regulations. [DP]

24. PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grants **RACE ORGANIZERS** and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images, finishes, results and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertisement, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION. Organizing Authority is **J/24 Fleet #1**. Host Club is **Wayzata Yacht Club** located at 1100 East County Road 16, Wayzata MN 55391.

For further information, contact:

Regatta Chairperson

Bernie Soya

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WYC Commodore

Andy Spence-Parsons

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Attachment 1

Additional Class Rule Changes

Each boat's Class Rules apply unless modified by these SIs, including WYC COVID Rules or herein below:

1. J/22s: J/22's may use any sail that conforms to their class rules and may change sails during the regatta. This changes J/22 CR 8.4.

2. J/70s: WYC Official Special Fleet Rules for J/70s **will** apply except:
 - a. J/70 Special Fleet Rule #1(a) will not apply - Due to COVID restrictions, no group debrief or "chalk talk" may occur.
 - b. J/70 Special Fleet Rule #4 ("Average Points Rule") will not apply.
This changes J/70 CR C.3, C.3.2, C.10.2, J/70 Building Specification, A9.1, B2.1, C3.1(a), and C.5.2(b).
For Special Fleet Rules for J/70s, see: https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7125-2204270/WYC_Official_Special_Fleet_Rules_2020.pdf#_ga=2.44787108.1823728599.1600010491-1858962664.1599700753

3. J/24s: Spare Spinnaker. A boat may carry a spare class spinnaker on board while racing for a specific event subject to the following:
 - a. The spare spinnaker shall be so designated at measurement, and may be marked by a special event limitation mark by the event inspectors;
 - b. The spare spinnaker may only be used after the primary spinnaker has been damaged to the point that it cannot be effectively repaired with sail tape while afloat. Approved damage would include tears over a meter long or beyond a single panel;
 - c. If the spare spinnaker is used, a boat shall submit written notice to the PC at protest@wyc.org within the protest time limit;
 - d. The damaged primary spinnaker shall be presented to the PC for examination. If the damage does not meet the requirements of J/24 CR J.2(b), the PC shall impose a scoring penalty of 20%, as calculated by RRS 44.3(c) to the races in which the spare spinnaker was used, without a hearing.
 - e. If the primary spinnaker is able to be repaired overnight, it shall be returned to service as the primary spinnaker for the remainder of the regatta. If the primary spinnaker is unable to be repaired and returned to use, the spare spinnaker shall be used for the remainder of the regatta, and the boat shall sail the remainder of the regatta without a spare spinnaker.

This changes J/24 CR C.10.2.

Attachment 2

Schedule

Friday, October 4, 2019

1900 Competitor's Meeting (via Zoom)

Saturday October 5, 2019

0800 Online Regatta registration closes.

1000 **Warning signal**, 1st Race; additional races to follow at PRO discretion. Plan to be on the water all day, including bringing own lunch on the water.

After Racing Because of COVID restrictions, there will be NO shrimp boil, food, social or gatherings.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

1000 **Warning Signal**; additional races to follow at PRO discretion. Plan to be on the water all day, including bringing own lunch on the water.

1500 No original warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

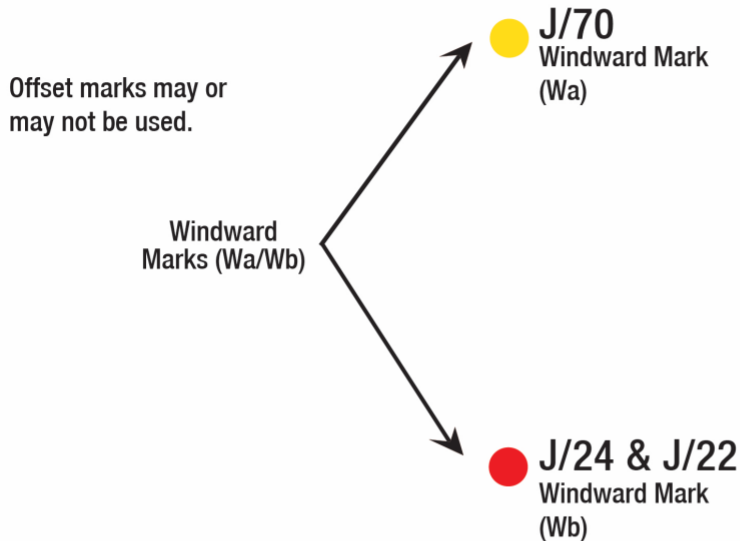
After Racing Because of COVID restrictions, there will be NO shrimp boil, food, social or gatherings.

After Racing Awards

- If there is inclement weather, awards ceremony will NOT be held.
- If there are any pending protests for an individual class, awards ceremony will NOT be held for that class.
- **COVID AWARDS PROTOCOLS.**
 - o Awards ceremony will occur in WYC's marina over VHF Channel 71.
 - o All skippers and crew will remain on their own boats. Teams from offsite will remain in their cars in the WYC west lot or turnaround driveway.
 - o Regatta Chairperson will announce results via VHF Channel 71.
 - o When award winners are announced, only **one** person from the team will walk to the front of the clubhouse and pick up their award. A photo will be taken.
 - o Only one person will be putting the award on the table and taking the picture.

Attachment 3

COURSE DIAGRAM U-GOTTA 2020



Leave all marks to port, except boats may round mark L2 to port or L1 to starboard after passing through the leeward gate.

L1

L2

Gate marks may or may not be in position before the start.



* Drawing is not to scale.

COURSES

- 2 Start – Wa/Wb – Downwind to Leeward Finish
- 4 Start – Wa/Wb – Gate – Wa/Wb – Downwind to Leeward Finish
- 6 Start – Wa/Wb – Gate – Wa/Wb – Gate – Wa/Wb – Downwind to Leeward Finish