

2025 J-24 North American Championship



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The Houston Yacht Club,
The International J/24 Class Association,
The U.S. J/24 Class Association

May 27th through May 31st, 2025

www.regattanetwork.com/event/28673

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The *Regatta Regulations of the IJCA* (IJCA RR) shall apply. Available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/regatta-regulations>.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions that appear in Attachment A will apply.
- 1.4 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 her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 [NP][DP] Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and used as identification for the boat during the event. Bow numbers shall be applied by a team from the organizing committee and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T shall apply to this event and further modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.9 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. For violations of class rules a DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 5% as calculated in RRS 44.3
- 1.10 Class rules changes as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section H:
 - (a) Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited, declared crew substitution.
 - (b) Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
- 1.11 The OA may require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of an onboard tracking system or video cameras for televised production and promotion.
- 1.12 The Vakaros *RaceSense* system will be utilized by the race committee. This changes RRS 41(c).
- 1.13 Each boat shall either provide a working Vakaros Atlas 2 at check-in for *RaceSense* configuration or an Atlas 2 will be provided, by Vakaros, to any boat that does not have one available.
- 1.14 The Vakaros Atlas 2 shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing.

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2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on May 23rd, 2025, on the event site at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28673>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28673#_newsroom.
The onshore unofficial notice board is located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on International VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [NP][DP] Two (2) representatives of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, jury and technical committee may use email to communicate with competitors before the event, and while boats are in the harbor.
- 3.6 *RaceSense* information is available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The J/24 North American Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form and submitting the requested information at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28673> and paying the required fee by 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025.
- 4.4 Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration, and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed.
- 4.5 Late entries received after 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025, will be accepted with a \$100 (US Dollars) additional late fee. Entry Registration closes at 1800 CDT on May 17th, 2025.
- 4.6 A Corinthian Division will be offered. To qualify in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall provide a current, valid World Sailing **Sailor ID** with a boat's online registration indicating World Sailing Group 1 status.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, an entrant shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required fees prior to the registration entry deadline.

5. FEES & DISCOUNTS

- 5.1 The required entry fee is \$450 (US) which must be paid by 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025. Boats entering after 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025 will be required to pay the late fee described in NoR 4.5.

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- 5.2 Fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.
- 5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for \$100 (US).
- 5.4 Additional late entry fee for entries not paid by 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025 is \$100 (US).
- 5.5 All US Domestic registration fees shall be paid during the registration process on the event website by registration deadline described in NOR 4.3. Unpaid registrations will be subject to late fees as described in NOR 4.5.
- 5.6 An administrative fee of \$100 will be charged for cancellation. There will be no refunds after 1800 hrs. on May 3rd, 2025.
- 5.7 Early Entry Discount for paid entries received prior to 1800 hrs. on March 29th, 2025, is \$25 (US) and will be applied during registration payment.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 A boat's advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 3rd

1800 Entry Deadline: Entry Fee must be fully paid to avoid the late fee.

Saturday, May 17th

1800 Deadline to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.

1800 Late Entry Deadline: Entry Fee and applied late fee must be fully paid.

Tuesday, May 27th

0900 - 1700 Registration / Inspection / Crew weigh-in.

1700 Local Weather Briefing

Wednesday, May 28th

0900 - 1700 Registration / Inspection / Crew weigh-in.

1130 *Vakaros RaceSense Information / Training Session*

1400 Practice Race

1700 All boats afloat as specified in NoR 17.

1800 Opening ceremony / Social hour / Weather Briefing

Thursday, May 29th

0830 - 0900 Crew weigh-in*

0900 Competitors and Weather Briefing.

1130 Warning for the first race of the day.

After Racing Post-race social activities and daily awards.

Friday, May 30th

0830 - 0900 Crew weigh-in*

0900 Competitors and Weather Briefing.

1130 Warning for the first race of the day.

After Racing Post-race social activities and daily awards.

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Saturday, May 31st

0830 - 0900	Crew weigh-in*
0900	Competitors and Weather Briefing.
1130	Warning for the first race of the day.
1500	No race shall be started after this time.
1800	Closing Awards Ceremony.

* Crew Weigh-in for crew declared in NoR 1.10 (a)

- 7.1 Eight races are scheduled over three (3) consecutive days.
- 7.2 Three races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs. on the last day of racing.

8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:
 - a. A valid IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
 - b. Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 21.
 - c. Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.
- 8.2 With written permission of the Event Technical Committee Chair, changes to documents or forms required by NoR 8.1 may be accepted at check-in.
- 8.3 Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.
- 8.4 Inspection will be carried out on all boats in accordance with the class rules.
- 8.5 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for any class rules during the event.

9. CREW

- 9.1 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other government photo identification that includes birthdate at weigh-in.
- 9.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the areas bound by the *Houston Shipping Channel* to the East and the *Bayport Shipping Channel* to the South, in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club. See: *Addendum, Race Area*.
- 10.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W
Physical Address: 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.
- 11.2 The target time for each race is approximately 60 - 80 minutes.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 12.2 The first two sentences of RRS 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

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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.”

- 12.3 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 44.2.
- 12.4 RRS Appendix P applies, as further detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 13.4 The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores, and in accordance with Regatta Regulations 28 and 33.3.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 14.1 Support vessels, not to exceed 24', 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, provide a certificate of third-party marine liability insurance in the amount specified in NoR 21, and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in case of infringement, may act according to RRS 64.5.
- 14.2 Registered support vessels will be provided an assigned mooring at the venue. A mooring fee will be charged per vessel. Vessel operators will be required to purchase a social function pass as stated in NoR 5.3.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

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.

16. BERTHING

[DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips, as directed by the organizing authority.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP][NP]Boats shall be afloat by 1700 on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 and shall not be hauled out during the event except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Event Technical Committee Chair. This restriction also applies to rudders.

18. DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 18.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 18.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 18.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

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19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 10% of boats entered.
- 19.2 Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the Championship title winning team.
- 19.3 A Corinthian Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian entry.
- 19.4 The Corinthian Division shall be awarded prizes for the top three (3) boats or top 10% of division entries, whichever is greater.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and **Houston Yacht Club** will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.
- 20.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package. The signed Waivers will be submitted to the Organizing Committee at crew weigh in.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall supply proof of insurance during registration per NoR 8.1.
- 21.2 Boats utilizing a loaned Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

22. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute rights and permission to the International J/24 Class Association, the U.S. J/24 Class Association, the Houston Yacht Club, and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

23. COMPETITOR DRONES

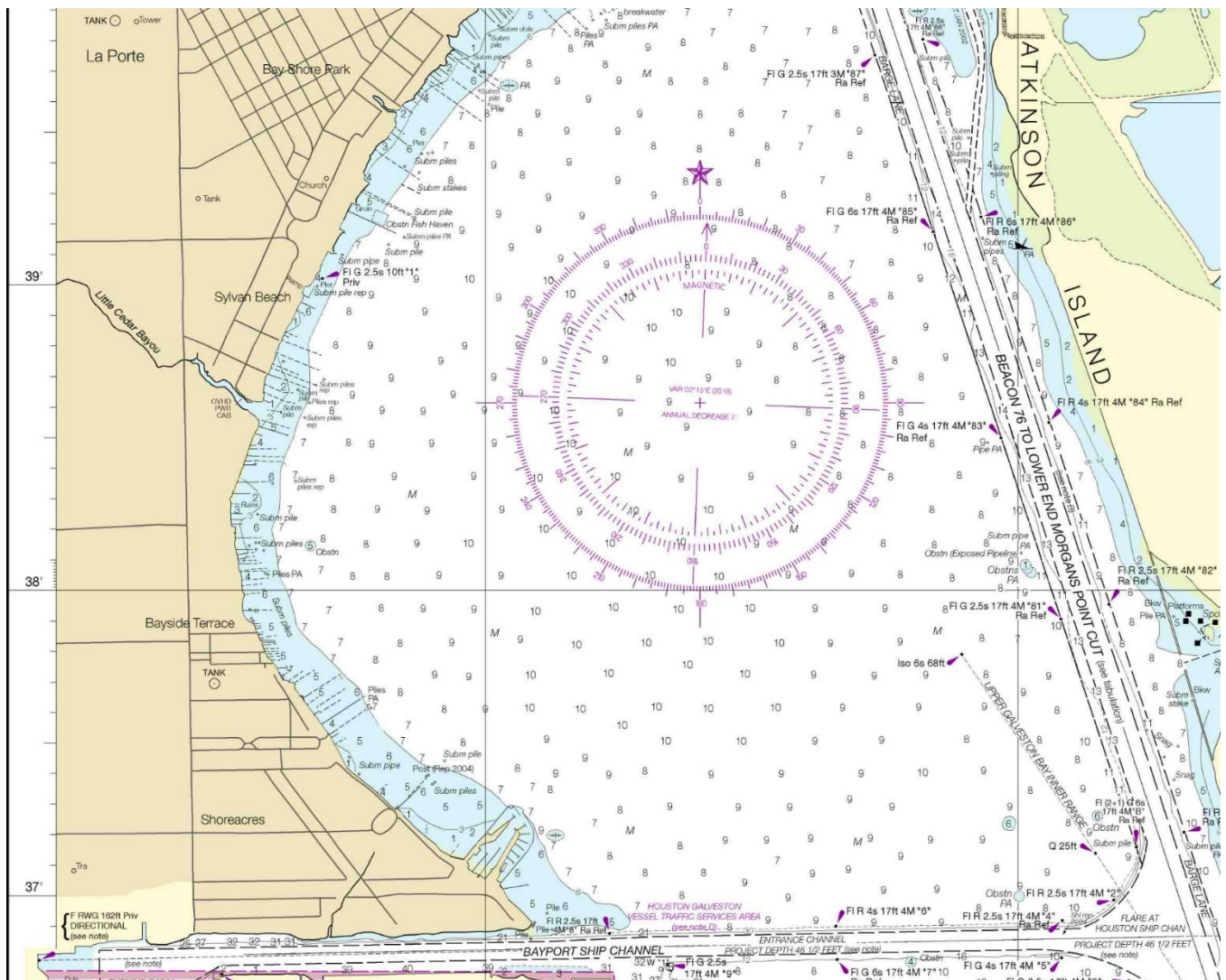
- 23.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizer (see the dedicated part of the entry form).
- 23.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizer may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 23.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizer, race committee, competitors or jury at reasonable request.

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24. FURTHER INFORMATION, contact the following:

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ADDENDUM, RACE AREA



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At Houston Yacht Club, we are grateful for our sponsors and volunteers!

Thank you for your contributions and making this a great regatta!

