



47th J/24 Changing of the Colors & Great Lakes World Championship Regatta

Friday September 26th,- Sunday, September 28th 2025

J/24, Fleet 24 welcomes you to the
Lake George Club, Diamond Point, New York, 12824 (518) 668-5734

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **Advertising** The regatta is designated a Category C event with restrictions as defined in Rule 2.6.1 of the IJCA Class Rules.
3. **Eligibility** The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules. All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. Pursuant to rule 64.1, with reference to the ISAF eligibility code, regulation 21.2.1(h); the penalty for violation by a crew member, shall be a warning.
4. **Advanced registration** is highly recommended and may be completed online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. Advanced registrations shall be received no later than **September 26, 2025**. All boats shall submit the entry form *before launching*. A maximum of 50 boats is set. **Crew substitution is allowed. This changes the J24 class rule 5.3.**
5. **LCPC invasive species mandatory inspection.** The Lake George Park Commission will be inspecting boats at The Lake George Club on Friday, 1200 – 1900. Make sure your bilge, wells, motor, lazarettes and lines are clean and dry! Any part of the boat holding water will require a trip to the cleaning station in Bolton Landing. Leave your mast down during inspection, in case you must take your boat to the cleaning station. All boats must have the LGPC wire and tag certifying that your boat has been inspected before putting your boat in position at The Lake George Club to launch. Additional LGPC inspection locations and hours of operation are found at www.LGBoatinspections.com.
6. **Schedule**

Thursday, September 25th	Crew Weigh In	1500-1800	
Friday, September 26th	Crew Weigh In	0900-1900	
	LGPC Boat Inspection	1000-1900	LGC Boat Yard
	Check-in	1000-2000	LGC Junior Club Room
	Launching	1000-2000	LGC Hoist
	Practice Race	1500	
	Race Clinic	tentative	South Docks
	Welcome party	1600 onwards	Grotto
Saturday, September 27th	Crew Weigh In	0800-0900	
	Skippers Meeting	0830	LGC Front Steps
	Harbor Signal	0900	LGC Harbor
	Warning Signal, Race 1	0930	Starting Area
	Post Racing Keg	1600-1800	LGC Bar
	Cocktails	1730 1830	LGC Bar
	Dinner (tickets required)	1830	LGC Main Dining Room
	Entertainment/Dancing	1900-2200	LGC Main Dining Room
Sunday, September 28th	Harbor Signal	0900	LGC Harbor

Warning Signal, Race 1	0930	Starting Area
No warning signal after	1400	
Post Racing Keg	1400-1600 LGC Bar	
Lunch (pay) Immediately following racing		LGC Main Dining Room
Awards Presentation	1400 or ASAP	LGC Main Dining Room

7. **A valid Measurement Certificate and a valid J/24 class transom sticker** are required. Crew weight may be requested and/or inspected at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

8. **Sailing Instructions** will be available at check-in.

9. **Bow numbers**, determined by the order of receipt of entries, will be furnished to each competitor. The numbers shall be affixed on both port and starboard sides of the bow in accordance with Bow Number Instructions.

10. **Courses** The courses (windward/leeward). Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark will be used.

11. Penalties

11.1 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.”

11.2 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.

11.3 RRS Appendix T will apply

12. **Scoring.** The scoring system will be as defined in the RRS, Appendix A. A minimum of one completed race is required to constitute a regatta. When two or more races have been sailed, a boat/s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score (may be modified at a later time by the RC).

13. **Waste disposal** or discharge of waste into Lake George, human or otherwise, is illegal and may be considered misconduct under RRS Part 5, in addition to fines and/or penalties as prescribed by the Lake George Park Commission and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

14. **Personal flotation** is required for all competitors, due to water temperatures.

15. **Launching of boats** will be on Friday, September 26th from 0900 to 2000. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of, prior permission of the jury.

16. Haul-out sequence.

- 1) Haul out at the end of the regatta is designated by the RC. The order will be determined by the distance traveled (boats that traveled the farthest will be hauled out first). Bow numbers CAN NOT be removed until after the boat is hauled out. Boats missing their bow numbers will be put at the back of the line.

17. **Radio Communication.** Marine VHF radio channel 72 may be used to communicate with the fleet. 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.

18. **Prizes** will be awarded to

- 1st – 5th place, helmsman & crew (6th – 10th place, helmsman recognition)
- “Changing of the Colors Fleet Trophy” (awarded to the top visiting fleet)
- “Best Local Boat Trophy” (awarded to the top finisher of Fleet 24)
- “Mid-Fleet” award

- **Random Bow number draw**

19. **Disclaimer of Liability.** 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 rule 4, Decision to Race. J/24 Fleet 24 and The Lake George Club and their officers, members, staff, and volunteers, and any other affiliated organization or official, including the Town of Bolton and the State of New York and their departments and agencies (“Race Organizers”), will not be responsible for, and participants hereby release them from, any claim, cause of action or liability for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after this regatta 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.** Owners of all boats wishing to participate in and/or registering for this regatta, or desiring to use any facilities of The Lake George Club in connection with this regatta, must first provide proof of liability insurance by a valid third-party insurer with coverage of **not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 personal injury and \$30,000 property damage**. A copy of current policy declarations is sufficient. Further, all boats are required to carry a current Lake George Park Commission registration sticker. For visiting boats only, these will be provided at registration, and the fee is included in the entry fee.

21. **Further Information** please contact Alfie Merchant, COC Regatta Chairman, at his e-mail Address: alfie2598@gmail.com

22. **Measurement** will be by appointment only. Contact Alfie Merchant, 21. **Further Information** please contact Alfie Merchant, COC Regatta Chairman, at his e-mail Address: alfie2598@gmail.com
There is a \$75 fee to offset the shipping of scales and templates.

23. **Lodging.**

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