

NOTICE OF REGATTA

March Madness J/24 Texas State Championship Austin Yacht Club March 13-15, 2020

INVITATION

USJCA Fleet 21 and the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) cordially invite you to attend the J/24 March Madness Regatta (“Regatta”) which this year will host the J/24 Texas State Championship. This is the 1st Circuit Stop of the 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit. USJCA Fleet 21 and the AYC are the organizer and host, respectively.

LOCATION

AYC is a private yacht club, located at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734. Directions and other information relating to AYC can be found at <http://www.austinyachtclub.net>.

RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the 2020 Notice of Circuit for the J/24 Texas Circuit and the 2019 International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rule”).

ELIGIBILITY

The Regatta is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class and whose entries are accepted by the organizer. Helmspersons must be full members of the J/24 National or International Class. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit, including payment of the J/24 Texas Circuit Participation Fee outlined therein, and pay all required Regatta registration fees to become official participants.

RACING

The Regatta will consist of as many as six (6) races over two (2) consecutive days. Three (3) races must be completed to count towards the overall 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit scores.

COURSES

Races will be sailed on windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

SCORING

No race scores will be excluded from a boat’s Regatta score. This modifies RRS A2. The scoring penalty as provided by RRS 44.3 and as modified by the sailing instructions will apply.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located downstairs at the AYC clubhouse, next to the Race Committee Room.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be distributed to competitors at registration.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to at least the top 4 (four) finishing competitors. Additional overall awards may be added depending on participation. The Kenyon Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

ENTRY FEE AND MAIL-IN DEADLINE

The required registration fee is \$95 with a \$5 discount for active US Sailing members. Registration may be completed online using the registration link at:

<http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2020/J24CircuitStop/>

and payment can be made by using the electronic form to pay by credit card. Registration may also be completed at the Regatta; however a late fee will be assessed if payment is not made online or to the host club prior to the end of Early Registration. Early registration ends on Wednesday March 11, 2020, and all unpaid and new registrations will be charged an additional \$25 late fee after 11:59 p.m. on this date.

The registration fee includes participation in the Regatta, use of mast hoists for mast stepping, trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the Regatta, use of a hoist or ramp to launch and retrieve boats, and participation in the Regatta's social and awards presentation. Additional Regatta items may be available for purchase at registration and/or as part of online registration.

INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1., the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their boat's hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta by submitting a written request as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

Class Rule C.10.2 is amended herein and in the Sailing Instructions to allow boats to carry an additional spinnaker. Boats shall comply strictly to this amendment as it is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and current (completed annually) Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. A boat without a Measurement Certificate may race only with prior approval of the Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.1. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the Regatta.

In accordance with Class Rule B.3, all boats must carry aboard the current Measurement Certificate and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules by the Governor or Circuit Rep, a J/24 class measurer or race official prior to, during or at the conclusion of each regatta, and without prior notification. Any violations of the Class Rules shall be subject to penalties as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). All competitors will be weighed during registration at each regatta and the crew shall remain the same for all races.

LAUNCHING/RETRIEVING BOATS

Two mast cranes will be available near the ramp at AYC. Launching boats will be via ramp. Loaner trailers and assistance will be available for boats which don't have ramp-launch-capable trailers. An A-frame hoist will be available to swap boats onto loaner trailers. Regatta participants will be responsible for setting up, launching and retrieving their own boat.

BERTHING

Competitors may tie anywhere along the T-heads of docks. Boats may not be tied overnight along the rigging dock next to the launch ramp. Some wet slips may be available on a first-come/first-served basis. The regatta committee will identify open slips permitted for use.

LIABILITY

Registering for and participating in the Regatta shall in no way hold Austin Yacht Club, its officers, directors, committee persons, any member or representatives of USJCA District 14, and/or any sponsoring group liable for injury to participants, crew or boats.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

The Official Schedule will be included in the Sailing Instructions

Friday, March 13, 2020	1600-1900	Registration Open
Saturday, March 14, 2020	0800-0915	Registration Open
	0915	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow
Sunday, March 15, 2020	0930	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow
	1300	No Warning Signal will be made after this time
	Following Races	Awards Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information can be found at the event page: <http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2020/J24CircuitStop/>. If you have questions regarding this Regatta, contact Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas at jorgemdn@gmail.com.

For more information regarding the Texas J/24 Circuit, you may contact the following:

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