



# 2025 J/24 Midwinter Championship

March 21-23, 2025

## NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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*The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, Inc. in conjunction with the USA J/24 Class Association. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg-Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL, 33133.*

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification (DSQ).

### 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. 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 her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes 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 H.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
- 1.8. Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
- 1.9. [DP] [NP] Support persons operating motor vessels less than 26 feet in length without a cabin are required to use an Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch (ECOS), aka Kill Cord, at all times while the engine is running. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. This is added to RRS 63.1.
- 1.10. Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V1 and V2 will apply (as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions). The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.11. The Organizing Authority (OA) may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required

equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee.

## **2. Sailing Instructions:**

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available only online after 1600 hours on March 18, 2025 at the online event site [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_documents.cfm?eid=16833](https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=16833)

## **3. Communication:**

3.1. The ONB will be online at:

[https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16833](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16833)

3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on US VHF Marine Channels.

3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on a VHF radio channel to be specified in the sailing instructions.

3.4. From the first warning signal until the end of a boat's last race of the day, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in an emergency.

3.5. In order to communicate with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. QR code will be available at Check-In.

## **4. Eligibility and Entry:**

4.1. The Midwinter Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.

4.2. Entry for the J24 Midwinters is available at:

[https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eid=16833](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16833)

4.3. Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.

4.4. Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.

4.5. Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge shall submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.

4.6. A maximum of fifty (45) boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.

## **5. Fees:**

5.1. The required entry fee is \$650 USD. This fee includes 4 days of storage at SALM which covers launching, berthing, and hauling, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew including five tickets for the J/24 Midwinters Awards dinner and prizes.

5.2. The deadline for entry and payment for J24 Midwinters is February 20, 2025. Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.

5.3. Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.

5.4. All fees must be paid online by credit card or PayPal at the Yacht Scoring event site.

## 6. Crew Limitations:

- 6.1. All competitors will be weighed during registration to comply with the 882 lbs max crew weight. Competitors must have a passport or other government photo identification at weigh-in.
- 6.2. To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations (Corinthian Division).
- 6.3. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age (Mixed-Plus Division).
- 6.4. A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.
- 6.5. Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the protest committee.
- 6.6. An event WRISTBAND is required for entry into the hospitality area. Wristbands will be distributed at check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID with an event voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an “under 21” wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages. Guest wristbands will be available for purchase at check-in and at the hospitality tent entrance each evening.

## 7. Advertising:

- 7.1. Boats are required to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20. Materials and instructions for application will be provided at check-in. Display of any other advertising on a boat that conflicts with the event sponsor requires the written consent of the OA.

## 8. Schedule:

8.1.

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	March 13	2359	Deadline to electronically submit eligibility documents.
Thursday	March 20	1000 – 1800 1500 1600 1800 1830	Check in – Boat and equipment Inspection Crew Weigh-in Practice race Bacardi Happy Hour All boats must be afloat Competitor’s Meeting
Friday	March 21	0830 – 0900 1030 1600	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal Bacardi Happy Hour
Saturday	March 22	0830 – 0900 1600 1030	Crew Weigh-in* Bacardi Happy Hour First Warning Signal
Sunday	March 23	0830 – 0900 1030 1400 After Racing TBD	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal No warning signal made after this time Bacardi Happy Hour Awards – Closing Ceremonies

8.2. \*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for crew replacements approved by the Chief

Judge, PRO or per Class Rule class rule J.4.3.

8.3. Nine total races are scheduled.

## **9. Equipment Inspection:**

9.1. Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:

(a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Rule 78.2 does not apply.

(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage.

(c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.

9.2. With written permission of the technical chair, changes to required documents or forms may be accepted at check-in.

## **10. Venue:**

SI Attachment #1 shows the location of the racing area.

## **11. Courses:**

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

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

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

## **12. Penalty System:**

12.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

12.2. 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.

## **13. Scoring:**

13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

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

13.3. 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.

13.4. The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores, and in accordance with Regatta Regulations 28 and 33.3.

## **14. [NP] Support Person Vessels:**

14.1. Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery, and berthing arrangements with Shake a Leg Miami or elsewhere.

14.2. SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA (see separate details on event website).

14.3. SPVs and operators shall comply at all times with any support vessel regulations as published on the event website.

14.4. Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14.5. All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal

- domestic and international channels. SPV operators' attention is drawn to RRS 37.
- 14.6. The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the Sl's.

**15. Chartered or Loaned Boats:**

- 15.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

**16. Launching – Berthing – Hauling – Trailer Storage**

- 16.1. All launching, berthing, hauling, and trailer storage will be primarily conducted at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM) unless competitors have made other arrangements on their own.
- 16.2. Storage fees for each event will be included in the entry fees to streamline the registration and storage application process for competitors. Five (5) storage days will be included in the entry fees. If competitors plan to stay beyond these days, they will need to pay an additional storage fee. Additional storage fees can be paid at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/242493903764161>

**17. [NP] Haul-out Restrictions:**

- 17.1. Boats will be afloat prior to the first warning signal of the event and will not be hauled-out until the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the principal race officer or protest committee.

**18. [DP] [NP] Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:**

- 18.1. 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 event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 18.2. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 18.3. The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

**19. Risk Statement:**

- 19.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

**20. Insurance & Waiver of Liability:**

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party marine insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident of the equivalent.
- 20.2. Prior to participating in the event, every owner(s), competitor, and support person shall sign the waiver of liability available on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com): (New Link)

**21. Prizes:**

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) boats entered.
- 21.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) Corinthian boats entered.
- 21.3. A prize will be awarded to the boat that finishes mid-fleet, score rounded if necessary.
- 21.4. A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.

## **22. Conduct**

- 22.1. All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel, and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 22.2. Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel, and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities.
- 22.3. Failure to comply with NOR 22.1 and 22.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.

## **23. Media Rights:**

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA, the U.S. J/24 Class Association 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.

## **24. Further Information:**

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