



J/24 TEXAS NOTICE OF CIRCUIT

(Effective 01 March 2022)

Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2022 J/24 Texas Circuit (the “Circuit”) to be held from March through November 2022 and sponsored by the U.S. J/24 Class Association (USJCA) District 14, its local fleets and yacht clubs. The Circuit is administered by the J24 Texas Circuit Representatives (“Circuit Reps”) and USJCA District 14 Governor (“Governor”).

Eligibility

The Circuit is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class. All Circuit helmspersons must have purchased a Full Membership to the J/24 Class J/24 National or International Class and meet requirements for boat and crew as specified by associated Rules.

Circuit Schedule

The 2022 Circuit is comprised of seven (7) Circuit Regattas ⁽¹⁾:

Stop	Location	Organizer	Event	2022 Regatta Date
1	Heath, TX	Rush Creek Yacht Club	Texas Independence Day	Mar 5-6
2	Austin, TX	Austin Yacht Club	March Madness	March 26-27 ⁽²⁾
3	Fort Worth, TX	Fort Worth Boat Club	Cowtown Stampede	April 22-24
4	Oak Point, TX	Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club	Corinthian Heritage Cup	May 21-22
5	Corpus Christi, TX	Corpus Christi Yacht Club	Surfin' Safari	June 25-26
6	Shoreacres, TX	Houston Yacht Club	Houston Open One Design	September 17-18
7	Seabrook, TX	Lakewood Yacht Club	J/Fest Southwest	October 22-23

(1) In the event that these specific Circuit Regattas do not qualify for Circuit Scoring, alternatives may be found. (2) This date is pending agreement by the Organizer.

Rules

The Circuit Regattas are governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), the 2021 International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rules”), this NOC, the NOC appendix, and the respective Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for each Circuit Regatta.

Measurement Certificate

In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment in accordance with Class Rule B.3.2. See

appendix for additional details.

Registration, Entry, and Fees

Each helmsperson shall register for the J/24 Texas Circuit per the Notice of District 14 Racing.

Racing

Up to six (6) races will be scheduled at each Circuit Regatta. Racing will be windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

Circuit Scoring

RRS Appendix A, as modified below, will apply to the overall Circuit scoring.

Five (5) Circuit Regattas are required to constitute the Circuit. Only those Circuit Regattas for which at least three (3) races are completed will be scored in the overall Circuit scoring.

When five (5) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores.

When six (6) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores, excluding her worst Regatta score.

When seven (7) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores, excluding her two (2) worst Regatta scores.

Exceptional scoring cases may be found in the Notice of Circuit Appendix.

Prizes

Awards for the Circuit will be presented to the final overall top five (5) Circuit helmspersons. Additional awards will be awarded to qualifying participants as part of the overall District 14 awards.

2023 J/24 Worlds Qualification

The top finisher of the 2022 J/24 Texas Circuit will qualify for a berth in the 2023 J/24 World Championship planned for Thessaloniki Greece.

Bow Numbers

See [Getting Started – New D14 Competitors](#) for details regarding Bow Numbers.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race, series or regatta.

Additional Information

For more information regarding the Circuit, you may:

- Access on-line information from www.j24district14.com
- John Parker, District 14 Governor at (512) 983-2582, governor@j24district14.com

Appendix to the 2022 J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit

J/24 Class Membership

Full and Associate membership may be obtained online at <http://j24usa.com/membership/>

Review the Notice of District 14 Racing for additional Class Membership details.

US Sailing Membership and Discounts

Most of the Circuit Regattas will offer a discount on the entry fee with a US Sailing membership. Although not required, we encourage US Sailing membership. Membership may be obtained online at

<https://www1.ussailing.org/mem/default.aspx>

Proof of Insurance

It has become a regular practice to require proof of insurance as a condition of entry to regattas. Each participating boat should be prepared to provide proof of valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the amount as required by the regatta organizers. Each helmsperson should research insurance options. One option is Gowrie Group who provides One Design focused insurance.

<https://www.gowrie.com/USSailingPrograms/OneDesignProgram.aspx>

Rules

Certain Class Rules are outlined within this appendix to highlight some pertinent rules. However, each person participating in the Circuit is encouraged to review and learn all of the Class Rules. Current Class rules may be accessed here: <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/>

Protests

It is intended for the respective protest committees of the host clubs for each Circuit Regatta to have authority on all matters within their jurisdiction. In the event there is a protest or violation relating to Class Rules that fall outside of the protest committee jurisdiction, a committee consisting of District 14 Fleet Captains of record and chaired by the Governor will resolve such matters. These include, but are not limited to, circuit scoring, helmsperson substitution, and noncompliance of certain Class Rules or this NOC.

Measurement Certificate

Any boat without a Measurement Certificate should contact a J/24 Class Measurer to arrange for boat measurement in order to obtain the Measurement Certificate. A boat without a Measurement Certificate may race in the Circuit only with prior approval of and only during the timeframe as designated by the Governor.

A list of USJCA Class Measurers may be found at the following website:

<http://j24usa.com/organization/measurement-committee/>

The general guideline for attaining a Measurement Certificate is before or within the second year of the boat entering the J/24 Texas Circuit.

Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment

It is the sole responsibility of each owner or helmsperson to complete this form. Completing this form does not require a class measurer. Each boat shall use the designated District 14 form which can be requested from the Circuit Rep or can be found on the J/24 Texas Circuit website.

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

More information on the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment Form may be found in Step 2 D & E in [Getting Started – New D14 Competitors](#) on the j24district14.com website.

Crew

Crewmembers, other than helmspersons, are not required to be class members. However, they are encouraged to join in support of the USJCA by becoming Associate Members (\$35 per year). Associate membership may be obtained online at <http://j24usa.com/membership/>

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 Circuit Regatta and the crew shall remain the same for all races of that Circuit Regatta. Any crew substitution shall be given only in exceptional cases and requires that the helmsperson submit a written request to the Governor or Circuit Rep at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.

Crew Weigh In

Except for the Southwest Regional Championship, it is at the discretion of the organizers and hosts whether they will waive the requirement for crew weighing. Competitors shall still comply with Class Rule C.2.1 and may be protested at any time during a Circuit Regatta. In the event a competitor has violated this Class Rule, a US Sailing Judge decision may disqualify the competitor from all races completed and exclude from all races remaining.

Sails

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 Circuit Regatta by submitting a written request at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested to the protest committee informing them of the sail type and sail number in which they will be competing.

Pursuant to RRS 87, Class Rule C.10.2 is amended herein and in the Sailing Instructions to allow boats to carry one (1) additional spinnaker in the Circuit Regattas. Boats shall comply strictly to this amendment as it is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

Boats must compete with the same set of sails for the entirety of a Circuit Regatta. Lost or damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the Governor or Circuit Rep, or as it is outlined in the respective Sailing

Instructions, and requests for sail replacement shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with this NOC and Class Rules.

Co-Helmsperson

There may be more than one, but only up to two (2) Helmspersons (“Co-Helmspersons”), in a team. A team would consist of five (5) persons.

For a team to have Co-Helmspersons, the team must designate a primary Helmsperson at the beginning of the Circuit year, and all scoring will be recorded under the primary Helmsperson’s name.

The Co-Helmspersons and at least three (3) of the same team members must sail together in at least 50% of the Circuit Regattas in which the team has or will compete.

Co-Helmspersons that do not meet this requirement must have approval by the Governor.

Scoring Exceptions

The J/24 District 14 leadership encourages competitors to engage in Regional, National, Continental, and Worlds-level racing. However, there are frequently conflicts between these out of District events and our District 14 events. To specifically encourage our competitors to take advantage of these opportunities without concern of negative consequences to scores when conflicts occur, any missed Circuit regatta that falls within a 10 day period of a conflicting Regional, National, Continental or Worlds event which the primary helmsperson competed his/her J/24 will be scored with the lower of the following two scores: 1) the overall score of the helmsperson/team in the Regional/National/Continental/Worlds event or 2) the average of the helmsperson’s Circuit Scores.

2023 J/24 World Championship Qualification

US World Championship Qualifiers

A list of all World Championship Qualifiers may be found here: <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>

Background on District 14 World Championship Qualifiers

In the years that the Worlds is held in North America, the previous year is a World Qualifier for the District 14 Championship, known as the J/24 Texas Circuit.

Every year, the Southwest Regional Championship is the standing J/24 World Qualifier for USJCA Districts 14 and 18.

If the Southwest Regional Championship does not qualify as a scored Circuit Regatta of the Circuit), the berths will be returned to the J/24 Class to be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Assignment of World Championship Berth

In the event a team earns a berth to the Worlds, the Helmsperson that was designated as the primary Helmsperson is also designated as the recipient of the berth for World qualification purposes.