



2015 J/24 U.S National Championship
May 20th – 24th, 2015

Berkeley Yacht Club

With the USJCA, J/24 District 20 and J/24 Fleet 17
Berkeley, California



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in “*The Racing Rules of Sailing*”.
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 41 will be changed as follows: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41 from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the organizing authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This will change the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.4 RRS 42.3 will be changed as follows: The exception described in Rule 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction in IJCA Rule 8.2.2.
- 1.5 RRS 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
- 1.6 RRS 44.3 is changed so that code flag “I” may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag “I”) shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.7 Part 5, Section B of the RRS and RRS 41 are changed to permit Protest Arbitration for protests involving Part 2 of the RRS.
- 1.8 Under RRS 87, and with permission of the IJCA, Class rule 5.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.9 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.10 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.11 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.12 All participants will be required to wear personal flotation devices (PFD's) while on the water. It is permitted to briefly remove PFD's for changing clothing/shifting sailing gear.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. *See ISAF Regulation 20.*

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to qualified boats of the International J/24 Class Association as defined by the IJCA Rules; as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations; and whose entries are accepted by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.2 Each boat must have submitted its entry, paid the entry fee and completed the registration process by 0900 hours on Friday, May 22nd, 2015.
- 3.3 All boats are required to have a minimum of \$300,000 in marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge of each boat as defined in RRS 46.
- 3.4 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.
- 3.5 The helmspersons must be nationals or residents, and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country they represent.
- 3.6 Boats entered must be owned by a current J/24 Class member.

4 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1 Entries and fees may be submitted by online registration, by mail or at the on-site registration desk.
- 4.2 Entries and fees must be received no later than 0900 hours Friday, May 22nd, 2015. The registration form is available at <http://www.berkeleyyc.org/> or at <http://www.2015j24nationalsfbay.com/>.
- 4.3 The entry fee shall be \$425 if received on or before Monday, May 11th, 2015. Late registration received on or after May 12th will be \$475.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority/Regatta Chair.
- 4.5 The entry fee includes:
 - a. boat launching, haul-out, and trailer storage for all "out-of-town" boats during the regatta
 - b. boat docking/rafting for all competing boats (before, during and after the event)
 - c. racing
 - d. appetizer food service at the event "Welcome to the Bay" Cocktail Party on Thursday, May 21st
 - e. dinner for a crew of five (5) at the "Participants' Party" on Saturday, May 23rd
 - f. appetizer food service at the "Awards Ceremony" on Sunday, May 24th
 - g. attendance to the three (3) informational seminars prior to the start of this event

At this time, the other social activities/dinners will be pay-as-you-play. Additional social packages and dinner tickets can be purchased by mail or at the event registration desk.

- 4.6 All entry fees are payable to: Berkeley Yacht Club
- 4.7 A representative of each boat must report to the registration desk, located on the main floor of Berkeley Yacht Club adjacent to the main office, to check-in, pick up and sign for the boat's registration packet.
- 4.8 All boats shall present a valid IJCA Measurement Certificate (including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment); proof of current boat damage and liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$300,000 USD, and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helm.
- 4.9 All boats shall submit a completed sail measurement form, crew weigh-in form, and competitor liability waiver form. The Organizing Authority will provide these forms in the registration packet and online at the event website.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Up to nine (9) races are scheduled and four (4) races will constitute a series for the purpose of scoring this championship and for the World Championship qualification purposes.
- 5.2 No race will be started after 1430 hours on Sunday, May 24th, 2015.
- 5.3 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 20th	0900 - 1800	Registration/Measurement until 1700/Weigh-in
	1800 - 1930	Berkeley Yacht Club BBQ @ OCSC Sailing
	1930 - 2100	J/24 Performance Optimization for San Francisco Bay – Presentation @ OCSC Sailing
Thursday, May 21st	0900 - 1800	Registration/Measurement/Weigh-in
	1600	Warning Signal - J/24 Practice Race
	1800	All Competing Boats Must be Launched
	1800 - 1930	Berkeley Yacht Club Cocktail Party/BBQ
	1930 - 2100	Local Weather and Tide Presentations
Friday, May 22nd	0800 - 0900	Registration - Complete Process
	0930 - 1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1130	1st Warning Signal of the Day (3 Races)
	After Racing	Refreshments/No-Host BBQ
Saturday, May 23rd	0830 -0900	Weigh-in (alternate crew)
	1130	1st Warning Signal of the Day (3 Races)
	After Racing	Refreshments
	1800	Berkeley Yacht Club Participants' Dinner
Sunday, May 24th	0830 - 0900	Weigh-in (alternate crew)
	1130	1st Warning Signal of the Day (3 Races)
	After Racing	Light Meal, Refreshments and Awards

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 All boats may be weighed during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.7.3.
- 6.3 Sails must be presented for inspection at the designated measurement area no later than 1600 hours on May 21st, 2015. Sails that have not previously been measured, stamped and signed by an IJCA Measurer must be measured.
- 6.4 Crews will be required to weigh-in during registration, except that crew substitutions may be weighed in between 0830-0900 hours on the first day that they will compete. Competitors must have and present photo identification at weigh-in.
- 6.5 San Francisco Bay area boats requiring measurement to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with their local area IJCA Measurer. Advance arrangements MUST be made prior to Monday, May 4th, 2015. Boats in other areas should make arrangements with their local IJCA measurer.
- 6.6 Spot and random inspections will be made during the regatta (on or off the water) for compliance with the IJCA rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the event website at <http://www.2015j24nationalsfbay.com/> by May 20th, 2015.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place on the waters of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle racing area.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward with four (4), five (5) or six (6) legs and the target time for races is approximately fifty (50) to seventy (70) minutes.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, <http://www.j24class.org> Class Documents. these modifications will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may identify boats that have broken starting rules via VHF radio.
- 10.3 RRS 64.1 shall be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties, other than disqualification, for breaking some IJCA Rules. (See the IJCA Regatta Regulations for information on Alternative Penalties.)

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be used as modified by 11.3 below.
- 11.2 RRS 44 will be changed to allow scoring penalties to be taken prior to a protest hearing.
- 11.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A2. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 LAUNCHING AND RAFTING

- 12.1 Before getting underway for any BYC sanctioned activity, all boat owners shall sign a waiver releasing the Berkeley Yacht Club, J/24 Fleet 17 and their representatives from any and all liability.
- 12.2 For all out-of-town boats, launching and hauling for the regatta is complimentary at the Berkeley Marine Center on Tuesday, May 19th, through Monday, May 25th. Boat launch and haul times must be scheduled with the Berkeley Marine Center at 510-843-8195.
- 12.3 Boats can be stored at the Berkeley Yacht Club, and the Berkeley Marine Center, before or after the regatta with prior special arrangement.
- 12.4 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday, May 21st.
- 12.5 Hauling of boats at completion of the regatta shall be done in ascending order of bow number. The Organizing Authority will attempt to assign bow numbers by the distance the boat has to travel immediately following completion of the regatta. Boats that register after May 21st may not receive haul-out priority. Local boats will haul after all traveling boats have been hauled.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. This includes rudders.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during any regatta day.
- 14.2 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by keelhauling using ropes or cloths.
- 14.3 No electric devices to de-humidify the boat are permitted during the regatta.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 It is the intent of the organizing authority and race committee to use marine VHF radios on Channel 79 to communicate with the fleet when outside the Berkeley Marina Harbor.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, 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.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The first place boat shall be declared the 2015 US J/24 National Champion and shall be awarded the Perpetual J/24 National Championship Trophy.
- 16.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the top five (5) boats overall.
- 16.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top amateur and female skippers.
- 16.4 Daily awards will be presented to the race winning boats of each day.

17 World Championship Qualification

In accordance with the USJCA World Qualifying Rules, two (2) berths to the 2016 J/24 World Championship will be awarded to the top two (2) finishing US helmspersons that have not already earned one.

18 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA the US J/24 Class Association, San Francisco J/24 Fleet 17, the Berkeley Yacht Club and the even sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of charge.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 19.3 Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Requests for information may be directed to the following contacts

: Host: Berkeley Yacht Club
 Latitude: 37 Degrees 52.0 Minutes N Longitude: 122 Degrees 19.3 Minutes W
 Race Office
 #1 Seawall Drive
 Berkeley, CA 94710
 510-843-9292
info@berkeleyyc.org www.berkeleyyc.org

Regatta Web Site:
<http://www.2015j24nationalsfbay.com/> www.j24class.org/j24sf/
 Lodging and accommodations information
 Charter boat information

Event Chairs:

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