



2011 J/24 North American Championship NOTICE OF RACE

***August 18 through 20, 2011
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron
366 Purcell's Cove Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia***

rnsys.com

***The Organizing Authority for this event is the RNSYS and
Atlantic District of the CJCA in conjunction with
the International J/24 Class Association***

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
- 1.2. The only prescription of the Canadian Yachting Association that will apply is:
Rule 68 – Damages: “The CYA prescribes that a boat that is penalized for causing damage under Rule 64 for a breach of these rules shall be considered at fault for the purposes of Rule 68.”
- 1.3. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Racing RRSs 41, 44.3(a), and 61.1 (a) will be changed as follows:
RRS 41: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41(a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

RRS 44.3(a) Is changed so that the yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable) used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.

RRS 61.1 (a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.

- 1.5. Under RRS 87, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed as follows:

IJCA rule 5.3: A boat may 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.

- 1.6. Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

- 1.8. RRS 49.2 is changed to read:

"No member of the crew shall position any part of his/her torso outside any lifelines, other than to briefly perform a necessary task."

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.

- 3.2. Owners and helmsmen (one of whom shall be the person in charge) must be either nationals or residents, and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country they represent.

- 3.3. Eligible boats may register by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fees through rnsys.com or in the Spar Shed on site during registration & measurement. Registration will be accepted up to 1600 on August 17, 2011.

- 3.4. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the person in charge for this regatta.

- 3.5. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 CAD or the equivalent. By signing the entry form, the person in charge is deemed to have made a declaration that the boat is sailing under such coverage.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Regatta fees are as follows: \$325CAD (tentative) up to July 31 and \$425CAD thereafter. These fees include launch, haul-out, compliance measurement, trailer storage during the event and t-shirts.
- 4.2. Tickets for social events, breakfasts, box lunches, dinners and closing banquet will be available during the regatta at additional cost. First time measurements are additional cost.
- 4.3. All fees are payable to Atlantic Canadian J/24 Class Association by on-line or in-person methods (cash or major credit card).

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Tuesday August 16 and Wednesday August 17 from 0900 to 2000 in the Spar Shed of the RNSYS.
- 5.2 Measurement and inspection: Tuesday August 16 and Wednesday August 17 from 0900 to 2000 each day. Competing boats from clubs located in Halifax Regional Municipality will be measured and inspected on August 16.
- 5.3 Dates of racing:
Wednesday August 17 – Evening Club Race Open to All Competitors
Thursday August 18 to Saturday August 20 - Championship Racing
- 5.4 Number of races:
A maximum of three (3) races are scheduled per day except that one extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to provisions in the Sailing Instructions.
August 18: Races 1 through 3
August 19: Races 4 through 6
August 20: Races 7 through 9
- 5.5 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for Championship racing each day is 1130 ADT on August 18 and 1030 on August 19 and 20.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 ADT on August 20.
- 5.7 The competitor's meeting will be held at 0930 in the Spar Shed on August 18.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 At registration, each boat shall present:
 - (a) A valid J/24 measurement certificate issued by the IJCA Class Office including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

- (b) Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the person in charge and helmsperson (if different).
- 6.2 All competitors will be weighed during registration, except that crew substitutions may be weighed during the designated substitute crew weigh-in period on the first day that they will compete. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.
- 6.3 All boats will be inspected and weighed during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.7.1 and 3.2.8d. All sails that have not been stamped at from a previous IJCA event will be measured during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.6. Other measurements of hull (interior and exterior), rigging and standard equipment will be measured.
- 6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 6.5 Boats requiring measurement to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with Mr. Nick Hamblin (phone: (902) 877-3614 and email: NMHamblin@GettheldealMortgage.com). Advance arrangements must be made prior to June 15, 2011.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 ADT on August 16, 2011 at the registration desk located in the spar loft on the RNSYS's south parking lot.

8. VENUE

Sailing will primarily take place in the approaches to Halifax Harbour and alternatively in other areas of Halifax Harbour. See attachment 1 for chart of possible racing areas.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. The target time for races is approximately 70 to 90 minutes.
- 9.2 An offset mark at the weather mark will be used.
- 9.3 A gate at the leeward mark will be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF channel 72.

- 10.3 RRS 64.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.
- 10.4 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

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 sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. 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 without a hearing. This modifies rules A4.2, A5, and A11 of the RRS.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall comply with 1.4.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RNSYS marina and mooring field.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be afloat by 2100 ADT on August 17, 2011 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury.

15. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 15.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 15.2 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

- 16.2 It is the intent of the organizing authority and race committee to use marine VHF radios to communicate with the fleet when outside the extents of the RNSYS' mooring field in the Northwest Arm. Radio communications will be broadcast on channel 72.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to each team member of the top five finishing boats.

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 also be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Canadian J/24 Class Association and its Atlantic District, the RNSYS 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. INFORMATION

For further information please contact Dale Robertson by email (dale@eei.com) or phone (902.445.4433).

The event website is: <http://j24northamericans2011.wordpress.com/>