



MEDIA ALERT

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FLORIDA YACHT CLUB TO HOST 2007 J/24 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP *Jacksonville, Florida Club to Host Top Sailors in National Competition*

WHAT: The 2007 J/24 National Championship will bring a fleet of world class sailors to Jacksonville, Florida. There are currently more than 5,000 J/24 sailboats competing in 30 countries around the world. This regatta will bring together J/24 sailors from across the United States to compete for the class' National Championship.

WHEN: April 18-21, 2007

WHERE: The Florida Yacht Club (FYC)
5210 Yacht Club Road
Jacksonville, FL, 32210
904-387-1653.
Racing will take place on the St. Johns River near FYC.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 18

Registration 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Astor Room

Measurement 9:00-5:00, Grand Ballroom

Practice Race First Signal 1:00 p.m.

Competitor's Briefing 5:00 p.m., Astor Room

The Famous FYC Oyster Roast, 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m., South Lawn/Terrazo

Media Opportunities:

Sailing onboard during practice sessions

Video/photos of sail and boat measurements

Thursday, April 19

Final Registration 8:00-9:30 a.m., Astor Room

First Championship Race of the day starts 10:35 a.m. with additional races to follow

Dinner Buffet & Daily awards 7:00 p.m., Grand Ballroom

Friday, April 20

First Race of the day starts 10:30 a.m., additional races to follow

Saturday, April 21

First Championship Race of the day starts 10:30 a.m., additional races to follow

No race will be started after 3:00 p.m.

Final Awards Ceremony, Dinner Buffet, & Entertainment 6:00 p.m., Grand Ballroom

Media Opportunities on Race Days Include:

Daily pre-race preparations and interviews with sailors

Daily press boat access with photo ops including starting line and mark-roundings with the Jacksonville skyline as a backdrop

Daily post-race interviews with race-winners and other competitors

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PRIZES & AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 finishers. Daily awards will also be presented.

REGATTA CONTACTS:

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BACKGROUND:

The regatta is presented by the following signature sponsors: Bank of America, Coastal Construction Products, Inc., Layline, Coral Reef Sailing Apparel and Quantum Sails

The Florida Yacht Club

Founded in 1876 The Florida Yacht Club is one of the nation's oldest private yacht clubs and a member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs. A summary of the Club's House Rules will be provided at registration and all competitors are expected to abide those rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Only members, their guests and dependents, and members of other FCYC clubs are permitted to "charge" for club services. Cash is not accepted. Guest cards will be issued at registration to any competitor who furnishes a valid credit card to guarantee any charges incurred during the course of the regatta. While competitors are allowed to stay on their boats and utilize the Club's locker and shower facilities on-site camping in tents, motor homes or travel trailers is not permitted. More information on the Club can be found at www.thefloridayachtclub.org.

The J/24 Class

With over 50,000 people sailing J/24's in over 105 active fleets in 30 nations, J/24 sailors often dominate Grand Prix events, the America's Cup, and the Olympics The design and measurement rules of this sailboat provide some of the closest racing found in any class.

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