



THE J/24 GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority: J/24 District 12

Host: Sandusky Sailing Club

September 7-9, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Invitation

Sandusky Sailing Club (SSC) and J24 District 12 of the United States J/24 Class Association (“USJCA”) invites you to participate in the 2018 J/24 Great Lakes Championship, September 8 & 9, 2018 in Sandusky, OH.

2. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions for each regatta. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions of an individual regatta and this Notice of Race, this Notice of Race shall govern. A committee consisting of selected SSC and District 12 members will convene to resolve disputes relating to the scoring or results of the regatta or disputes relating to the determination. As a qualification series for an International Class World Championship event, the Series and each regatta is designated Category C pursuant to Appendix 1 of the RRS Appendices (Section II), as modified by the IJCA Class Rules.

3. Eligibility

The Series is open to all J/24 yachts, as defined by the IJCA. Competitors must meet all ownership, class membership, and boat measurement requirements, and must have paid all necessary fees and membership dues.

3.1 Measurement: Class Rule 2.5.3 shall be modified to allow a completed Yacht Measurement Form Part D in lieu of a current Measurement Certificate. A Measurement Certificate or Yacht Measurement Form Part D, and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment shall be completed and available. Boats may be checked at any time during the Series for compliance with class measurement rules and required and optional equipment inventory.

3.2 Helmspersons: Owners and helmsperson must be members of the USJCA. If there are to be co-skippers, one must be designated as the primary helmsperson for World Qualification purposes and comply with IJCA Rules with respect to the responsibilities of the primary helmsperson, including driving during the start and first leg of each race.

3.3 This regatta is open to all vessel owners who are members of the National J/24 Class Association.

4. Entry

Entry form will be available 60 days prior to the regatta.

5. Schedule and Sites

The regatta will take place September 8 & 9, 2018 at Sandusky Sailing Club. Boat launch and weigh-ins will start Friday PM. Detailed schedule of events will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Racing

Five (5) races are scheduled for the regatta, in the unlikely event that weather impacts this regatta, one (1) race will constitute a regatta. Racing will take place on Windward/Leeward courses, or variations thereof, and may include gates and offset marks. Racing will take place on the waters of Sandusky Bay.

7. Scoring

7.1 Method for Series Scoring: Scoring will be determined by the low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein. There will be one (1) throw-out if five (5) races are completed.

7.2 Weigh-In: As a World Qualification Series, all boats must comply with Class Rule 5.1, which establishes a total crew weight limit of four hundred kilograms (400 kgs. or 881.8 lbs). Each crewmember of each boat must weigh-in on the District 12 scale during registration for the regatta. A boat shall be scored DSQ if it fails to meet crew weigh-in requirements.

8. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place boats.

9. Acceptance of Rules and Waiver of Claims

By submitting the Entry Fee each boat owner or skipper agrees and acknowledges that, in consideration of allowing the Registered Boat to race and compete in the Series, the Registered Boat, and the competitors that race her, shall abide by and be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as issued by the International Sailing Federation, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing, unless specifically changed or exempted by the published Sailing Instructions. **THE OWNER OR SKIPPER ALSO DOES, BY SUBMITTING THE REGISTRATION FEE, WAIVE, RELEASE, AND CANCEL ANY AND ALL CLAIMS WHICH HE OR SHE MAY OR THEREAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE USJCA, OR IT'S OFFICERS OR GOVERNORS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE DISTRICT 12 GOVERNOR), THE RACE ADMINISTRATORS, ORGANIZING AND HOST AUTHORITIES, AND ANY COMMITTEE PERSONS, WHICH DO OR DOES ARISE OUT OF THE OWNER OR SKIPPER'S PARTICIPATION OR UNDERTAKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERIES, EXCEPT FOR ACTS WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO OR NECESSARY FOR THIS SERIES.**

10. Insurance

The owner or skipper agrees to obtain and maintain appropriate liability insurance for damage or injury caused by the actions or negligence of the owner or skipper or the Registered Boat. The owner or skipper has read and understands Fundamental RRS 4, and acknowledges that, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

11. Contact

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