



DAVIS ISLAND
Yacht Club
1315 SEVERN - TAMPA, FLORIDA 33606

2016 J/24 Midwinter Championship February 19-21, 2016

Notice of Race

J/24 District 10, Fleet 86, Tampa, Florida

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso outside the upper lifeline other than temporarily, notwithstanding the provisions of RRS 49. This modifies RRS 49.
- 1.3 With permission of the IJCA, the following IJCA class rule is modified: IJCA rule **5.3** 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 race committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.4 RRS 41 will be changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in RRS 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.5 RRS 42.3 (b) and (c) will be replaced by IJCA Rule 8.2.
- 1.6 All boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority.
- 1.7 Portions of RRS, Appendix T may appear in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online registration form and paying at http://diyc.org/calendar/ailec_event/j24-midwinters-2/?instance_id=13666
- 2.3 All boats are required to have a minimum of \$300,000 marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge.
- 2.4 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The **entry fee is \$275** and includes competitors' package, dinner for five at J/24 Midwinter dinner, all regatta parties, daily post race keg beer, launching, hauling, and rafting facilities, and trailer parking.

3.2 Additional Fees:

\$50 late fee if entry received after **midnight Feb 2, 2016**.
\$25 fee for non-members of US Sailing.

4 SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb 18

1100 - 1800 Registration, Weigh-in and Measurement

Friday, Feb 19

0800 - 0900 Registration, Weigh-in and Measurement
0900 Launch Deadline
0930 Competitor Meeting
1100 First Warning, subsequent races to follow

Saturday – Sunday, Feb 20 - 21

1000 First Warning Signal
ASAP Subsequent races
1830 Social activities to follow
No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

5 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 The registration desk will be located in the Regatta Office, located on the ground floor, southwest side of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 At registration all boats shall present: a valid J/24 measurement certificate including Part C, inventory of required and optional equipment, proof of current marine liability insurance, and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsperson. Boats that do not have a Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to be measured through the J/24 Class Association prior to registration.
- 5.3 All competitors will be weighed during registration, except that crew substitutions may be weighed 0800 - 0815 on the first day that they will compete. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in. All competitors will also be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

5.4 **NOTE: All participants in the Regatta, including those who registered and made the required payments by online, are required to report to the Regatta Registration Desk during the hours it is open to confirm and complete their registration for the regatta.**

5.5 All boats may be weighed during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.7.1 and all sails will be measured during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.6.

5.6 All boats will be subject to random inspection at any time during the regatta.

6 ADVERTISING:

6.1 Advertising is permitted as per ISAF Regulation 20 and J/24 Class Rules.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority or the Race Committee.

6.3 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority or the Race Committee, boats may be required to have additional identification on their hulls which shall be provided by the OA or RC.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the web site prior to the regatta.

8 VENUE

Sailing will be on Hillsborough Bay, south of Davis Island Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward courses.

9.2 Offset mark at the weather mark and leeward gate may be used.

10 PENALTY SYSTEMS

10.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10.2 RRS 61.1(a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.

10.3 RRS 64.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.

11 SCORING

11.1 Ten races are scheduled.

11.2 A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a championship.

11.3 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.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Boats shall be afloat by 0900 on Friday and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

12.2 Launching and rafting facilities will be provided on a first come first served basis.

13 OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

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

13.2 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

13.3 Wet or dry sanding of hulls and appendages is prohibited on DIYC grounds at all times.

13.4 No electric devices designed to dehumidify the boat are permitted.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 It is the intent of the organizing authority and race committee to use marine VHF radios to communicate with the fleet when outside the DIYC harbor.

14.2 The Race Committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 20% of the boats entered.

15.2 An award will be presented to the boat that finishes mid-fleet, rounded down if necessary.

16 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, Fleet 86, DIYC 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.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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. Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

18 INFORMATION

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