



2020 J/24 & J/22 East Coast Championship

Sat.- Sun. October 17 -18, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE (Rev. 9/8/20)

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority shall be Severn Sailing Association (SSA), in conjunction with US J/24 Fleet 8 and US J/22 Fleet 19.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing including the US Sailing Prescriptions, the International J/24 Class Association Class (IJCA) Rules and the International J/22 Class Association Class Rules. **The starting sequences will be according to Appendix U, sound signals only.**
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the SIs shall be in writing and posted on the electronic message board. The questions and any answers will be posted on that same message board as soon as practical, but no later than 0900 of the day following submission.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all J/24 Class sailing boats in compliance with the J/24 Class Rules. Crew weigh-in will **not** be required at registration.
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to all J/22 Class sailing boats in compliance with the J/22 Class Rules.

4 BOAT STORAGE BEFORE & AFTER THE REGATTA

- 5.1 Boats storage at SSA is available from the Monday before the Regatta until the Friday following the Regatta free of charge, on a space available basis.

5 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 5.1 J/24 registration must be made online at SSA's new website new.severnsailing.org There will be no on-site registration so all necessary documents & registration fee should be submitted electronically.
- 5.2 J/24 Registration Fees: \$180 by Oct. 1. A Late fee of \$50 will be added to any entries on or after Oct. 2. Unfortunately, there will be no organized social events given the need to

adhere to Club & government guidelines for the pandemic.

- 5.3 J/22 entries must be made online at new.severnsailing.org. There will be no on-site registrations so all necessary documents & registration fee should be submitted electronically.
- 5.4 J/22 Registration Fees: \$90 by Oct. 1. A Late Fee of \$30 will be added to any entries on or after Oct. 2. Unfortunately there will be no organized social events given the need to adhere to Club & government guidelines for the pandemic.
- 5.5 Entry fees will be returned if for any reason the boat & crew are unable to attend the Regatta.

6 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Friday, Oct. 16
 - 0900 – 1600 J/24 Tuning & Speed clinic w/ coach Robby Brown.
This will include an on-land portion in the morning & on the water portion in the afternoon. Participation is voluntary.
 - 1630 – 1800 Drive-by Skippers Bag pick-up
- Saturday, Oct. 17
 - 0900 Virtual Skipper's Meeting
 - 1100 Warning signal for first race of day
- Sunday, Oct 18
 - 1000 Warning Signal for first race of day
 - After racing Virtual Awards
- 6.2 A total of 7 races are scheduled to be sailed. No race will start after 1500 on Sunday, Oct. 18.
- 6.3 Once afloat J/24's shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the Race Committee.

7 DOCUMENTS AND INSPECTION

- 7.1 For J/24's only, submit electronically verification of J Class membership, \$300K minimum boat liability insurance, current measurement certificate, inventory of required & optional equipment list and emergency contacts.
- 7.2 For J/22's, submit electronically verification of \$300k minimum boat liability insurance and emergency contacts
- 7.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the IJCA Rules.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be online by noon Thursday, Oct. 15 at www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com. A copy will be included in each Skippers Bag.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Windward/Leeward courses of 3, 4 or 5 legs will be sailed on the Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of the mouth of Severn River.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 A minimum of one completed race will constitute a regatta for both fleets.
- 10.2 RRS Appendix A is changed such that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT – J/24'S ONLY

- 11.1 Crew substitutions must be submitted electronically (using the Crew Substitution form) with your registration materials.
- 11.2 J/24 class rule C.10.2 is amended to include rule J.2 allowing an extra spinnaker to be carried while racing.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The winning helmsperson of the regatta in his/her division will be named the 2020 J/24 East Coast Champion & J/22 East Coast Champion, respectively.
- 13.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in the J/24 fleet and top three boats in the J/22 fleet overall. The OA may present other prizes as it sees fit.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 The official message board is electronic & will be located at www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com.
- 14.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving information from, or transmitting information to the Race Committee.
- 14.3 Given the need for social distancing there will be fewer RC assets on the water and each RC vessel will be minimally staffed.
- 14.4 We anticipate using as many virtual capabilities as necessary including skippers meeting, responses to questions, protest hearings and awards presentation.
- 14.5 For further information about the J/24 East Coast Championship, please visit www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com or contact:
Sam McGuire – Email: captssammc@gmail.com; 570-449-4540

For further information about the J/22 East Coast Championship please contact:
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