



2014 J/24 East Coast Championship
October 31 - November 2, 2014
Hosted by Severn Sailing Association
Fleet8
Annapolis, MD



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority shall be the Severn Sailing Association (SSA), in conjunction with the US J/24 Fleet 8.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing including the US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS), the International J/24 Class Association Class (IJCA) Rules.
- 2.2 RRS 63.7 is replaced with “If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) and a rule in the SI, the rule in the SI shall take precedence.”
- 2.3 RRS 64.1 is modified by Attachment B to permit the Protest Committee to use discretionary penalties for breaking certain IJCA Rules.
- 2.4 US Sailing’s Prescriptions to RRS 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 2.5 The Regatta is designated a Category C event as defined by ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code as modified by IJCA Rule 2.6.
- 2.6 Any questions regarding these SI shall be submitted in writing to the registration desk or protest desk located at Severn Sailing Association (SSA). The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board no later than 0800 of the day following submission.
- 2.7 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after the boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all J/24 Class sailing boats in compliance with the J/24 Class Rules.

4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1 Entries may be made on line. <http://www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com>
- 4.2 Entry fee is \$250.00 if entry is completed before 0900, October 30.
- 4.3 A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed after 0900, October 30.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Schedule is as follows.

Thursday, October 30	1400-2000	Registration
	1500-2000	Refreshment and Pizza (1800)
Friday October 31	0800-0830	Registration
	0900	Skipper’s Meeting
	0945	All boats launched
	1130	Warning signal for 1 st race of day

	After racing	Refreshments
	1900	Restaurant night in Annapolis with your team
Saturday November 1	1100	Warning signal for 1 st race of day
	After racing	Refreshments
	1900-2400	Dinner and Party at SSA
Sunday November 2	1100	Warning Signal for 1 st race of day
	After Racing	Refreshments

5.2 A total of 8 races are scheduled to be sailed. No race will start after 1400 on Sunday, November 3.

6. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

6.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the IJCA Rules.

7. SAILING INTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be online at <http://www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com/> and available at the Skippers' Meeting.

8. COURSES

8.1 Windward/Leeward courses of 3, 4 or 5 legs will be sailed on the Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of the Severn River. See attachment A.

9. SCORING

9.1 A minimum of two completed races are required to constitute a regatta.

9.2 RRS Appendix A is changed such that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 Protest forms must be completed within one hour of signal boat docking.

10.2 Protest hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

10.3 Protest arbitrations see attachment C.

11. PRIZES

11.1 The winning helmsperson of the regatta will be named the 2013 J/24 East Coast Champion.

11.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top five boats overall.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A
RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT B

PENALTIES FOR BREAKING SOME IJCA CLASS RULES

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain IJCA Rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in RRS 44.3© and shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

IJCA RULE	INFRINGEMENT	SCORING PENALTY
2.5.6	Either the Measurement Certificate or the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are not on board.	20%
2.6	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions.	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
3.8.5	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day.	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board.	20%
4.3	Anchor, outboard motor, battery, or fuel container is not secured against movement.	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord used in the standing or running rigging.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed, and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%
8.1.4	The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment.	20%

ATTACHMENT C

PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 1) RRS Rule 44.1 is modified by adding, "A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a penalty after the race and prior to the start of a protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c) unless the sailing instructions state a different penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire."
- 2) RRS Rule 63.1 is modified by adding, "The Arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the Protest Committee."
- 3) An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31 unless the Arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, must be present. No witnesses are permitted. After taking testimony from each party, the Arbitrator will reach one of the following conclusions:
 - a) The protest is invalid. The Arbitrator will allow the Protestor to withdraw their protest.
 - b) No boat broke a rule. The Arbitrator will allow the Protestor to withdraw their protest.
 - c) One or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31. Each of those boats may take a scoring penalty as described in SI D1. If the Arbitrator believes that all boats (whether present or not) that may have broken a rule have accepted an appropriate penalty, the Arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn.
 - d) A protest hearing is appropriate. Neither the Arbitrator nor the Protest Committee will allow the protest to be withdrawn.
- 4) The Protest Committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted a penalty in accordance with SI D3(c) shall not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the Protest Committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31.