

2018 NORTH AMERICAN J/24 CHAMPIONSHIP CHARLESTON, SC

2018 J/24 North American Championship

May 2-6, 2018

Hosted by: Charleston Yacht Club and the International J/24 Class Association

Charleston, SC - USA

www.charlestonyachtclub.com

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the USJCA national authority will apply: the following are the only prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply: the prescription to RRS 61.4 (no fees for protests), Appendix R in entirety (appeal procedures), the prescription to RRS67 (results of jury are not liability decisions), the prescription to RRS 70.5(a) (US Sailing's right to approve whether jury decisions may be appealed), and the prescription to RRS 76.1 (non-discrimination).
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 41, 44.3(a), 61.1(a), and 49.2 will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Support Boats – Notwithstanding the Preamble of Part 4 rules, RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again.
 - (b) RRS 44.3(a) is changed by adding the following after the last sentence of RR44.3(a) “the yellow flag (code flag “I” is acceptable) used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.”

(c) RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding the following after the last sentence of RRS 61.1(a) “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.”

(d) Class rule C.2.2 modifies RRS 49.2 to allow the headsail trimmer to turn while sitting on the gunwale which otherwise might put the trimmer in violation of 49.2

- 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 Appendix T will be used for this event.
- 1.9 Class rule C.2.1(b) will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitutions.

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 North American 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.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration process at www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fees by April 13, 2018.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted until April 20, 2018 with a \$100 late fee.
- 3.5 If there are co-drivers, one of them shall be designated as the primary driver for this regatta.

4. Fees:

- 4.1 The required entry fee is \$475 USD.
- 4.2 Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, off site trailer, dockage while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.
- 4.3 Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 4.4 All fees are payable by credit card or club charge during the on-line entry process at www.yachtscoring.com.

5. Schedule:

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Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	May 2	1000 - 2000	Registration/Weigh-in/Measurement
Thursday	May 3	1000 - 2000 1500 1800 1930	Registration/Weigh-in/Measurement Practice race All boats afloat Welcome Dinner & Skippers Meeting
Friday	May 4	0830 - 0900 1000 TBD	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event after racing
Saturday	May 5	0830 - 0900 1000 TBD	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event after racing
Sunday	May 6	0830 - 0900 1000 1430 TBD	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day No warning signal after 1430 Social Event & Awards Local boats haul out last

* These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for approved replacement crews per 1.9.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over three consecutive days. No more than four races per day.

6. Registration and Measurement:

6.1 At registration each boat shall present:

(a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Boats that do not have a valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to have their boat measured prior to the regatta. No first time or full measurement will be available during the scheduled regatta measurement time.

(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of USD \$300,000.

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

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

6.3 Inspection and measurement will be carried out on all boats for compliance with class rule C.9.7 (forestay length), class rule C.6.1(a) (all up weight of 1330kg.), and on sails for compliance with class rules C.10.

6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection for compliance with any class rules at any time during the regatta.

7. Sailing Instructions:

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. Venue:

8.1 The 2018 J/24 North American Championship will be held at Charleston Yacht Club located at 17 Lockwood Drive - Charleston, SC 29401 USA. Appendix B shows the approximate location of the yacht club and the racing area. Directions are also available on the club's website at www.charlestonyachtclub.com. No permanent on-site gin pole is available so plan accordingly.

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 70 – 85 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 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, <http://www.j24class.org> Class Documents. These modifications will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 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. Refer to Appendix A of this NOR.

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.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This change is added after the last sentence to A5 and Time Limit Expired (TLE) is added to the list in A11.
- 11.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee. RRS A4.2 will be changed accordingly.

12. Support Boats:

- 12.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4(a) and are not to be inside the racing area.
- 12.2 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:

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

14. Haul-out Restrictions

- 14.1 Boats shall be afloat by Thursday May 3, 2018 at 1800 hrs and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee. Rudders shall remain affixed in the water. On Sunday May 6, all local Charleston boats should haul out after the out-of-town boats are hauled out.

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 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 a boat 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 be awarded to at least the top 8 boats entered. Other prizes will be awarded as well including awards for the top all Women and Youth teams.
- 17.2 The top-finishing, not previously qualified primary driver who is a current member of any NJCA as recognized by the International J/24 Class and meets all other eligibility requirements will earn a berth to the 2019 J/24 World Championship in Miami, FL USA. This berth is allocated by the International J/24 Class and is available to sailors from any country. Additionally the top USA driver will earn a berth to the 2019 J/24 World Championship in Miami, FL USA.

18. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

19. Media Rights:

- 19.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, District 8, Charleston Yacht Club 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.

20. Lodging:

Blocks of local hotel rooms have been reserved under "J/24 North Americans" and all hotel information can be found on the regatta website at www.yachtscoring.com.

21. Further information, contact the following:

Regatta Chair: Crisp McDonald – crisp@goraceproductions.com

Measurement Certificates and Charter Boats: Chip Till – chiptill5351@gmail.com

2018 J/24 North Americans - NOR Appendix A

Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as follows, modifying RRS 44.3(c):

The race score for a boat that takes a scoring penalty for infringement of one of the following class rules shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying the scoring penalty percentage shown for the particular rule against the number of boats entered and rounding to the nearest tenth of a point (rounding 0.05 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties.

Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.9.4 & C.9.5	Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9 liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%
	Removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury. The jury will decide to which race(s) the penalty shall apply.

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Charleston Yacht Club and Harbor Racing Area Locations

