



2020 J/24 US National Championship

Presented by Vermont Sailing Partners



Sept 24th – 27th , 2020

Malletts Bay Boat Club — Colchester, VT



The Organizing Authority (OA) comprised of J/24 Fleet 23 and the Malletts Bay Boat Club in conjunction with the US J/24 Class Association (USJCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2[NP] Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and will also be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers will be applied prior to launching by the OA and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

1.3 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.

1.4 Support Vessels – 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 racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.6 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so 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.

1.7 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.

1.8 Class rule C.10.2 will be changed by NOR and SI to Class Rule J.2 regarding a spare spinnaker.

1.9 RRS 60.4(a)(1) is changed to read: “....but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or....”

1.10 The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.11 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and RRS Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1.

1.12 US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘PFD’ link for more information.

2 Advertising

2.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. (See World Sailing Regulation 20)

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all paid J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.

3.2 Helmsmen/Skipper must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.

3.3 Eligible boats may register by completing the online registration process at <https://www.j24usnationals.com> by 1800 hours on September 20, 2020. Entries will be restricted to 40 boats.

3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: a \$55 late fee shall be added to registrations received after 1800 hours on August 31st, 2020.

3.5 Refunds – J/24s withdrawing and requesting a refund before August 31, 2020 will receive a refund minus a \$100 administration fee. J/24s withdrawing after August 31, 2020 will not receive a refund.

3.6 No entries will be received after 1800 on September 20th, 2020.

3.7 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

4 Fees

4.1 Required entry fees are as follows in US Dollars

Regular Entry (Between Feb 1 and 1800 hours on August 31, 2020): \$395

Late Entry (After 1800 hours on August 31 through 1800 hours on Sept 20, 2020): \$450

4.2 Entry fee includes participation in the regatta, launch & haul at MBBC, trailer storage, mooring for the duration of the regatta, Saturday evening BBQ dinner and live music Saturday night. Breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday will also be available.

4.3 All entry fees are payable to Malletts Bay Boat Club.

4.4 There may be optional fees for additional meals and regatta apparel that will be listed on the regatta website and available at the venue.

4.5 Late fee applies based on the date the entry pays in full.

5 Schedule

5.1 The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing with a maximum of ten (10) races in the event. All launch and social activities will be at MBBC.

5.2

Wednesday:

0900 - 2000 Early launch by permission

Thursday:

0900 - 2000 Launching/Registration/Sail Measurement only
1700 First Warning Practice race

Friday:

0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC
1000 Harbor Start
1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow
1900 Downtown Burlington Church Street tour and pub crawl

Saturday:

0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC
1000 Harbor Start
1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow
1800 Dinner (Cookout style)
2000-2300 Live band and dancing

Sunday:

0800-1000 Bagels – Coffee – OJ – Fruit at MBBC
1000 Harbor Start
1100 First Warning of 1st race of the day - other races to follow - No races after 1500
1700 Awards

6 Registration and Measurement

6.1 Each boat shall present either electronically prior to check-in or in person upon arrival at the event:

- Valid J/24 Measurement Certificate as issued by the IJCA, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment . Email contact: <mailto:J24Nationals@mbbc-vt.org>
- Proof of current marine liability insurance with a minimum value of \$300,000 per occurrence.
- Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the owner and helmsperson.

6.2 All competitors, including any declared substitute crew members, will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3 All sails will be measured for compliance with IJCA rule C. 10.

6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

6.5 There will be no on-site measurement of boats to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate.

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

8 Venue

8.1 The 2020 J/24 US National Championship will be held at the Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC), located at 662 West Lakeshore Dr., Colchester VT 05446

8. There will be two sailing areas in Malletts Bay. The primary sailing area will be the “Outer Bay”. The secondary racing area will be the “Inner Bay”

9 The Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. The target time for races is approximately 70 to 90 minutes. It is the intention of the race committee to utilize windward offset and leeward gate marks.

10 Penalty System

10.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

10.2 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.

10.3 RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below. (Arbitration)

10.4 Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See NOR attachment A.

11 Scoring

11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

12 Support Vessels

12.1 All support vessels shall comply with NOR 1.4.

12.2 Support vessels 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.

12.3 No support boat will be berthed at or accessed from MBBC.

13 Berthing

13.1 Moorings are included in the entry fee and are available at the Malletts Bay Boat Club. Competitors are advised to bring enough dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.

13.2 [NP] Boats intending to arrive prior to September 24th , 2020 or stay beyond August 27th , 2020 shall make arrangements prior to August 22nd, 2020. This requirement shall not apply to boats with valid storage at the Malletts Bay Boat Club.

13.3 [NP]All boats shall be kept in the assigned area in the harbor.

14 Launching and Haul-Out Restrictions

14.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday, September 24 , 2020 unless granted permission to launch on Friday by the OA. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14.2 Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.

14.3 A member of Malletts Bay Boat Club must be present while the hoist is in use.

14.4 To expedite haul-out, boats may be assigned to a nearby commercial marina.

15 Other Prohibited Actions

15.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta starting at 1000 Thursday, September 24th, 2020 until the end of the day Sunday, September 27th, 2020.

15.2 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools, dehumidifiers or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.

16.2 Competitors shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving transmissions of pertinent race information from the OA and race committee.

17 Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top five boats.

17.2 There may be assorted daily awards.

17.3 There will be a prize for the top Master Skipper (age 55+ at date of the event), Junior Skipper (age 30 or less at the date of the event) and Woman Skipper.

17.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18 Code of Conduct

18.1 All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, and the facilities of the Malletts Bay Boat Club. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverages by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the protest committee and/or the class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the protest committee may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement, or other penalties the protest committee or the OA may deem appropriate.

19 Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, race committee, protest committee, the State of Vermont, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20 Insurance

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

21 Media Rights

21.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, J/24 Fleet 23, the organizing authority, and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images, video, and sound, recorded during the event and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats, free of any charge.

22 Environmental Impact Reduction & Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention

22.1[NP] This regatta is registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea. Please use refillable water bottles and make use of bins for compostable and recyclable items during the event. Boats with bottom paint may not be cleaned while afloat.

22.2[NP] State of Vermont law prohibits the transport of aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species. You must ensure that your boat, equipment and trailer are clean, drained and dry before arriving at the regatta venue.

23 Contact Information

Organizing Authority

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Attachment A

Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification. All these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

Class Rules	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20)	20%
C.9.4 & C.9.5	Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks	20%
C.5.51(A)(1)	Bailing bucket (9-liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(2)(2) C.5.2(1)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a) (11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging 20% where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%
	Removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.