

Spring and Summer Series  
May 13, 2010 to September 9, 2010  
J24 Fleet 50  
Newport, RI

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*,
- 1.2 J24 Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: Personal flotation will be required for skipper and all crew when the boat chooses to sail with the 100% Jib. The PFD must be US Coast Guard approved and must be visible to race committee and competitors.  
These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

### 2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accord with ISAF Regulation 20 as adopted by the International J24 Class Association.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the J24 class whose skipper of record is a member of J24 Fleet 50 and the US J24 Class Association.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Lee Bures, 29 School Street, Apt 2, Westborough, MA, 01581 by noon, May 13, 2010. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent. A current copy of the insurance certificate shall be kept on board at all times, and a copy should be sent in with your Registration. Registration will not be considered complete without the insurance certificate.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: payment of \$30 additional late fee.

### 4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fees</u>
J24	\$150.00

- 4.2 Other fees: \$30.00 late fee applies after May 6th.

- 4.3 Payment of fees for this regatta will also constitute payment for the Fall Series.

## **5 SPRING, SUMMER and OVERALL SERIES**

The regatta will consist of a Spring series from May 13th through July 8th, a Summer series from July 15th through September 9th, and an overall series inclusive of both the Spring and Summer series. A separate Fall Series may be sailed as well. NOR and SI's will be available for the Fall Series on the Fleet 50 web site (<http://www.J24Fleet50.org>) in August.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1815.

## **7 MEASUREMENTS**

Each boat shall possess a valid J24 Class measurement certificate.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 These Sailing Instructions pertain to races conducted on Thursday nights as part of Fleet 50's normal sailing format. They will be available at the Fleet 50 web site (<http://www.J24Fleet50.org>).
- 8.2 Races conducted as part of the Newport Regatta will be sailed according to the SI's and NOR's applicable for this regatta and will supercede any contradictory instruction contained herein.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 The instructions on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart (or more recent Chart, if available), Starts Southeast of Rose Island, apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport's main office.
- 9.2 Races conducted as part of the Newport Regatta will be sailed according to the SI's and NOR's applicable for this regatta, and thus may be sailed in a different venue.

## **10 THE COURSES**

Courses selected from the Chart will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat. Code Flag "O", when displayed prior to the Warning Signal, indicates that a special course is to be used. The Turning Marks to be rounded will be displayed in the same format as on the Chart.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 The penalties are as follows: A boat may take a one turn penalty described in Rule 44.2, except when a boat infringes a rule of Part 2 within the zone of any rounding, passing or finishing mark, where her penalty shall be a two turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. Any boat acknowledging a penalty must notify the race committee and identify the boat that was fouled.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Refer to “J/24 Fleet 50 – Revised Official Scoring System“ and is modelled after the US Sailing Scoring System. There will be one (1) throw out for every six (6) races scored.
- 12.2 Average points for the applicable series (Spring or Summer) will be scored for any boat that misses a race due to attendance at an Away Regatta. Notice must be given prior to the days racing. Please email Lee Buress at [LBuress@charter.net](mailto:LBuress@charter.net), in advance, so that he can advise the Race Committee. No redress will be given after the fact.
- 12.3 The Newport Regatta will count for up to 2 races (one for each day) in the Summer Series. Only Fleet 50 boats will be scored, and your placement will be determined based on your cumulative score for each day (for example, one score for all of Saturday’s races, and one score for all of Sunday’s races).
- 12.4 **ASSISTANCE TO RACE COMMITTEE:** Every Fleet 50 member has the obligation to assist the Race Committee in race management for one Thursday night racing in a given season. Although voluntary in the past, this is now mandatory. Sign up is now required during the registration process.

Every Thursday, two members will be requested to assist the Race Committee. One crew member will be asked to assist on the mark boat. This person’s primary duty will be to assist with mark placement. This does not need to be an experienced sailor. Another person will assist on the committee boat, and will be considered an assistant to the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The person will assist the PRO with course selection, line placement, start area, and overall race management. The purpose of this new assignment will be to help Fleet 50 and IDA conduct races in a consistent manner, and to provide real time involvement from a racer’s point of view. This person should be an experienced racer. The assistant will confer with the Fleet Captain (or his designee) via VHF while on the water each week to agree upon course selection, line bias, and starting area before posting of such. The PRO will have the final say on all race decisions, but will confer with the assistant for input.

The boat assisting Race Committee on a given week will be awarded Average Points for the applicable series (Spring or Summer) minus 2, if the boat does not race. Weeks selected will be first come, first served. Arrangements should be made with the Fleet Treasurer to schedule your participation. The Fleet Treasurer will maintain a schedule, and will participate in choosing a mutually agreeable week. The Fleet Treasurer will have the right to move assisting boat’s participation from week to week to fill the season’s schedule.

Those boats not making themselves available on a mutually agreeable date will be penalized. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Fleet Officers, and other

Fleet Members.

- 12.5 **UNREGISTERED BOATS:** Boats which have not registered according to number 3 above will not be recorded as finished nor will they be scored.

**13 RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. In addition, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive data transmissions while racing.

It is the intent of the Race Committee to utilize **VHF CHANNEL 69** as its primary method of communications during racing. Competitors are invited to listen to all RC communications on the channel in the hopes that a clearer understanding of the Committee's intentions will result in better racing for all. These broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

**14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Fleet 50 will award the Peter Milnes trophy for the overall Season Champion. Ida Lewis Yacht Club will award the Carolina Memorial Trophy (overall Season Champion), the Ida Lewis Memorial Trophy (top ILYC Member), the Ida Lewis Pitcher (Spring Season Champion), and the Providence Journal-Bulletin Trophy (Summer Series Champion). Keeper Trophies will be awarded by Fleet 50.

**15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

**16 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent. A current copy of the insurance certificate shall be kept on board at all times, and a copy should be sent in with your Registration.

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Fleet Captains – Will Welles, or Pete Levesque.