

**2014 J/24 World Championship**  
**September 21 - 26, 2014**  
**Sail Newport Sailing Center**  
**Newport, Rhode Island, USA**  
**Notice of Race**

The Organizing Authority (OA) comprised of J/24 Fleet 50 and Sail Newport in conjunction with the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), are proud to invite qualified J/24 sailors to the 2014 World Championship Regatta to be held September 21 - 26, 2014 in Newport, Rhode Island.

**1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016.
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1 and 61.4. They appear in full in Appendix A.
- 1.3. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 41 will be changed as follows: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41 from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This will change the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.5. Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be 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. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8. Part 5, Section B of the RRS and RRS 41 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. RRS 44.3 will be changed so that code flag "I" may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag "I") shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.11. Class rule 5.3 will be changed so that the crew that is listed for the regatta shall remain the same throughout the event except for emergency or extraordinary circumstances and only changed with written permission of the Jury.

**2. Advertising**

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1. The World 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.
- 3.2. Championship helmspersons must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent, and they must have qualified as defined by their National J/24 Class Association to represent their country.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the required form available on the event website by 17.00 hrs on August 31, 2014 (EDT).
- 3.4. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

### **4. Fees**

- 4.1. The required entry fee is as follows:  
Regular entry (prior to July 1, 2014) - \$725  
Late entry (prior to September 1, 2014) - \$875
- 4.2. No entries will be accepted after September 1, 2014 except at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3. Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, dockage while at the regatta, racing, prizes, scheduled social functions for all crew, and may include meals, beer and non-alcoholic beverages and entertainment. There may be additional fees for optional meals and regatta apparel that will be listed on the regatta website.
- 4.4. Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at Check-in for an additional fee.
- 4.5. Entry fees are payable to Sail Newport via the Yacht Scoring entry system.

### **5. Schedule**

#### Thursday, September 18

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| 0800 - 1700 | Check-in and crew weigh-in (Mule Barn) |
| 0800 - 1700 | Sail Measurement (Mule Barn)           |
| 0800 - 1700 | Boat Measurement and launching         |

#### Friday, September 19

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| 0800 - 1700 | Check-in and crew weigh-in (Mule Barn) |
| 0800 - 1700 | Sail Measurement (Mule Barn)           |
| 0800 - 1700 | Boat Measurement and launching         |

#### Saturday, September 20

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| 0800 - 1700 | Check-in and crew weigh-in (Mule Barn) |
| 0800 - 1700 | Sail Measurement (Mule Barn)           |
| 0800 - 1700 | Boat Measurement and launching         |

#### Sunday, September 21

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| 1300 | Initial Warning Signal for Practice Race |
| 1800 | Opening Ceremony (Waterfront Center)     |

#### Monday, September 22- RACE DAY ONE

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| 1100 | Initial Warning Signal for first race of the day |
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After Racing              Post Race gathering at Sail Newport

**Tuesday, September 23- RACE DAY TWO**

1100                      Initial Warning Signal for first race of the day

After Racing              Post Race gathering at TBA

**Wednesday, September 24- RACE DAY THREE**

1100                      Initial Warning Signal for first race of the day

After Racing              Post Race gathering at TBA

**Thursday, September 25- RACE DAY FOUR**

1100                      Initial Warning Signal for first race of the day

After Racing              Post Race gathering at TBA

**Friday, September 26- RACE DAY FIVE**

1030                      Initial Warning Signal for first race of the day

1400                      No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time

After Racing              Awards and Post Race Celebration

- 5.1. Ten races maximum are scheduled over five consecutive days.
- 5.2. Two races are scheduled per day except that no more than one race may be scheduled on the first day unless a successful practice race has been held. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed on a single day.

## **6. Check-in and Measurement**

**6.1. At Check-in each boat shall present:**

- A valid IJCA issued Measurement Certificate Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$ 300,000 per occurrence valid on the East Coast of the United States while racing. Boats not complying with insurance requirements will not be allowed to race until and unless insurance requirements are met.
- Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the owner and the helmsperson.

**6.2. All competitors will be weighed during Check-in. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.**

**6.3. Full measurement will be carried out on all boats and sails in accordance with the class rules. There will be no on-site measurement of boats for the purposes of obtaining or modifying a Measurement Certificate.**

**6.4. Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.**

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online after September 19, 2014 on the event website and during Check-in.

## **8. Venue**

- 8.1. The 2014 World Championship will be held in the United States at the Sail Newport Sailing Center, located at 60 Fort Adams Drive Newport, RI 02840  
phone: 401.846.1983  
website: [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)
- 8.2. Racing will take place either in Rhode Island Sound at the mouth of Narragansett Bay or north of Newport Bridge in the waters of Narragansett Bay. NOR Appendix B details the potential racing areas.

## **9. The Courses**

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with four (4) or five (5) legs.
- 9.2. The target time for each race is approximately 75 – 90 minutes.
- 9.3. An offset mark at the weather mark will be used.
- 9.4. A gate at the leeward mark will be used.

## **10. Penalty System**

- 10.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, [www.j24class.org](http://www.j24class.org).
- 10.2. An International Jury will be appointed according to RRS 70.5, whose decisions will be final.
- 10.3. Arbitration may be used prior to the protest hearing for incidents involving the rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.
- 10.4. Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website, [www.j24class.org](http://www.j24class.org).

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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. RRS Appendix A will be changed accordingly.

## **12. Support Boats**

- 12.1. Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4.
- 12.2. Support boats shall register during scheduled Check-in, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the Organizing Authority. If provided, a \$50 fee will apply if the flag is lost or damaged beyond repair.
- 12.3. Dockage will be available on a limited basis and will be subject to published rates. Support boats looking for dockage during the event should contact Vinnie Pattavina by phone (401.846.1983) or email ([vinnie@sailnewport.org](mailto:vinnie@sailnewport.org)).

## **13. Berthing**

- 13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or areas, as directed by the Organizing Authority. J24 dockage is included in the entry fee and is available at Sail Newport's Piers. Competitors are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.
- 13.2. Boats intending to arrive at Sail Newport prior to September 18 or stay beyond September 26 must make arrangements with Sail Newport by contacting Vinnie Pattavina by phone (401.846.1983) or via email ([vinnie@sailnewport.org](mailto:vinnie@sailnewport.org)).

#### **14. Launch Deadline and Haul-out Restrictions**

- 14.1. Boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Sunday, September 21 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury. This includes rudders.

#### **15. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions**

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

#### **16. Radio Communications**

- 16.1. Except in an emergency, 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 and data devices.
- 16.2. The Race Committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the Sailing Instructions. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio onboard capable of receiving these communications.

#### **17. Prizes**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 15% of boats entered. There will be assorted daily awards
- 17.2. A prize will be awarded to the top youth entry comprised of a crew in which none are over the age of 25 years.
- 17.3. A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.

#### **18. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 18.1. 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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Jury, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated 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 practice for or participation in this event 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.

18.2. All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form and Photographic Release to be provided in the Check-in package.

## **19. Code of Conduct**

19.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility, and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverage by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the Jury and/or the class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the Jury may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement, or other penalties the Jury or the OA may deem appropriate.

## **20. Insurance**

20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance as described in 6.1.

## **21. Media Rights**

21.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, J 24 Fleet 50, the Organizing Authority, Sail Newport, 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.

## **22. Further Information**

22.1. For further information, please see the event website [here](#).

22.2. Trailer Storage: Boats will be provided designated space at the Sail Newport Sailing Center allocated according to bow numbers (to be assigned). It is intended that trailers will remain in assigned spaces for the duration of the event after boats have launched.

22.3. Haul-out: Boats will be expected to haul out in accordance with instructions provided during Check-in.

22.4. Lodging and camping information: Information on local housing possibilities and a list of local hotels can be found on the event website.

22.5. Charter boats: There are a number of local boats available for charter. Click [here](#) for more information or contact our charter boat manager, [Will Welles](#).

22.6. Social events: There are a number of social events planned throughout the event. More detailed information will be posted on the event website as it becomes available.

22.7. The Race Committee will be chaired by Anderson Reggio (USA).  
The International Jury will be chaired by Willii Gohl (GER).

### **Organizing Authority**

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## **NOR Appendix A**

### **US SAILING Prescriptions**

The following US SAILING prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1, and added rule 61.4 shall apply:

**Rule 67**           After rule 67 add:

US SAILING prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

**Rule 76.1**           After rule 76.1 add:

US SAILING prescribes that an Organizing Authority or Race Committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

**Rule 61.4**           Add rule 61.4:

#### **61.4   Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress**

US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.



## NOR APPENDIX B Race Area Locations

**Rendezvous A:** 0.5 nm SE (140° mag) from R "2"  
South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound

**Rendezvous B:** In the vicinity of Halfway Rock in  
the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, North of  
the Newport Bridge and Gould Island

**Rendezvous C:** 0.5 nm SW (240° mag) from R "2"  
Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound

