

2023 J/24 Midwinter Championship

February 24-26, 2023



Hosted by Eau Gallie Yacht Club
100 Datura Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Organizing Authority (OA): Melbourne Yacht Club, Eau Gallie Yacht Club and the U.S. J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

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The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules apply: RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2, and Appendix R. US Sailing prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org.
- 1.3. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply and are available at <http://j24usa.com/rules-regulations/class-rules/>.
- 1.4. Support Persons - 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 or N over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This is added to the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5. [NP] Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and 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. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. Added to RRS 61.1(a) is 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.
- 1.8. Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3. 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.
- 1.9. Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
- 1.10. RRS 60.4 (a)(1) is changed to read: "...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or..."

2. Sailing Instructions:

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available only online two days before registration opens at the online event site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25481>.

3. Communication:

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on the event site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25481>.
- 3.2. The onshore unofficial noticeboard is located on the whiteboard in the outdoor youth sailing classroom on the North Side of the main clubhouse.
- 3.3. [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on standard channels.
- 3.4. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
- 3.5. The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the competitors on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions.

4. Eligibility and Entry:

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3. **Registration begins November 25, 2022 and ends at 1830 hours on February 23, 2023.** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration on the event page at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25481>.
- 4.4. Entries will be accepted until the end of registration and provided that the restrictions in NoR 4.5 have not been reached.
- 4.5. The following restrictions on the number of entries shall apply: Entry into the championship is limited to the first fifty (50) boats that complete registration and pay the required fees.
- 4.6. A Corinthian Division will be offered. To be considered an entry in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall be defined as World Sailing Group 1 status at the time of registration. For classification info go to https://www.sailing.org/classification_form.php. The organizing authority and race management officials shall have the authority to verify any participants group status to validate that the entry qualifies as Corinthian.
- 4.7. A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Proof of insurance is provided and (c) required waivers are signed.

5. Fees:

- 5.1. The Early Registration Fee is \$350.00 USD which must be paid by 2359 on February 8, 2023. Boats entering on or after February 9, 2023 will be required to pay a Late Fee of \$25.00, which is in addition to the Early Registration Fee.

- 5.2. The Registration Fee includes equipment inspection, launching, hauling, storage/trailer storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, including five (5) tickets for the Saturday night dinner, the J/24 Midwinters Awards and prizes.
- 5.3. Additional individual social function tickets may be purchased at registration for an additional fee. There may be optional fees for regatta apparel that will be listed on the regatta website and/or available at the event.
- 5.4. All fees shall be payable via the event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25481>. **Refunds may be requested via email to littlefishfarms@gmail.com. Refunds in full less a \$50.00 processing fee will be granted up until February 8, 2023.**

6. Crew Limitations:

- 6.1. Crews will be weighed in to comply with the 882 lb. max crew weight and must provide valid ID.

7. Advertising:

- 7.1. Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. Schedule:

- 8.1.

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	February 22	1200 – 1700	Check in/Equipment Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
Thursday	February 23	0900 – 1800 1000 – 1830 1400 1800 1830	Check in/Equipment Inspection/Crew Weigh-in Mobile Crane Launching Available** Practice Race All boats must be afloat Competitor’s Meeting & Opening Ceremonies hosted by Fleet 87 (location TBD)
Friday	February 24	0800 – 0930 1100 1800	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal with additional races to follow Post-Race Social Activities
Saturday	February 25	0800 – 0930 1100 1800	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal with additional races to follow Post-Race Social Activities
Sunday	February 26	0800 – 0930 1100 1300 – 1900 1400	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal with additional races to follow Mobile Crane Retrieval Available ** No warning signal made after this time Social Activities and Awards

- 8.2. *These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for race official approved replacements or crews.
- 8.3. **A mobile crane will be available for boat launching and retrieval. These times are estimates and may change without the requirement of an amendment to this NoR. A revised schedule may be posted on

an official or unofficial notice board or announced to the competitors.

8.4. Ten (10) races are scheduled.

9. Equipment Inspection:

9.1. Each boat shall or verify the existence of a valid IJCA issued measurement certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Only Equipment Inspection will be done at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.

9.2. All equipment and boats are subject to inspection at any time for compliance with class rules prior to and during the event.

10. Venue:

10.1. The racing area will be North of the Eau Gallie Causeway on the Indian River. Attachment #1 shows the location of the venue and the racing area.

11. Courses:

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs

11.2. The target time for each race is approximately 45 - 60 minutes.

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

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

12. Penalty System:

12.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and T (Arbitration) shall apply. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12.2. In accordance with RRS 64.1, class specified penalties may apply for breaking some IJCA rules. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

12.3. Penalties from protest hearings for breaches of rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee.

13. Scoring:

13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

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

13.3. 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.

13.4. The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores, and in accordance with Regatta Regulations 28 and 33.3.

14. Support Person Vessels:

- 14.1. 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.

15. Chartered or Loaned Boats:

- 15.1. Charter boats are available on a first come, first served basis. For information on charter boats, contact Peter Fishel (see Section 25).
- 15.2. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

16. Launching/Retrieval, Berthing and Parking:

- 16.1. Boat Launching, hauling and trailer parking is at Eau Gallie Yacht Club.
- 16.2. Overflow trailer parking will be at Gleason Park directly across S. Patrick Dr from Eau Gallie Yacht Club.
- 16.3. A mobile crane will be available at Eau Gallie Yacht Club for boat launching and retrieval during the times designated by the organizing authority.
- 16.4. Competitors may also launch and/or retrieve their boat at The Anchorage Yacht Basin for \$5/ft per service. Competitors will be required to coordinate their own efforts to arrange and pay for these services. Selected boat ramps may also be available.
- 16.5. [NP] Boats shall be kept in the designated locations as directed by the organizing authority.

17. Haul-out Restrictions:

- 17.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with permission from Event Technical Chair. This restriction applies to rudders as well.

18. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools:

- 18.1. [DP] 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.
- 18.2. [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

19. Risk Statement:

- 19.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

20. Insurance:

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

21. Prizes:

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing entries.

21.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) Corinthian finishing entries.

21.3. A prize will be awarded to the boat that finishes mid-fleet, score rounded if necessary.

21.4. If there are five or more qualifying entries in which the entire crew is comprised of women, prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) women's finishing entries.

21.5. If there are two or more qualifying entries in which the entire crew is comprised of crew under the age of 25 sailed boats in the regatta, a prize will be awarded for the top finishing entry.

21.6. Other prizes may be listed in the Sailing instructions.

22. Disclaimer of Liability:

22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

23. Media Rights:

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the U.S. J/24 Class Association 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.

24. Qualification for a Subsequent Event:

The highest placing U.S. driver and Corinthian driver not previously qualified will be awarded a berth for the 2024 J/24 World Championship in Seattle, USA.

25. Further Information

Peter Fischel – Event Contact & Charter Boats	912-660-8377	littlefischfarms@gmail.com
Chris Howell – Director US J/24 Class	440-796-3100	director@j24class.org
Rick Jarchow – District 10 Governor & Charter Boats	954-562-4948	rick.jarchow.jr@gmail.com
Mike Dawson – Chief Judge	813-744-3348	mwd571@gmail.com
Pat Lambert – Principal Race Officer	321-261-4794	patricklambert@bellsouth.net

Attachment #1 to Notice of Race

