



2023 J/24 US National Championship

May 17 – 21 , 2023

Lake George Club — Diamond Pt, NY 12824

The Organizing Authority (OA) comprised of J/24 Fleet 24 and The Lake George Club
in conjunction with the US J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

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[NP] Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and will also be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers will be applied prior to launching by the OA and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

1.3 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.

1.4 Support Vessels – RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

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 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.

1.8 Class rule C.10.2 will be changed by NOR and SI to Class Rule J.2 regarding a spare spinnaker. 1.9

RRS 60.4(a)(1) is changed to read: “...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or...”

1.10 The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.11 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and RRS Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1.

1.12 US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'PFD' link for more information.

2 Advertising

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. (See World Sailing Regulation 20)

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all paid J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.

3.2 Helmsman/Skipper must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.

3.3 Eligible boats may register by completing the online registration process at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=19642 starting May 1, 2023. Registration ends on May 15, 2023 1130 hours. **Entries will be restricted to 40 visiting boats.**

3.4 Refunds – J/24s withdrawing before April 15, 2023, having paid an entrance fee and requesting a refund will receive a refund minus a \$100 administration fee. J/24s withdrawing after April 15, 2023 will not receive a refund. If the event is canceled a refund will be issued less a 5% administration fee.

3.5 No entries will be received after 1130 on May 15, 2023.

3.6 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

4 Fees

4.1 Required entry fees are as follows in US Dollars.

Fee: \$300

Payment is required to secure your registration. Registration is open now.

4.2 Entry fee includes participation in the regatta, launch & haul at LGC, trailer storage, mooring/docking for the duration of the regatta, Grotto Happy hour and light dinner on Friday Night. One Saturday evening dinner ticket for Skipper (others can be purchased) live music Saturday night. Breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday will also be available for a fee. As always, free beer will be available every evening after sailing.

4.3 All entry fees are payable to: Fleet 24.

4.4 There may be optional fees for additional meals and regatta apparel that will be listed on the regatta website and available at the venue.

5 Schedule

5.1 The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing with a maximum of ten (10) races in the event. All launch and social activities will be at LGC. Haul-out order and location will be posted.

5.2

Wednesday 5/17:

- 1200 - 1700 Early launch by permission - LGPC inspections
- 1830 - Start of local, Wed Night Racing - all welcome
- 2000 - After race party at Diamond Point grill

Thursday 5/18:

- 0900 - 1800 Launching/Registration/Sail Measurement only - LGPC inspections
- 1600 First Warning Practice race
- 2000 - After practice race party at Adirondack Brew Pub in Lake George Village

Friday 5/19:

- 0700-1000 Launch by permission only
- 0800-1000 Breakfast at LGC(Fee)
- 1100 Harbor Signal
- 1130 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow
- 1900 Grotto Happy hour and light dinner fare (Formal dinner available for fee in main dining room)

Saturday:

- 0700- 0900 Breakfast at LGC(Fee)
- 0930 Harbor Signal
- 1000 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow
- 1800 Dinner formal attire (Skipper is free, Tickets available for purchase)
- 2000-2300 Live band and dancing
- Fireworks

Sunday:

- 0800-1000 Breakfast at LGC(Fee)
- 0900 Harbor Start
- 0930 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow - No races will start after 1300
- Awards TBA ½ hour after official results posted

6 Onsite Registration and Measurement

6.1 Each boat shall present either electronically prior to check-in or in person upon arrival at the event: — Valid J/24 Measurement Certificate as issued by the IJCA, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment . Email contact: alfie2598@gmail.com

- Proof of current marine liability insurance with a minimum value of \$300,000 per occurrence.
- Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the owner and helmsperson.

6.2 All competitors, including any declared substitute crew members, will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3 All sails will be measured for compliance with IJCA rule C. 10.

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

6.5 There will be no on-site measurement of boats to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate.

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration check-in.

8 Venue

8.1 The 2023 J/24 US National Championship will be held at The Lake George Club, located at 400 Lakeshore Dr, Diamond Point NY 12824

8. The sailing area shall be the waters that lie due east of The Lake George Club, between The Lake George Club and the east shore of Lake George, south of Dome Island and North of Diamond Island.

9 The Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. The target time for races is approximately 70 to 90 minutes (NP). It is the intention of the race committee to utilize windward offset and leeward gate marks.

10 Penalty System

10.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "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. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

10.2 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.

10.3 RRS Appendix T will apply

11 Scoring

11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

12 Support Vessels

12.1 All support vessels shall comply with NOR 1.4.

12.2 Support vessels 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 Moorings and docks are included in the entry fee and are available at The Lake George Club. Competitors are advised to bring enough dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.

13.2 [NP] Boats intending to arrive prior to May 17, 2023 or stay beyond May 21, 2023 shall make arrangements prior to April 15, 2023. This requirement shall not apply to boats with valid storage at the Lake George Club.

13.3 [NP] All boats shall be kept in the assigned area at the LGC.

14 Launching and Haul-Out Restrictions

14.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday, May 18, 2023 unless granted written permission to launch on Friday by the regatta chair. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14.2 Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.

14.3 A member of The Lake George Club must be operating the hoist.

14.4 To expedite haul-out, boats may be assigned to a nearby marina.

15 Other Prohibited Actions

15.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta starting at 1000 Thursday, September 9, 2021 until the end of the day Sunday, September 12, 2021.

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

15.3 Dehumidifiers are not permitted once all boats are afloat per 14.1

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.

16.2 Competitors shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving transmissions of pertinent race information from the OA and race committee.

17 Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top five boats.

17.2 There may be assorted daily awards.

17.3 There will be a prize for the top Master Skipper (age 55+ at date of the event), Junior Skipper (age 30 or less at the date of the event) and Woman Skipper.

17.4 There will be prizes for the top three registered Corinthian teams.

17.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18 Code of Conduct

18.1 All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, and the facilities of the Lake George Club. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverages by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the protest committee and/or the class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the protest committee may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement, or other penalties the protest committee or the OA may deem appropriate.

19 Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, race committee, protest committee, the State of New York, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event 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

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

21 Media Rights

21.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, J/24 Fleet 23, the organizing authority, and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images, video, and sound, recorded during the event and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats, free of any charge.

22 Environmental Impact Reduction & Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention

22.1 Boats must be inspected by the Lake George Park Association before launch.

23 Contact Information

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