

# NOTICE OF REGATTA

## J/24 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jacksonville, Florida

April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

**INVITATION:** The U.S. J/24 Class Association (USJCA) Fleet 55 and The Florida Yacht Club invite J/24 sailors to the 2007 J/24 U.S. National Championship Regatta, to be held from April 18-21, 2007, in Jacksonville, FL. The Florida Yacht Club and USJCA Fleet 55 in conjunction with the J/24 Class Association are the Host and Organizing Authorities, respectively.

**VENUE:** The 2007 J/24 National Championships will be held at The Florida Yacht Club (FYC) in Jacksonville, FL. The address is 5210 Yacht Club Road, Jacksonville, FL, 32210, and the phone number is 904-387-1653. Racing will take place on the St. John's River near FYC. More information on the Club can be found at [www.thefloridayachtclub.org](http://www.thefloridayachtclub.org).

**RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The same crews and four class sails must be used the entire regatta. There can be substitutions only with the approval of the Jury.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Regatta is open to all J/24s as defined by the IJCA Class Rules. Competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and boat measurement requirements and must have paid all event fees before beginning official competition. Bow numbers may be issued for this event and, if so, all competitors will affix the numbers according to the instructions provided.

**ENTRY & FEES:** The entry fee for this regatta is \$325.00. You may register by US Mail or on-line. Registration forms are available at [www.j24nationals.com](http://www.j24nationals.com). To register by US Mail, fill out the on-line form, print it, and mail it to: The Florida Yacht Club, Attention: Harbormaster, 5210 Yacht Club Road, Jacksonville, FL, 32210. Checks should be made payable to: "The Florida Yacht Club." If the online or mailed registration is received after 6:00 PM on April 4, 2007, a \$50.00 late fee will be added. The entry fee includes: participation in the Regatta, use of a powered hoist for launching/haul out, trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the regatta, and complimentary food, beer, and soft drinks for a crew of 5 at all regatta functions as described in the official schedule. Additional tickets to each social function can be purchased at registration on an a la carte basis.

**SCHEDULE:** 11 races are scheduled. 3 races shall constitute a championship. No race will be started after 1500 on Saturday, April 21. On each day of racing, plan on being on the water for the day, including during lunch. Social events will be held each day per the schedule below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday, April 17	1300 TBD	Rigging Area/Hoist Available Early Arrivers' Social

Wednesday, April 18	0900-1700	Registration ( <i>Astor Room</i> )
	0900-1700	Measurement ( <i>Grand Ballroom</i> )
	1300	Practice Race First Signal
	1700	Competitor's Briefing ( <i>Astor Room</i> )
	1800-2200	The Famous FYC Oyster Roast ( <i>North Lawn/Terrazo</i> )
Thursday, April 19	0800-0930	Final Registration ( <i>Astor Room</i> )
	0800	Coffee & Pastries ( <i>Fleet Center Patio</i> )
	1100	First Race Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.
	1900	Dinner Buffet & Daily Awards ( <i>Grand Ballroom</i> )
Friday, April 20	0800	Coffee & Pastries ( <i>Fleet Center Patio</i> )
	1030	First Race Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.
	Following Racing	Beer & Snacks ( <i>Fleet Center Patio</i> ) Competitors' night on the town
Saturday, April 21	0800	Coffee & Pastries ( <i>Fleet Center Patio</i> )
	1030	First Race Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.
	1800	No race will be started after 1500 Final Awards Ceremony Dinner Buffet & Entertainment ( <i>Grand Ballroom</i> )

**COURSES:** Racing will be on courses of Windward-Leeward design. The Race Committee will determine course length as sailing conditions permit. The courses will be East of FYC toward marker #5.

**SCORING:** No race scores will be excluded from a boat's regatta score. This modifies rule A2. The championship will be valid if three (3) or more races are completed.

**PENALTY SYSTEM:** The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

**PRIZES & AWARDS:** Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 finishers. Daily awards will also be presented.

**INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT:** At registration all participants will be required to present a valid measurement certificate, certified by their respective J/24 Class Association, and must present a valid insurance policy for boat damage and 3rd party liability coverage. All crews shall weigh in at registration to verify crew weight per Class Rule 5.1. Encapsulated corrector weights, if specified per the measurement certificate, may be inspected for compliance per Class Rule

3.7.2. All sails must be presented and those without a valid measurement stamp will be measured. In addition, boats may be inspected and/or measured at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the regatta Organizing Authorities. Participants should arrange to obtain measurement certificates before arriving at the regatta site. **THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE BOAT MEASUREMENT DURING THE REGATTA.**

**LAUNCH, MOORING & HAUL OUT:** Boats may be launched before and hauled out after the regatta using the club's fixed crane or mobile hoist (if available). The fleet will be moored at FYC. A limited number of slips are available on a first-come first-served basis in the main basin and on the club's back docks. All participating boats shall be afloat by 1000 hours on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and shall not be hauled out before the completion of the regatta without the prior written permission of the Jury. Rudders shall remain affixed. Careening and dive cleaning (using underwater breathing apparatus) will not be permitted after the launching deadline during the regatta. At the conclusion of the championship boats with the lowest bow numbers (i.e. earliest registered boats) will be hauled out first. No local boats will be permitted to haul out until Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** It is the intent of the Organizing Authorities to use marine VHF radios to communicate with the fleet when outside the FYC harbor. The Race Committee will monitor channel 74. FYC monitors channels 16 & 68.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be made available to qualified competitors at registration.

**CHARTERS:** A limited number of charter boats may be available on an individual basis. Contact Tim Monahan (see Regatta Contacts below) or use the discussion forum on [www.j24nationals.com](http://www.j24nationals.com) for more information.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:** Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles, and plastic. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification, without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 63.1.

**LODGING:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Orange Park, FL. Competitors referencing the "FYC J24 National Championship" will receive a group rate of \$69 per night. The group rate will expire April 3, 2007. To make a reservation call (904) 264-9513 or email [dos@hiorangepark.com](mailto:dos@hiorangepark.com).

**STORAGE:** Due to limited space there is no onsite boat or vehicle storage before or after the regatta. If competitors require storage we recommend Atlantic Self Storage ([www.atlanticselfstorage.com/](http://www.atlanticselfstorage.com/)). In the locations menu scroll down to view "Westside". Both the Collins road and Argyle locations are convenient to FYC and the Holiday Inn Orange Park.

**REGATTA CONTACTS:**

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**MISCELLANEOUS:** 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. Competitors are

welcome to use the club's many amenities subject to availability including the fitness center, 10 clay tennis courts, a junior Olympic pool and several dining rooms. 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. Cash is not accepted. Cell phones may not be used inside the Clubhouse. Hats may not be worn in the dining areas. 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. No pets are allowed on premises.