



## Notice of Race

### 2005 Sponsor J/24 North American Championship September 19-24, 2005 Marblehead, Massachusetts

#### 1. Invitation

- 1.1. The Corinthian Yacht Club and the United States J/24 Class Association, Fleets 28, 43 and 95/District I invite J/24 sailors to the 2005 J/24 North American Championship, to be sailed on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

#### 2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1. The organizing authority for this regatta will be the Corinthian Yacht Club, and the United States J/24 Class Association Fleet 28, 43 & 95/District I in conjunction with the International J/24 Class Association.

#### 3. Venue

- 3.1. The Corinthian Yacht Club, One Nahant Street, Marblehead, Massachusetts will be the host club and headquarters for the event. Regatta dates are September 19th through September 24th, 2005.
- 3.2. The Regatta Organizing Committee is comprised of members of the Fleets 28, 43 & 95/District1 and the Corinthian Yacht Club. The Corinthian Yacht Club is less than 20 miles from downtown Boston and located close to the many attractions in Boston and the New England area, making it an ideal venue for the racers and families.

#### 4. Rules

- 4.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS). The Prescriptions of US SAILING will apply.
- 4.2. The Organizing Authority will appoint an International Jury in accordance with RRS Appendix N and IJCA Class Rules. Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with rule 70.4.

#### 5. Advertising

- 5.1. This regatta is classified as a Category C event per ISAF Regulation 20 as of September 2005 as amended by the IJCA Class Rules.

#### 6. Eligibility

- 6.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the J/24 class as defined by the IJCA Rules. ISAF Eligibility Code Regulation 19 is required of all competitors. Competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and boat measurement requirements and must have paid all event fees before beginning official competition.
- 6.2. Bow numbers and event sponsor documents may be issued for this event and, if so, all competitors will affix the numbers and/or sponsor information according to the instructions provided for the duration of the event.

## 7. Entry and Fees

- 7.1. The Organizing Authority must be in receipt of the completed Registration Form and payment of the Entry Fee of \$300.00 (US) by August 31, 2005. After that date, a late fee of \$50.00 (US) will apply for entries received up to September 19, 2005. Any entry received after September 19, 2005 must pay a \$100.00 (US) late fee in addition to the Entry Fee.
- 7.2. Checks must be made payable to "J/24 Fleet 28". Entry forms and payments are to be mailed to:  
**Pip Earl**  
**2005 J/24 North American Championship 2005**  
**12 Netherton Avenue**  
**Beverly, Massachusetts 01915 USA**
- 7.3. [Entry Fee includes launching, rafting/docking, trailer storage, night security, racing, haul-out, and social activities for participants.](#) Additional tickets for non-racing participants will be made available at the registration desk.

## 8. Schedule

- 8.1. A maximum of eleven races are scheduled. Up to three races per day may be sailed.

Monday	Sept 19	1200 – 1800	Registration & Measurement
Tuesday	Sept 20	0900 – 2000	Registration & Measurement Refreshments -- CYC
Wednesday	Sept 21	0800 – 1000 1000 1230 1830	Crew weigh-in only Skippers Meeting at CYC Scheduled time for first signal for Race 1, additional races follow Refreshments – CYC
Thursday	Sept 22	1000  1830	Scheduled time for first signal for the first race of the day, additional races follow Regatta banquet – EYC
Friday	Sept 23	1000  1800	Scheduled time for first signal for the first race of the day, additional races follow Regatta refreshments – CYC
Saturday	Sept 24	1000  1600	Scheduled time for first signal for the first race of the day, additional races follow Awards and Refreshments -- CYC

## 9. Racing

- 9.1. Racing will take place on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off of Marblehead, Massachusetts on Windward/Leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Communications

- 10.1. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to use marine VHF radios, course boards and signal flags to communicate with the fleet when on open waters.

## 11. Scoring

- 11.1. Eleven (11) races are scheduled of which three (3) must be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 11.2. When six (6) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 11.3. The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply, amended such that International Code Flag I may be used as a yellow flag.

## 12. Prizes

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews of the top 10% of boats entered. Daily awards will also be presented. J/24 Class perpetual trophies will be presented as appropriate.
- 12.2. It is the intent of the organizers to award a J/24 North American Masters Trophy to the top finisher whose skipper is over 55 and the average crew age is over 39.
- 12.3. The top finishing helmsperson will be awarded a berth to the 2006 J/24 World Championship in Australia.

## 13. Registration, Inspection and Measurement

- 13.1. All participants are required to present at registration: (1) a current Measurement Certificate, certified by their respective J/24 National Class Association, and (2) proof of a valid insurance policy for boat damage and 3rd party liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$300,000 (US).
- 13.2. All crews shall weigh in at registration.
- 13.3. Inspection and measurement will be carried out on each boat before its registration is complete, following instructions to be provided at registration. Boats without valid Measurement Certificates may be measured by prior appointment only. All sails must be presented for inspection. Sails without a valid measurement stamp will be measured. At the sole discretion of the organizing authority a random inspection may be performed on registered boats at any time during the regatta to ensure that they comply with J/24 Class Rules. Information about the details of the regatta will be available on the regatta website – [www.j24northamericans2005.org](http://www.j24northamericans2005.org) as it becomes available.

#### **14. Launching and Mooring**

- 14.1. All boats may launch using the hoists at the Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC), the Eastern Yacht Club (EYC) or the Boston Yacht Club (BYC) or arrive by water. Participants must follow directions of the CYC/EYC/BYC dock masters. All boats must be afloat before 2000 hours on Tuesday, September 20, 2005.
- 14.2. Once a boat is launched, it may not be hauled out before the end of the series without prior written permission from the Jury. Rudders shall remain affixed. Careening and dive cleaning using underwater breathing apparatus shall not be permitted from the launch deadline until the conclusion of all scheduled races. Plastic pools (or their equivalent) shall not be used during the regatta.
- 14.3. All participating boats shall be assigned moorings by the CYC/EYC/BYC. Detailed staging, launch, mooring/rafting, and haul-out instructions will be provided to participants at check-in.
- 14.4. All boats shall have proper equipment for rafting, including spring lines and fenders (how many) of 6" minimum diameter.

#### **15. Charter**

- 15.1. A limited number of boats may be available for charter from their owners. The organizing authority will provide assistance on a best efforts basis to connect those wishing to charter and owners willing to charter. Assistance can be arranged by contacting this person designated for charter boats listed on the regatta website [www.j24northamericans2005.org](http://www.j24northamericans2005.org).

#### **16. Sailing Instructions**

- 16.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the event website at [www.j24northamericans2005.org](http://www.j24northamericans2005.org) by September 19, 2005.

#### **17. Environmental Behavior**

- 17.1. Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles and plastic. The Jury and Race Committee intend to protest infractions. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification from the race in progress, or the nearest race sailed if a violation occurs before or after racing.

#### **18. Contact**

- 18.1. Requests for information should be directed to:

**Pip Earl**  
**12 Netherton Avenue**  
**Beverly, Massachusetts 01915 USA**  
**H: 978-921-4751**  
**B: 800-653-2726 x328**  
**Email: [info@J24northamericans2005.org](mailto:info@J24northamericans2005.org)**

- 18.2. Entry Forms should be mailed to (Please do not contact the Corinthian Yacht Club for event information.):

**Pip Earl**  
**12 Netherton Avenue**  
**Beverly, Massachusetts 01915 USA**

- 18.3. Other Committee contacts may be listed on the website [www.j24northamericans2005.org](http://www.j24northamericans2005.org).