



Notice of Race
2017 Hospice Regattas National Championship
Hosted by the Oswego Yacht Club
August 17-20 2017

1. Organizing Authority

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Oswego Yacht Club (OYC) PO Box 13, Oswego NY, 13126, 315-343-9459, oswegoyachtclub.org, in partnership with the National Hospice Regatta Alliance (NHRA) www.hospiceregattas.org .

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The regatta will be competed in J/24 keelboats loaned for the purposes of the regatta by members of the District 7 J/24 Class. J/24 class rules will not be in effect.
- 2.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This changes RRS 64.1(a)

3. Advertising

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted from skippers who have been selected by the local hospice regatta organizers and who have been invited by the NHRA to compete in the Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing.
- 4.2 An Entry Form may be found online at the yachtscoring.com website.
- 4.3 Entries will be accepted starting 3/10/17 for all invited skippers. Entries received after the maximum fleet number has been met will be placed on a waiting list and notified if a boat becomes available.

4.5 The final entry deadline for those invited from the waiting list is June 1, 2017. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA.

5. Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority

5.1 Please be aware that all J/24's are privately owned and leased or loaned for the event. Please treat the boats gently.

5.2 J/24 class rules will not be in effect.

5.3 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association will not apply.

6. Boat Assignments and Format

6.1 Boat and sail assignments will be determined by a random drawing prior to each day's racing. No skipper will sail the same boat twice or use the same suit of sails twice.

6.2 The regatta will be held August 17, 2017 - August 20 2017. 10 races are scheduled.

6.3 The champion will be the low point scorer for the regatta.

7. Fees

7.1 Entry Fee: The Championship entry is \$500, which includes (5) passes to all the "Competitor's Social" events, and (5) passes to the Saturday night dinner. Additional social and dinner passes may be purchased at regatta check-in.

7.2 Registration will close May 1, 2017

7.3 Security Deposit: All skippers are required to post a \$500 boat damage security deposit prior to the close of check in on August 17 2017. Only personal checks will be accepted made out to the Oswego Yacht Club. If a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the OA, the deposit shall be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

8. Schedule

Thursday, August 17th

1200-1600 Practice

0900-1800 Check-in

1700 Competitor's meeting and safety briefing OYC deck/tent

1730 Competitor's Social OYC deck/tent

1830 Dinner

Friday, August 18th

0730 Continental Breakfast OYC Club House

0800 Boat and Sail Draw OYC deck

1000 First Warning Signal

1700 Competitor's Social OYC deck/tent

1800 Dinner-

Saturday, August 19th

0730 Continental Breakfast OYC Club House

0800 Boat and Sail Draw OYC Deck

1000 First warning Signal

1700 Competitor's Social OYC tent

1800 Dinner & Silent Auction OYC tent

Sunday, August 20th

0730 Continental Breakfast OYC Club House

0800 Boat and Sail Draw OYC Deck

1000 First warning Signal

1400 No warning signal after this time

Award Ceremony Following Racing OYC deck/tent

9. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the Competitor's Briefing. A preliminary version may be posted on the Yacht Scoring website when available.

10. Venue

Waters of Lake Ontario outside of Oswego Harbor. Starting area will be approximately .5 miles from the Oswego Lighthouse.

11. The Courses

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-leeward courses, an offset mark and a gate mark may be offered.

12. Penalty Systems

The sailing instructions will invoke US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (*ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES*).

13. Scoring

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified:

13.1.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.1.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

14. Berthing

All boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor, at The Oswego Yacht Club.

15. Haul-out Restriction

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written agreement of the race committee.

16. Diving Equipment and hull cleaning restriction

16.1 Competitors shall not enter the water to clean the hulls, nor shall they clean hulls between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.

16.3 All cleaning of hulls will be done by Regatta Organizers prior to the regatta.

17. Radio Communication

Use of a handheld VHF radio will be permitted for monitoring weather channels or Race Committee communications to competitors on VHF channel 72, alternate channel 71. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to supplement verbal hails of OCS boats after the start and to make other announcements to the fleet. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RR 62.1 (a).

18. Awards

Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. The winning team will be awarded the Virginia Brown Inspiration Trophy, kept and displayed by the winning team until the next Championship.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

20. Crew Limitations

20.1 The number of participants per boat (skipper plus crew) will be a maximum of 5 with a minimum of 4.

20.2 Each team shall register their designated skipper and crew at registration.

20.3 Crew substitutions will be permitted with advance written permission from the race committee.

(Approved substitutions will be posted on the official bulletin board.)

21. Safety and Other Equipment

21.1 All competitors shall attend a short safety and orientation briefing from Oswego Yacht Club personnel (Thursday, August 17th, 1700 either under OYC tent or on OYC deck.)

21.2 Competitors shall wear US Coast Guard Approved PFDs at all times while afloat, except briefly while adding or removing clothing.

21.3 Competitors may bring other personal equipment on board the racing boat. This includes a compass, stopwatch, tools and non-residue leaving tape. All items shall be removed when the team departs the boat.

21.4 Boats will be prepared by the OA. Participants shall make no adjustment to the standing rigging or mast deck blocks, or any other modifications to permanently mounted hardware will be allowed, except for adjustment of the backstay tension. Further information may be provided in the sailing instructions.

22. Lodging

Information regarding lodging will be included in letter or e-mail to competitors.

23. Further Information:

For further information please contact either John Gary at either jtgary85@gmail.com or 315-591-5078 or Dan Mather at dansailj30@gmail.com or 315-592-8521