



2024 J/24 Great Lakes Championship

August 16-18, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC) and the U.S. J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification (DSQ).

- 1. Rules**
 - 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply.
 - 1.3. RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
 - 1.4. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
 - 1.5. Added to RRS 61.1(a) is that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
 - 1.6. Class rule C.2.1(b) will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
 - 1.7. Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
 - 1.8. [DP] [NP] Support persons operating motor vessels less than 26 feet in length without a cabin are required to use an Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch (ECOS), aka Kill Cord, at all times while the engine is running. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. This is added to RRS 63.1.
- 2. Sailing Instructions:**

The sailing instructions will be available at North Cape Yacht Club by 1600 hours on August 16, 2024 and on the online event site.
- 3. Communication:**
 - 3.1. The online official notice board will be located on the door at the main entrance of North Cape Yacht Club on the north side.
 - 3.2. [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on standard channels.
 - 3.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
 - 3.4. The race committee may make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions.
- 4. Eligibility and Entry:**
 - 4.1. The J 24 Great Lakes Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.

- 4.2. Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at Yacht Scoring event site and paying the required fees.
- 4.4. A total of 25 (25) boats will be allowed to enter. A waiting list will be implemented if necessary. The waiting list will be sorted by date of paid registration followed by unpaid registrations.
- 4.5. A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until all fees are paid, and with proof of insurance.

5. Fees:

- 5.1. The required entry fee is \$75 USD by July 15th 2024. After this day an additional \$20 late fee will apply up until August 16th 2024
- 5.2. Fee includes launch and haul crane access, trailer storage, dockage, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and awards.
- 5.3. All fees **must be paid online** by credit card or PayPal at the Yacht Scoring event site.

6. Crew Limitations:

All competitors may be weighed during registration to comply with the 882 lbs max crew weight. Competitors must have a passport or other government photo identification at weigh-in.

7. Advertising:

- 7.1. Competitor advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. Schedule:

8.1.

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Friday	Aug 16	1800	Crew Weigh-in Boat Launch and Crew Registration
Saturday	Aug 17	0830 – 0900 1030	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal
Sunday	Aug 18	0830 – 0900 1000 1400 TBD	Crew Weigh-in* First Warning Signal No warning signal made after this time Awards – Closing Ceremonies

8.2. *These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for crew replacements approved by the Chief Judge, PRO or per Class Rule class rule H.4.3.

8.3. 8 total races are scheduled.

9. Equipment Inspection:

- 9.1. Each boat shall comply with the J/24 Class Rules.
- 9.2. Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:
 - (a) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage.
 - (b) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.

10. Venue:

Will be North Cape Yacht Club and waters of western Lake Erie

11. Courses:

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 legs
- 11.2. An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions
- 11.3. A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Penalty System:

12.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

12.2. Penalties from protest hearings for breaches of rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee.

13. Scoring:

13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14. [NP] Support Person Vessels:

Support boats shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

15. Chartered or Loaned Boats:

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

16. [NP] Berthing:

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA.

17. [NP] Haul-out Restrictions:

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with permission from an event official. This restriction applies to rudders as well.

18. [DP] [NP] Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:

18.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

18.2. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.

18.3. The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

19. Risk Statement:

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

20. Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party marine insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident of the equivalent.

21. Prizes:

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) boats entered.

21.2. A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.

21.3. The highest placing U.S. driver not previously qualified will be awarded a berth for the 2025 J/24 World Championship.

22. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, race officials and volunteers 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.
- 22.2. All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

23. Media Rights:

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the U.S. J/24 Class Association 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.

24. Further Information:

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