

Notice of Race

2009 J/24 Western Regional Championship

September 19th – 20th, 2009

Hosted by:

Berkeley Yacht Club



**The Berkeley Yacht Club
Berkeley, California**

J/24 District 20 and Fleet 17

1. Rules

1. This regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current IJCA rules.
2. With permission of IJCA, the following IJCA class rules are modified:
 1. IJCA Rule 5.1 is changed to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
 2. Rule 41 will be changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in rule 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the rules.
 3. Rule 42.3 will be changed as follows: The exception described in Rule 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction in IJCA Rule 8.2.2.
 4. All boats may be required to display bow numbers on the forward 25% of each side of the hull for the duration of the event. The Organizing Authority may provide the stickers at registration.
 5. All participants will be required to wear PFD's while on the water. It is permitted to briefly remove PFD's for changing clothing/sailing gear.

2. Organizing Authority

1. The organizing authority for this regatta will be the Berkeley Yacht Club, USJCA District 20, J24 Fleet 17 and the USJCA.

3. Advertising

1. This regatta is designated a Category C event under Rule 79, ISAF Regulation 20 and IJCA Class Rule 2.6.1.
2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers or other advertisement in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.3(d) (i) and provided by the organizing authority.

4. Eligibility

1. The Regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the current IJCA Rules.
2. All boats and competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and measurement requirements as set forth in the IJCA Rules.
3. Eligible boats must register online at the J/24 Western Regional Championship event website. www.j24westernregionals.com
4. Each boat must have submitted its entry, paid the entry fee and completed the registration process by 0900 hours on Saturday, September 19th, 2009.
5. All boats are required to have a minimum of \$300,000 in marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge of each boat as defined in RRS 46.
6. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.
7. The bow numbers that may be provided by the Organizing Authority at registration must be affixed to the bow of the boat prior to launching.

5. Entry and Fees

1. Entries shall be submitted online with the entry fee paid by the close of registration.
2. Entries and fees may be submitted by online registration.
3. Entries and fees must be received no later than 0900 hours, September 19th, 2009. The online registration is available at www.j24westernregionals.com and through an embedded link to the online registration service.
4. The entry fee shall be \$175. Late registration submitted after September 15th will be \$225. US Sailing members receive a \$25 discounted rate on all registrations except late registrations.
5. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6. The entry fee includes boat docking/rafting during the regatta, racing. At this time Friday' evening's social activities will be pay-as-you-play and Saturday evening's dinner and wine is included for all regatta participants and their guests. Saturday evening there will be a no-host bar as well. Additional Friday evening dinner tickets can be purchased on-site at the Berkeley Yacht Club.

6. Registration

1. A representative of each boat must report to the registration desk, which will be located on the main floor of the Berkeley Yacht Club adjacent to the main reception area, to check in and pick up that boat's registration package.
2. All boats shall present a valid J24 Measurement Certificate (including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment), proof of current boat damage and liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$300,000 (USD), and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsman.
3. All boats shall submit a completed crew weigh-in form, and competitor liability waiver form. The Organizing Authority will provide these forms in the registration package and online at the event web site.

7. Measurement

1. Crews will be required to weigh-in during registration, except that crew substitutions may be weighed in between 0800-0900 on the first day that they will compete. Competitors must have and present photo identification at weigh-in.
2. San Francisco Bay area boats requiring measurement to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with the San Francisco IJCA Measurer; Wayne Clough at measurer@j24nationals2009.com. Advance arrangements **MUST** be made prior to Monday, September 20th, 2009. Boats in other areas should make arrangements with their local IJCA measurer.
3. Spot and random inspections will be made during the regatta (on or off the water) for compliance with the IJCA rules.

8. Launching and Rafting

1. All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hours on Saturday, September 19th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

9. Schedule of Events

1. Up to seven (7) races are scheduled and three (3) races will constitute a series for the purpose of scoring this championship and for World Championship qualification purposes.
2. The warning signal for the first race of each day will be made at 1130 hours.
3. No race will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday, September 20th, 2009.

Friday Sept. 18th	1200-1800	Registration/Crew Weigh-in.
Friday Sept. 18th	1840	Starting Signal for Practice Race - BYC Friday Night Race – Special J/24 Start
	2000-2200	No-Host Bar and BYC Friday Night BBQ Dinner
Saturday Sept. 19th	0800 -	Late Registration and Crew Weigh-in
	1000	All boats must be launched
Saturday Sept. 26th	1130	1st Warning Signal of the day
	After Racing	No-Host Bar
	1800	Paella Dinner and Wine for all Regatta Participants and their Guests
Sunday Sept. 27th	1130	1st Warning Signal of the day
	After Racing	No-Host Bar and Awards

10. Sailing Instructions

1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the event website at www.j24westernregionals.com by September 15th, 2009.

11. Courses

1. Racing will take place on the waters of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle racing area.
2. The courses will be windward/leeward with four (4) or five (5) legs and the target time for races is approximately fifty (50) to seventy (70) minutes.
3. The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
4. Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark may be used.

12. Scoring

1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be used; however, each yacht's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes A2 of Appendix A.
2. RRS 44 will be changed to allow scoring penalties to be taken prior to a protest hearing.

13. Penalty Systems

1. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply, and will be modified such that code flag "I" is acceptable and the flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will not apply.
2. Rule 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
3. The race committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF.
4. Rule 64.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.

14. Arbitration

1. Arbitration will be used for protests involving Part 2 of the RRS.

15. Prizes

1. The first place boat shall be declared the 2009 US J24 Western Regional Champion and shall be awarded the perpetual J24 Western Regional Championship Trophy.
2. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the top three (3) boats overall.

16. World Championship Qualification

1. In accordance with the USJCA World Qualifying Rules, a berth to the 2010 J24 World Championship will be awarded to the top finishing District 19, 20 and 21 US helmsperson that has not already earned one.

17. Other Prohibited Actions

1. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
2. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by keelhauling using ropes or cloths.
3. No electric devices to de-humidify the boat are permitted during the regatta.

18. Radio Communications

1. RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the R/C and racing boats on VHF channel 63. The R/C will communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for over early or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress.

19. Chartered or Loaned Boats

1. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry a sail number other than her hull number.

20. Media Rights

1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J24 Class Association, USJCA District 20, San Francisco Fleet 17 and the Berkeley 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.

21. Disclaimer of Liability

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
2. 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.
3. Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

22. Information and Contacts

1. Requests for information may be directed to the following contacts:

The Berkeley Yacht Club

Berkeley Yacht Club



#1 Seawall Drive
Berkeley, CA 94710
510-843-9292
www.berkeleyyc.org

The Berkeley Yacht Club is on the south side of the entrance channel to the Berkeley Marina, at approx. **37-52.0N x 122-19.3W**

Regatta Web Sites:

www.j24westernregionals.com

www.berkeleyyc.org

www.j24class.org/j24sf/

Lodging and accommodations information

Charter boat information

Sailing Instructions – September 15th, 2009

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Waiver and Release: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I hereby agree that the safety of my boat and her crew, including the decision whether or not to start or continue to race, is my responsibility and not that of any person sponsoring or undertaking such race. I hereby forever and irrevocably waive, release and discharge any and all claims, liability, loss or damages, including but not limited to claims for property damage, personal injury or death, which may have or in the future acquire against the Berkeley Yacht Club, RegattaPro, USJCA, USJCA District 20 and USJCA Fleet 17, their officers, members, employees, volunteers or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in any race or other activity sponsored or undertaken by any of them, even though such liability may arise out of their negligence or carelessness. I understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during sailboat racing, and the participants in sailboat racing occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and/or property damage as a consequence, and I knowingly assume all of the risks of sailboat racing. I agree that this waiver is binding on my heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

I acknowledge that the participants who elect to leave their boats on the Berkeley Yacht Club property do so at their own risk. Neither the Club nor any members thereof make any warranty either expressed or implied that a boat on Club property will be safe.

I agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *rules* that govern this event.

Skipper's Signature

Date

08/14/09