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2021 J/24 Midwinter Championship

26 February – 28 February 2021

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Twelve USA, Inc., in conjunction with USJCA District 10, USJCA Fleet 10 and the U.S. J/24 Class Association Miami, Florida, USA
Host Venue - Shake-A-Leg-Miami

NOTICE OF RACE

The Notice Of Race Has Been Revised on 1/25/21 to Be In Compliance the Covid 19 Health Precautions.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply.
- 1.3. Support Persons - 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 racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP or N over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This is added to the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.4. Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and 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.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. Added to RRS 61.1(a) is 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.

- 1.7. Class rule C.2.1(b) will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
- 1.8. RRS 60.4 (a)(1) is changed to read: "...but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or..."

2. Advertising:

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and World Sailing 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 Midwinter 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 drivers 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 online registration at Yacht Scoring https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=13200 and paying the required fees by **2359 hrs on February 5, 2021.**
- 3.4. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: A \$50.00 USD late fee applies, providing there is still space available.
- 3.5. The following restrictions on the number of entries shall apply: Entry into the championship is limited to the first 35 boats that complete registration and pay the required fees.
- 3.6. A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Proof of insurance is provided (c) Participants & Covid-19 waiver is signed and Covid-19 negative test results are submitted.

4. Fees:

- 4.1. The required entry fee is \$375.00 USD
- 4.2. Fee includes equipment inspection, launching, hauling, storage/trailer storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions (if any) for all crew including five tickets for the J/24 Midwinters Awards dinner and prizes.
- 4.3. Additional individual social function (if any) tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 4.4. All fees **must be paid online** by credit card or PayPal at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13200>.
- 4.5. *Entry fees will not be refundable for cancelled entries after February 5th, 2021 unless it is due to a positive covid-19 test (proof of evidence of the test will be required) or something that happens that is out of the control of a sailor/team in which case a full refund will be provided. If the OA has to cancel the event then a full refund of entry fees will be provided.*

5. Schedule:

- 5.1.

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	25 February	0900 – 1700 1800 1800	Check in/Crew Weigh-in All boats must be afloat Zoom Skipper’s Meeting
Friday	26 February	0800 – 0930 1100	Check in/Crew Weigh-in * First Warning Signal with additional races to follow
Saturday	27 February	0800 – 0930 1100	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal with additional races to follow
Sunday	28 February	0800 – 0930 1100 1400	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal with additional races to follow No warning signal made after this time

5.2. *These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for race official approved replacements or crews.

5.3. Ten races are scheduled.

6. Registration and Inspection:

6.1. It is mandatory that the following documents be emailed to mwpincus@aol.com and zanobinis@gmail.com prior to registration day:

- Valid IJCA issues Measurement Certificate, including Part C form of Required and Optional Equipment
- Event Waiver
- Covid-19 Waiver
- Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00 USD
- Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the helmsperson

6.2. Only Equipment Inspection will be done at the regatta.

6.3. All competitors will be weighed during check in. Competitors must have a valid ID at weigh in.

6.4. All equipment and boats are subject to inspection at any time for compliance with class rules.

7. Sailing Instructions:

The Sailing Instructions will be available **online** prior to the event at:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=13200

8. Venue:

Attachment #1 shows the location of the Shake-A-Leg Host location and the racing area.

9. The Courses:

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs

9.2. The target time for each race is approximately 60 minutes.

9.3. An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.4. A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System:

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V shall apply.
- 10.2. In accordance with RRS 64.1, class specified penalties will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3. Penalties from protest hearings for breaches of rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee.

11. Scoring:

- 11.1. Three 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.
- 11.3. 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.

12. Support Boats:

Support boats shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

13. Berthing:

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or areas, as directed by the organizing authority.

14. Haul-out Restrictions:

Boats shall be afloat by 1800 hrs on Thursday, 1 March and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the jury. This restriction applies to rudders as well.

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 Communication:

- 16.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
- 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 on board capable of receiving these communications.

17. Prizes:

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) boats entered.

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17.3. A prize will be awarded to the boat that finishes mid-fleet, score rounded if necessary.

17.4. 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. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See ~~RRS 4~~ RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.

18.2. All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

18.3. All Federal, State, Local, and venue COVID rules will be in effect and enforced for the Event. It is likely these rules will change between this NOR and the event, in which case some elements of this NOR will change, especially the various meetings, both official and social. These changes will be announced via email to all entrants and posted on the regatta website.

18.4. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any rules and/or regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the [venue/OA/sailing club] COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and other participants (eg support persons) shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

19. Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 USD per incident or the equivalent.

20. Media Rights:

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the U.S. J/24 Class Association, Fleet 10, SALM 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. Qualification for a Subsequent Event:

The highest placing U.S. driver not previously qualified will be awarded a berth for the 2022 J/24 World Championship in Argentina.

22. Further Information

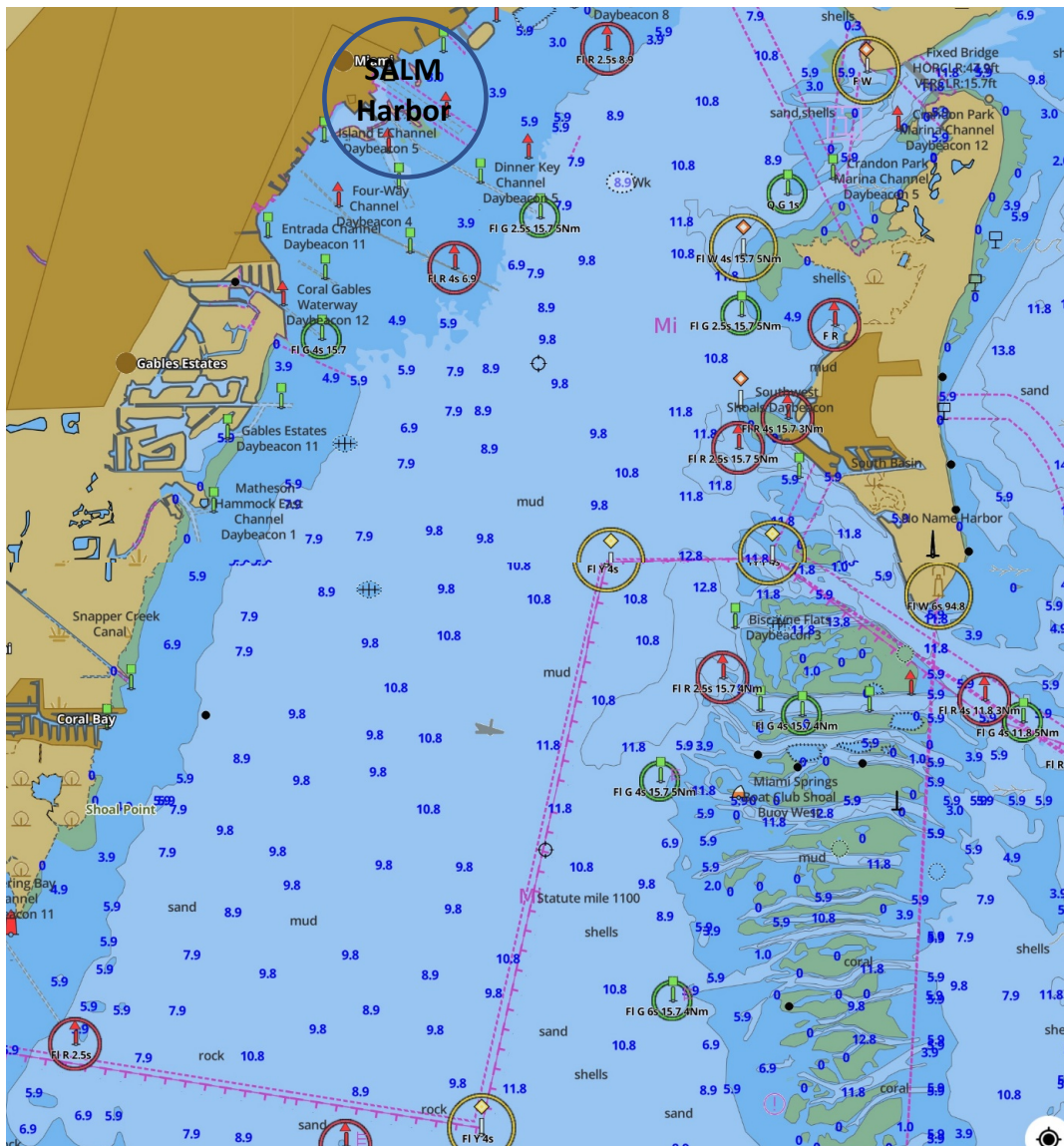
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ATTACHMENT A1 – 2021 J/24 MIDWINTERS SALM HOST AND HARBOR LOCATION





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ATTACHMENT A2 – 2021 J/24 MIDWINTERS RACE AREA

