

Ida Lewis Yacht Club

2020 Fall Series
September 10, 2020 to September 24, 2020
J24 Fleet 50
Newport, RI

NOTICE OF RACE

The J24 Fleet 50 2020 Fall Series will be held in Narragansett Bay in Newport Rhode Island from 10 September to 24 September 2020

Organizing Authority – Ida Lewis Yacht Club in association with J24 Fleet 50.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The J24 Fleet 50 Fall Series will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the J24 Class Rules.
- 1.2. The following is added to RRS 40: “Personal flotation will be required for those aboard 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.”
- 1.3. U.S. Sailing Appendices T & V will apply.
- 1.4. The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.1
- 1.5. Definition of AP is changed to four short sounds will be made when AP is removed. This changes the definition of AP in Race Signals and changes rule 25.2.
- 1.6. Definition of First Substitute (General Recall) is changed to four short sounds will be made when First Substitute is removed. This changes the definition of First Substitute in Race Signals and changes rule 25.2

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 - ISAF Advertising Code 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. Deadline for entry is September 9, 2020. All entries are subject to a \$50 fee. Entries may be accepted after the deadline with approval of the Fleet Captains. Any entry received after September 10, 2020 will be subject to an additional \$10 fee.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Fleet 50 2020 Registration

Form and sending it, together with the required information and fee, to:

Tim Corbett

timcorbett@gmail.com

- 3.4. Expedited entry is available for boats which competed in the 2020 Thursday Night Series and fulfilled the registration requirements for that Series. Such boats may enter the Fall series by notifying Tim Corbett and submitting payment.
- 3.5. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident 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. Registrations will not be considered complete without the insurance certificate.
- 3.6. Boats which have not fulfilled these registration requirements will not be recorded as finished nor will they be scored in any races in which they participate prior to the completion of registration.

4. SERIES ORGANIZATION

The regatta will include three nights of racing. The Fall Series will be scored separately from the 2020 J24 Fleet 50 Overall Series.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The schedule for the Fall Series is:

Sept 10 th – Sept 24 th

- 5.2. Racing will start on September 10th and be conducted each Thursday through Sept 24th.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the Attention Signal for the first race each day is 1730.

6. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall possess a valid J24 Class measurement certificate.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This NOR and subsequent Sailing Instructions (SIs) pertain to races conducted on Thursday nights as part of Fleet 50's normal sailing format. The SIs will be available on the Fleet 50 web site (<http://www.J24Fleet50.org>) on or before September 9, 2020.

8. VENUE

The racing venue will use instructions and course options listed on the 2018-2020 South Bay Race Chart; Starts Southeast of Rose Island apply. This chart is available at Sail Newport's main office.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will use be selected from the Chart or use marks selected from the Chart.
- 9.2. The Race Committee, at their discretion, may substitute an Inflated Racing Mark (e.g., an orange or yellow inflated mark) in lieu of a mark selected from the Chart.
- 9.3. Courses will be displayed on a Race Committee boat. Courses will be identified using the designations from the Chart or listing the marks of the course, the side on which they are to be left, and their rounding order.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

See NOR 1.3

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in 90.3 and Appendix A in the RRS.
- 11.2. A minimum of one (1) completed races is required to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be one (1) throw out for every six (6) races scored. This modifies RRS A2.
- 11.4. A boat's score for the series will be the sum of all her races minus those discarded.
- 11.5. Average points for the applicable series will be scored for any boat that misses a race due to attendance at an away regatta. Advance notice shall be given if a boat intends to miss a race because of an away regatta. Please email Tim Corbett at timtcorbett@gmail.com, in advance, so that he can advise the Race Committee. Failure to notify via e-mail prior to the warning signal of racing on the day missed will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION and DATA TRANSMISSION

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. The Race Committee will use **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 make any Race Committee announcements shall not be grounds for seeking redress under RRS 62. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Fleet 50 will award the prizes for first and second places for the Fall Series

14. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS AND COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 14.1. These requirements may be modified in the Sailing Instructions or via amendments to the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2. Crew members should maintain a social distance of 6' when possible, e.g., when not racing.
- 14.3. Face coverings should be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- 14.4. Competitors are encouraged to wear PFDs at all times except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing as there will be minimal RC personnel on the signal boat and mark boats.
- 14.5. All boats must have a VHF Radio on-board, tuned to the Fleet channel (NOR 12.2).
- 14.6. The RC reserves the right to forgo traditional signal flags in lieu of making communications via the Fleet VHF channel.
- 14.7. The official notice board shall be the Fleet 50 website.
- 14.8. All matters regarding protests may be conducted electronically.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Competitors are required to complete the THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY which will be posted on the ILYC website under the J24 tab.

16. INSURANCE

See NOR 3.4

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Fleet Captain Hillary Noble. Fleet contacts are listed on the Fleet website at:

<http://j24fleet50.org/fleet-contacts/>