

# SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB



## NOTICE OF RACE 2023 J/24 CORINTHIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEST SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and  
Sunday  
September 6 to 10, 2023  
South Bay San Diego

[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), except [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.2 The [Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association \(IJCA\)](#) shall apply.
- 1.3 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 her last race of the day. This changes the preamble in Part 4 rules.
- 1.4 [NP][DP] Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the event. 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 event.
- 1.5 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for their event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 The Protest Jury may impose penalties less than disqualifications (DPI), for violations of the class rules other than of Part 1 and 2.
- 1.9 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited, declared crew substitution. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the technical committee.
- 1.10 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by **1900 on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, on the online official notice board.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [event site](#), or through the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 The unofficial onshore notice board is located on the Staff Commodore Room windows.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may choose to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4 [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF channels
- 3.5 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except for an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.6 [NP][DP] A representative of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, protest committee and technical committee may use email to communicate with competitors before the event and while boats are in the harbour.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 This is a Corinthian Regatta. Each member of the crew shall provide a valid World Sailing Group 1 status at the time of registration.
- 4.3 The 2023 J/24 Corinthian Nationals Championship West is open to J/24 class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 4.4 Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.5 Registration begins **June 1, 2023**, and ends **September 1, 2023**, at **1700**. Eligible boats may enter by completing the required registration form on the [event page](#).
- 4.6 Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration, and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Entries received after **August 22, 2023**, will be accepted with a **\$100** additional fee, making the total entry fee **\$400** providing the restrictions in NOR 4.5 have not been reached.

### **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The required entry fee is **\$300** which must be paid by **August 22, 2023**. Boat entering after **August 22, 2023**, will be required to pay the late fee described in NOR 4.7.
- 5.2 The Registration Fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew (**Opening Ceremony cocktail hour on Thursday; Dinner on Friday and Saturday; trophies and hors d'oeuvres on Sunday; Race Committee Expenses**), and prizes.
- 5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 5.4 All fees shall be payable immediately through the [event site](#). Refunds may be requested via email to [sailfleet@southwesternyc.org](mailto:sailfleet@southwesternyc.org). Refunds in full less a \$50 processing fee will be granted up until **August 22, 2023**.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The first warning signal will be at **1155** hours on **Friday, September 8, 2023, Saturday, September 9, 2023, and Sunday, September 10, 2023**, with the first start at **1200** hours. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable.
- 6.2 Maximum of Ten (10) races are scheduled over three (3) consecutive days.
- 6.3 There is a time limit of **1630** for all racing. This changes RRS 35.
- 6.4

Per-Arrival	Times	Event
June 1, 2023		Registration Opens
August 22, 2023		Early Registration closes - \$300
August 23, 2023		Late Registration opens - \$400
September 1, 2023	1700	Online Registration Closes
<b>Event</b>		
Wednesday, September 6	1300	Registration Opens
Wednesday, September 6	1300-1700	Sail and Boat Inspection and Crew Weigh-in
Wednesday, September 6	1700	Registration Closes for the day
Wednesday, September 6	1800-2030	Cocktail Hour – No Host
Thursday, September 7	1000	Registration Opens
Thursday, September 7	1000-1700	Sail and Boat Inspection and Crew Weigh-in
Thursday, September 7	1300-1600	Practice Race – North Bay
Thursday, September 7	1700	Registration Closes
Thursday, September 7	1800	All Bloats Afloat
Thursday, September 7	1830-2030	Opening Ceremony – Skipper/Crew Cocktail Hour
Friday, September 8	0800-1000	Competitor’s Breakfast – No Host Buffet
Friday, September 8	0930	Competitor’s Briefing
Friday, September 8	1000	Boats Off the Dock to South Bay
Friday, September 8	1155	Warning – First Race of the Day
Friday, September 8	1830-2100	Competitor’s Dinner with Music
Saturday, September 9	0800-1000	Competitor’s Pancake Breakfast – SWYC Junior’s Fund Raiser – No Host
Saturday, September 9	1000	Boats Off the Dock to South Bay
Saturday, September 9	1155	Warning – First Race of the Day
Saturday, September 9	1830-2100	Competitor’s Dinner with Music
Sunday, September 10	0800-1000	Competitor’s Breakfast – No Host Buffet
Sunday, September 10	1000	Boats Off the Dock to South Bay
Sunday, September 10	1155	Warning - first race of the day
Sunday, September 10	1530	No warning signal after this time
Sunday, September 10	1800-2000	Closing ceremony – Trophies and hor d’oeuvres

## **7 ADVERTISING**

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **8 REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION**

- 8.1 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have photo identification at weigh-in.
- 8.2 All sails will be inspected for royalty stickers and shall have one on the sail. In the event a sail has been previously measured and bears a measurement stamp, it is up to the discretion of the measurer(s) whether or not to conduct a full or abbreviated measurement of the sail.
- 8.3 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for any class rules, safety gear and J24 class equipment during the event. Boats are assumed to have all equipment.
- 8.4 On or before Friday, September 1, 2023, each competitor shall upload the following documentation to their online entry:
- 2023 J/24 Corinthian National Championship West Self Compliance Form. Available online at [event website](#) or at registration.
  - J/24 Class Association membership in the county they represent for the boat owner and the driver.
  - Proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 status for each sailing crew member

If there are any changes to previously submitted documentation, the above documentation shall be submitted via email to [sailfleet@southwesternyc.org](mailto:sailfleet@southwesternyc.org) or be submitted at the time of registration before registration closes.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 The event will be held at [Southwestern Yacht Club](#) located in San Diego, CA. See Attachment A.
- 9.2 The racing area will be the South San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay. See Attachment A.
- 9.3 The starting area will be in the vicinity of buoy SD30.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 All courses will be windward/leeward. It is the intention of the race committee to utilize windward offset and leeward gate marks.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 RRS Appendix T: *Arbitration*
- 11.2 RRS Appendix V: *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 12.2 Maximum of Ten (10) races are scheduled over three (3) consecutive days.
- 12.3 Each boat's regatta score shall be the total of their race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

### **13 SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 13.1 Visiting support vessels may or may not have access to launching, docking, or mooring facilities. Arrangements must be made with the Organizing Authority (OA) or with other area facilities.
- 13.2 Support vessels shall register during registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority, provide proof of insurance, and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in the case of infringement, may act according to RRS 64.5.

### **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1 [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips or designated area, as directed by the organizing authority.

### **15 LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall be afloat by **1800** on **September 7, 2023**, and shall not be hauled out during the event except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Technical Committee Chair. Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.
- 15.2 A member of Southwestern Yacht Club must be present while the hoist is in use.

### **16 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

- 16.1 [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 event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 16.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 16.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

### **17 PRIZES**

- 17.1 Trophies will be awarded at the After-Race Social and Closing Ceremony at SWYC as soon as possible after racing, **Sunday, September 10, 2023**. The SWYC membership invites all racers to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse during the regatta.
- 17.2 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top four (4) finishing entries.
- 17.3 There may be assorted daily awards.
- 17.4 The *J/24 Corinthian National Champion West Trophy* will be awarded to the first-place boat in the class.
- 17.5 The *J/24 Junior Corinthian National Champion West Trophy* Award will be awarded to the top Junior Skipper (comprised of crew in which none are over the age of 25 years on the first day of the event).
- 17.6 The *J/24 Mixed Plus Division Corinthian National Champion West Trophy* will be awarded to the top Mixed Plus Team (female driver or 2 or more women crew onboard).
- 17.7 The top two (2) finishers at the 2023 J/24 Corinthian National Championships West receive a berth to the 2024 US Worlds Championship in Seattle, Washington.

## **18 RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1 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. 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. The race organizers (SWYC, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or another 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 participation in this event. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against SWYC and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.
- 18.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided at weigh-in.

## **19 INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party liability insurance.

## **20 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the USA J/24 Class Association, Southwestern Yacht Club, 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**

Organizing Authority Representative - Bill Ramacciotti, [sailfleet@southwesternyc.org](mailto:sailfleet@southwesternyc.org)  
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Regatta Principal Race Officer - Colleen Cooke, [sailorcookie@cox.net](mailto:sailorcookie@cox.net)  
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