

37th J/24 Changing of the Colors Regatta



Friday-Sunday, October 2-4, 2015
J/24, Fleet 24 welcomes you to the
Lake George Club, Diamond Point, New York, 12824 (518) 668-5734

NOTICE OF RACE

- Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- Advertising** The regatta is designated a Category C event with restrictions as defined in Rule 2.6.1 of the IJCA Class Rules.
- Eligibility** The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules. All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. Pursuant to rule 64.1, with reference to the ISAF eligibility code, regulation 21.2.1(h); the penalty for violation by a crew member, shall be a warning.
- Advanced registration** is highly recommended and may be completed online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. Advanced registrations shall be received no later than **September 19, 2015**. All boats shall submit the entry form *before launching*. A maximum of 50 boats is set. **Crew substitution is allowed. This changes the J24 class rule 5.3.**
- LCPC invasive species mandatory inspection. The Lake George Park Commission will be inspecting boats at The Lake George Club on Thursday, 1200 – 1900 and on Friday from 0800 – 1100. Make sure your bilge, wells, motor, lazarettes and lines are clean and dry! Any part of the boat holding water will require a trip to the cleaning station in Bolton Landing. Leave your mast down during inspection, in case you must take your boat to the cleaning station. All boats must have the LGPC wire and tag certifying that your boat has been inspected before putting your boat in position at The Lake George Club to launch. Additional LGPC inspection locations and hours of operation are found at www.LGBoatinspections.com.**

6. Schedule

Thursday, October 1st

LGPC Boat Inspection	0800-1900	LGC Boat Yard
Check-in	1200-2000	LGC Junior Club Room
Launching	1200-2000	LGC Hoist
Lunch available (pay)	1200-1500	Grotto
Welcome party	1600 onwards	Grotto

Friday, October 2nd

LGPC Boat Inspection	0800-1100	LGC Boat Yard
Check-in	0800-1130	LGC Junior Club Room
Launching	0800-1130*	LGC Hoist
Skipper's Meeting	1200	LGC Front Steps
Harbor signal	1230	LGC Harbor
Warning signal, Race 1	1300	Starting Area
Post racing keg	1600-1800	LGC Bar
Dinner reception (pay)	1900-	Blue Water Manor

(pick up discount coupon at check-in).
***Launching after 1130 on Friday for preregistered boats will require pre-authorization by the regatta chair.**

Saturday, October 3rd

Breakfast Buffet (pay)	0730-0830	LGC Main Dining Room
Skippers Meeting	0830	LGC Front Steps
Harbor Signal	0900	LGC Harbor
Warning Signal, Race 1	0930	Starting Area
Post Racing Keg	1600-1800	LGC Bar
Cocktails	1830 1930	LGC Bar
Dinner (tickets required)	1930	LGC Main Dining Room
Entertainment/Dancing	2030-2300	LGC Main Dining Room

Sunday, October 4th

Breakfast Buffet (pay)	0730-0830	LGC Main Dining Room
Harbor Signal	0900	LGC Harbor
Warning Signal, Race 1	0930	Starting Area
No warning signal after	1400	
Post Racing Keg	~1400-1600	LGC Bar
Lunch (pay) Immediately following racing		LGC Main Dining Room
Awards Presentation	1500 or ASAP	LGC Main Dining Room

7. **A valid Measurement Certificate and a valid J/24 class transom sticker** are required. Crew weight may be requested and/or inspected at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

8. **Sailing Instructions** will be available at check-in.

9. **Bow numbers**, determined by the order of receipt of entries, will be furnished to each competitor. The numbers shall be affixed on both port and starboard sides of the bow in accordance with Bow Number Instructions.

10. **Courses** The courses will be either an "I" Course (Start and Finish in the middle) or "W" Course (windward/leeward). Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark will be used.

11. Penalties

- 1) The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, as modified herein.
 - a) RRS 44.3(a) is changed such that code flag 'I' is an acceptable alternative to the yellow flag. The flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
 - b) Rule 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
 - c) The Race Committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF radio. Mediation will be used prior to hearings for protests involving RRS Part 2.
 - d) There will be a 10% scoring penalty for hitting a mark. All other infractions will receive a 20% scoring penalty.

12. **Scoring.** The scoring system will be as follows: The Low Point System defined in RRS Appendix A as modified herein. Eight races will be scheduled. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a regatta. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat/s series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been sailed, a boat/s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

13. **Waste disposal** or discharge of waste into Lake George, human or otherwise, is illegal and may be considered misconduct under RRS Part 5, in addition to fines and/or penalties as prescribed by the Lake George Park Commission and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

14. **Personal flotation** is highly recommended for all competitors, due to water temperatures.

15. **Launching of boats** will be on Thursday, October 1st from 1200 to 2000, and on Friday, October 2nd from 0800 to 1130. Launching after 1130 on Friday for preregistered boats will require pre-authorization by the regatta chair or Race Committee. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of, prior permission of the jury.

16. Haul-out sequence.

- 1) Haul out at the end of the regatta is designated by the assigned bow numbers. Bow numbers CAN NOT be removed until after the boat is hauled out. Boats missing their bow numbers will be put at the back of the line.
- 2) A range of bow numbers have the option to be hauled out at Yankee Marina, ½ mile south of the LG Club. Bow numbers that can haul out at Yankee will be posted on the official notice board and must travel to Yankee with their mast down in order of their bow number as they are called.

17. **Radio Communication.** Marine VHF radio channel 72 may be used to communicate with the fleet. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. **Prizes** will be awarded to

- 1st – 5th place, helmsman & crew (6th – 10th place, helmsman recognition)
- “Changing of the Colors Fleet Trophy” (awarded to the top visiting fleet)
- “Best Local Boat Trophy” (awarded to the top finisher of Fleet 24)
- “Mid-Fleet” award
- **North Sails** “Best Family Boat” award (2 or more on boat)
- **North Sails** “Most Improved During Regatta” award
- **North Sails** “Best Female Helm” award

19. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk, and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. J/24 Fleet 24 and The Lake George Club and their officers, members, staff, and volunteers, and any other affiliated organization or official, including the Town of Bolton and the State of New York and their departments and agencies (“Race Organizers”), will not be responsible for, and participants hereby release them from, any claim, cause of action or liability for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after this regatta on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. **Insurance.** Owners of all boats wishing to participate in and/or registering for this regatta, or desiring to use any facilities of The Lake George Club in connection with this regatta, must first provide proof of liability insurance by a valid third-party insurer with coverage of **not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 personal injury and \$30,000 property damage**. A copy of current policy declarations is sufficient. Further, all boats are required to carry a current Lake George Park Commission registration sticker. For visiting boats only, these will be provided at registration, and the fee is included in the entry fee.

21. **Further Information** please contact John Jacobs, COC Regatta Chairman, at his e-mail Address: john@reliableracing.com.

22. **Measurement** will be by appointment only. Contact Rodger Voss, rodgervoss@yahoo.com There is a \$25 fee to offset the shipping of scales and templates.

23. **Lodging.** The following lakeside motels closest to the LGC are offering special rates to COC participants:

Beckley’s Cottages and Lake Cabins, (Ken Beckley) Phone (518) 858-9899, www.beckleysboats.com
Thursday night free when you book full rate on Friday and Saturday. Cabins sleep 5. Limited availability.

Chelka Lodge, (Judy & Dave Forshay) Phone: (518) 668-4677, www.chelkalodge.com
Thursday night free with a booking of Friday and Saturday nights at the regular weekend rates (applies only to the motel rooms, not efficiencies).

Capri Village, (Linda & John Famosi) Phone: (518) 668-4829, www.caprivillage.com
Book Friday and Saturday at full price and get 50% off Thursday night. *no charge* for docking (10 boat slips available).

Treasure Cove, (John & Kelly Seh) Phone: (518) 668-5334, www.treasurecoveresort.com

For other accommodations see www.lakegeorgechamber.com/lake-george-lodging.htm