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***2017 J/24 Midwinter Championship***

***February 9 -12, 2017***

***Eau Gallie Yacht Club and Melbourne yacht Club***

***Indian Harbour Beach, Florida***

***[www.J24midwinters2017.com](http://www.J24midwinters2017.com)***

## **Notice of Race**

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.
- 1.2 The only US Sailing prescriptions that will apply are 61.4, 40, Appendix R, 67, 76.1
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 41 will be changed as follows: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each 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.

- 1.5 Bow numbers may 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.
- 1.6 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.7 RRS 44.3 (a) will be 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.
- 1.8 Class rule C.2.1b will be changed in the Sailing Instructions so that the crew that is nominated or listed for the regatta shall remain the same throughout the event except for emergency or extraordinary circumstances and only changed with written permission of the Race Committee or Jury.
- 1.9 Portions of RRS Appendix T may appear in the sailing instructions.
- 1.10 Measurement checks will be performed by the Technical Committee appointed in accordance with Rules 89.2 and 92

## 2. Advertising:

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 3. Eligibility and Entry:

- 3.1 The Midwinter Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form obtained at [www.j24midwinters2017.com](http://www.j24midwinters2017.com) by February 1, 2017
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted February 2, 2016 through Feb 9 2016 with an additional \$50 fee.
- 3.4 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

## 4. Fees:

- 4.1 The required entry fee is \$275.00
- 4.2 Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, prizes, and dinner for crew Friday and Saturday.
- 4.3 Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 4.4 All fees are payable to: **Eau Gallie Yacht Club**

## 5. Schedule:

### 5.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	9 February	0900 – 1700 1400 1700 1900	Registration/ Launch and Crew Weigh-in Practice Race Dock talk by North Sails Welcome Party at the Intracoastal Brewery
Friday	10 February	0800 – 0930  0930 1000 1145  1830	Registration/Crew Weigh-in, Late arrival launching All boats afloat Competitor's Meeting Warning for First Race of the Day Dock Talk after Racing -dockside Dinner at Melbourne Yacht Club
Saturday	11 February	0800 – 0830  1100  1830	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Dock Talk after Racing -dockside Dinner Eau Gallie Yacht Club
Sunday	12 February	0800 – 0830  1100 1400	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day No races to start later than; Awards after Racing

5.2 Ten Races are scheduled over three consecutive days.

5.3 Four races are scheduled for Friday and Saturday and two on Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

## 6. Registration and Measurement:

6.1 At registration each boat shall present:

(a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Boats that do not have a valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to have their boat measured prior to the regatta. No first time or full measurement will be available during the scheduled regatta measurement time.

(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00

(c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the owner and the helmsperson.

6.2 All competitors will be weighed prior to Friday at 0930. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3 Inspection and measurement may be carried out on all boats for compliance with IJCA rule C.6.1 (all up weight of 1330kg.) and on sails for compliance of IJCA rule section G.

6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

**7. Sailing Instructions:**

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration February 9, 2016 and a draft copy published on the website prior to the regatta.

**8. Venue:**

8.1 Racing will take place on the Indian River North of the Eau Gallie causeway.

**9. The Courses:**

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 , 5, 6, or 7 legs.

9.2 The target time for each race is approximately 60 minutes.

9.3 An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.4 A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. Penalty System:**

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 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 Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

**11. Scoring:**

11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

11.2 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 completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. Appendix A will be changed accordingly.

**12. Support Boats:**

12.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4.

12.2 Support boats shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

**13. Berthing:**

13.1 Boats shall be kept at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in their assigned places or areas, as directed by the organizing authority.

**14. Haul-out Restrictions:**

14.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1800 February 10, 2017 and 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.

**15. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:**

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

15.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

**16. Radio Communications:**

16.1 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.

16.2 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions. . Communications may include the hailing of boats on the course side of the starting line. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications.

**17. Prizes:**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 5 Boats and the top 3 boats declared as All Amateur at the Competitor's Meeting

17.2 Daily prizes and the boat that finishes Midfleet , rounded down if necessary.

**18. Disclaimer of Liability:**

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

19.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

**19. Insurance:**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

**20. Media Rights:**

20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Melbourne Yacht Club and Fleet 87 and the event 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 any charge.

**21. Further Information, contact the following:**

Regatta Chair: David Noble 321.779.5222 dave@sailawards.com

Priciple Race Officer: Pat Lambert, 904.237.9369, PatrickLambert@bellsouth.net

Charter boats: Peter Fischel 912.660.8377, littlefischfarm@gmail.com

~~Housing Coordinator: Jackie Cope, jcope2011@hotmail.com~~

**22. Lodging:**

Hilton Melbourne Beach 2 miles

3003 N Hwy A1A, Melbourne, FL 32903

Phone:(321) 777-5000

Double Tree Hotel Indialantic 3 miles

1665 N Hwy A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903

Phone:(321) 723-4222

**23. Launching and Hauling**

Anchorage Yacht Basin

96 E Eau Gallie Blvd., Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

321.773.3620

All launching operations will be during business hours of 0800-1630. Trailer parking will be available at this location. Sunday's loading operations will be coordinated by bow numbers.