



2021 J/24 & J/22 East Coast Championship October 22 -24, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE (Rev. 7/30/21)

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 rules as defined in 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.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the Sailing Instructions will be addressed during the skippers meeting. Alternatively, questions may be submitted in writing and posted on the electronic message board. 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.
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to all J/22 Class sailing boats in compliance with the J/22 Class Rules. Crew weigh-in will **not** be required.

4 BOAT STORAGE BEFORE & AFTER THE REGATTA

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

5 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 5.1 J/24 registration must be made online at Yacht Scoring (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14700>). There will be no on-site registration so all necessary documents & registration fee must be submitted electronically by 1700 on Wed, Oct 20.

- 5.2 J/24 Registration Fees: Early Entry Fee for J/24s is \$310 by Aug. 31. Regular Entry Fee is \$410 from Sept 1 to Sept. 30th. A Late fee of \$45 will be added to any entries after Sept. 30th. Registration fee includes access to the Beer Truck for the Regatta & 5 Saturday dinner tickets. Extra tickets may be purchased through online registration.
- 5.3 J/22 entries must be made online at Yacht Scoring (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14700>). There will be no on-site registration so all necessary documents & registration fee must be submitted electronically by 1700 on Wed, Oct 20.
- 5.4 J/22 Registration Fees: Regular Entry Fee is \$210 by Sept. 30th. A Late Fee of \$45 will be added to any entries after Sept. 30th. Registration fee includes access to the Beer Truck all weekend & 3 Saturday dinner tickets. Extra tickets may be purchased through online registration.
- 5.5 Entry fees will be returned if for any reason the boat & crew are unable to attend the Regatta, provided they are requested before the start of the event.
- 5.6 Every competitor (skippers and all crew) shall sign the Liability and Waiver Agreement before they participate in any race of the regatta. The document will be available for review on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.7 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps, including the waiver and submitting required documents, and pay all fees.

6 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 J/24's will race 3 days, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
J/22's will race 2 days, Saturday & Sunday

Thursday, Oct. 21
1630 – 1800 Skippers Bag pick-up

Friday, Oct. 22
0900 – All J/24s must have been launched & Skipper's Meeting for J/24's
1100 - Warning signal for first race of day – J/24's only

Saturday, Oct. 23
0900 – Skippers meeting for J/22's
1100 - Warning signal for first race of day – J/24's & J'22's
Refreshments & Dinner at Severn Sailing Assoc.

Sunday, Oct 24
1000 - Warning Signal for first race of day – J/24's & J'22's
After racing – Awards & Refreshments

- 6.2 A total of 9 races are scheduled to be sailed for the J/24's & 7 races for the J/22's. No race will start after 1500 on Sunday, Oct. 24.
- 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/24 Class membership
 - \$300K minimum boat liability insurance
 - current measurement certificate
 - inventory of required & optional equipment list
 - emergency contacts and liability waiver for each crew member
- 7.2 For J/22's, submit electronically:
- verification of \$300k minimum boat liability insurance
 - emergency contacts and liability waiver for each crew member
- 7.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the IJCA Rules.

8 SAILING INTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be online by noon Thursday, Oct. 21 at both Yacht Scoring & 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.
- 10.3 Boats not completing all registration steps by 1700 on Wed, Oct 30 will not be scored.

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 BOW NUMBERS & BOW STICKERS

- 12.1 J/24 Fleet Only - **Bow Numbers** may be required and if so will be provided with your Skipper's Bag. They shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull, 5" below the deck and 12" aft of the bow.
- 12.2 J/24 & J/22 Fleets - **Bow Stickers** will be required and will be provided with your Skipper's Bag.

For J/24s they shall be attached on both sides of the boats hull approximately 5" below deck level just aft of the Bow Numbers.

For J/22s they shall be attached to both sides of the boats hull approximately 5" below deck level and 12" aft of the bow.

13 ADVERTISING

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

14 PRIZES

14.1 The winning helmsperson of the regatta in his/her division will be named the 2021 J/24 East Coast Champion & J/22 East Coast Champion, respectively.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top five 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.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 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.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 The Official Notice Board is electronic & will be located at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=14700

16.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving information from, or transmitting information to the Race Committee.

16.3 Depending upon the situation with the pandemic there may be the need for social distancing resulting in fewer RC assets on the water, and each RC vessel may be minimally staffed.

16.4 We anticipate using virtual capabilities as necessary including questions & responses & protest hearings.

16.5 For further information about the J/24 East Coast Championship, please visit: www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com or contact:

Sam McGuire – Email: captsammc@gmail.com; 570-449-4540

For further information about the J/22 East Coast Championship please visit the website above, or contact:

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