

2004 J/24 U.S. National Championship

April 21-25, 2004

Hosted By Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, Maryland

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined by the 2001-2004 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1 The organizing authority for this regatta will be J24 Fleet 8 and Severn Sailing Association.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 This regatta is designated a Category C event under RRS Appendix 1 and IJCA Class Rule 2.6.1.
- 3.2 All boats may be required to display a sticker on the forward 25% of each side of the hull for the duration of the event. The Organizing Authority will provide the stickers at registration.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to any J/24 as defined by the IJCA Rules.
- 4.2 All boats and competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and measurement requirements as set forth in the IJCA Rules.
- 4.3 All boats must have submitted its entry, paid the entry fee and completed the registration process by 1800 hours on Thursday, April 22, 2004.
- 4.4 Marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge of each boat as defined in RRS 46 is required.
- 4.5 There will be a 90-boat limit for this regatta. All entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- 4.6 The bow numbers that will be provided by the Organizing Authority at registration must be affixed to the bow of the boat prior to launching.

5. Entry and Fees

- 5.1 Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form with the entry fee by the close of registration.
- 5.2 Entries and fees may be submitted online, or at registration.
- 5.3 Online entries and fees shall be submitted no later than April 13th, 2004 at j24fleet8.org/USNationals.

- 5.4 The entry fee shall be \$250 if submitted on or before April 13th, 2004 or \$300 if submitted at registration.
- 5.5 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.6 The entry fee includes boat launching and haul out, boat docking/rafting and trailer storage during the regatta, racing, and social activities for 5 competitors. Additional social packages and dinner tickets can be purchased online or at registration.

6. Registration

- 6.1 A representative of each boat must report to the registration desk, which will be located on the second floor of the Severn Sailing Association Clubhouse to check in and pick up their registration package.
- 6.2 All boats shall present a valid J24 Measurement Certificate (including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment), proof of current boat damage, and liability coverage in the minimum amount of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$500,000 \$300,000(USD), and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsman.
- 6.3 All boats shall submit a completed sail measurement form, crew measurement form, and competitor liability waiver form. The Organizing Authority will provide these forms in the registration package.

7. Measurement

- 7.1 Sails must be presented for inspection at the designated measurement area no later than 1630 hours on April 22, 2004.
- 7.2 Sails that have not previously been measured stamped and signed by an IJCA Measurer must be measured.
- 7.3 Crews will be weighed during registration.
- 7.4 Boats requiring measurement to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with the Annapolis IJCA Measurer, Angelo Buscemi (202) 494-3639, AJBuscemi@aol.com. **Advance arrangements MUST be made prior to Monday, April 5, 2004.**
- 7.5 Inspections may be made during the regatta (on or off the water) for compliance with the IJCA rules.

8. Launching and Rafting

- 8.1 Launching and hauling for the regatta is complimentary at Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis Yacht Club, and Eastport Yacht Club on Wednesday April 21st, through Sunday, April 25th. Participants will be assigned launch locations prior to registration.
- 8.2 Boats cannot be stored at SSA, EYC, or AYC before or after the regatta without prior special arrangement.
- 8.3 All boats shall be afloat before 1800 hours on the Thursday, April 22nd and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.
- 8.4 Hauling of boats at completion of the regatta shall be done in ascending order of bow number. The Organizing Authority will attempt to assign bow numbers by the distance the boat has to travel immediately following completion of the regatta. Boats that register after April 13th may not receive haul-out priority. Local boats will haul after all traveling boats have been hauled.

9. Schedule of Events

- 9.1 Seven races are scheduled.
- 9.2 The warning signal for the first race of each day will be made at 1000 hours.
- 9.3 No race will be started after 1330 hours on Sunday, April 25, 2004.

Wednesday April 21	1300-1800	Registration / Measurement
Thursday April 22	0900-1800	Registration / Measurement
	1800	All Boats must be launched
	1830	Welcome dinner party and competitors meeting
Friday April 23	0730 -0830	Weigh In
	1000	1st Warning Signal of day
	After Racing	Refreshments/ Chalk Talks
Saturday April 24	1000	1st Warning Signal of day
	After Racing	Refreshments/ Chalk Talks
	1830	Dinner
Sunday April 25	10:00	1st Warning Signal of day
	After Racing	Refreshments and Awards

10. Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the event website at j24fleet8.org/USNationals by April 15th.

11. Courses

- 11.1 Racing will take place on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River.
- 11.2 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
- 11.3 Gates and offset marks may be used.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be used, modified such that each yacht's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races.

13. Penalties

- 13.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply, amended such that flag I may be used as a yellow flag.
- 13.2 RRS 44.1 will be changed to allow scoring penalties to be taken prior to a protest hearing.

14. Arbitration

- 14.1 Arbitration will be used for protests involving rules of part 2.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 The first place boat shall be declared the 2004 US J24 National Champion and shall be awarded the perpetual J24 National Championship Trophy.
- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the top 10 boats overall.
- 15.1 Daily awards will be presented to the top three boats for each day.

16. World Championship Qualification

- 16.1 In accordance with the USJCA World Qualifying Rules, a berth to the 2005 J24 World Championship will be awarded to the top finishing US helmsperson that has not already earned one.

17. Chartered Or Loaned Boats

- 17.1 In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry a sail number other than her hull number.

18. Media Rights

- 18.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J24 Class Association, Annapolis Fleet 8 and Severn Sailing 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.

19. Contacts

- 19.1 Requests for information may be directed to the Event Chairman:
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