

# **NOTICE OF REGATTA**

## **March Madness**

## **J/24 Texas State Championship**

### **Austin Yacht Club**

**March 22-24, 2019**

#### **INVITATION**

USJCA Fleet 21 and the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) cordially invite you to attend the J/24 March Madness Regatta (“Regatta”) which this year will host the J/24 Texas State Championship. This is the 1st Circuit Stop of the 2019 J/24 Texas Circuit. USJCA Fleet 21 and the AYC are the organizers and hosts, respectively.

#### **LOCATION**

AYC is a private yacht club, located at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734. Directions and other information relating to AYC can be found at <http://www.austinyachtclub.net>.

#### **RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in 2017-2020 RRS, the 2019 Notice of Circuit for the J/24 Texas Circuit and the 2019 International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rule”).

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Regatta is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class and whose entries are accepted by the organizer. Helmspersons must be full members of the J/24 National or International Class. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit, including payment of the J/24 Texas Circuit Membership Fee outlined therein, and pay all required Regatta registration fees to become official participants.

#### **RACING**

The Regatta will consist of as many as six (6) races over two (2) consecutive days. One (1) race must be completed to count as a regatta. Three (3) races must be completed to count towards the overall 2019 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

#### **COURSES**

Races will be sailed on windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

#### **SCORING**

No race scores will be excluded from a boat’s Regatta score. This modifies rule A2. The scoring penalty as provided by RRS 44.3 and as modified by the sailing instructions will apply.

#### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located downstairs at the AYC clubhouse, next to the Race Committee Room.

#### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be distributed to competitors at registration.

## **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented to at least the top three (3) finishing competitors. Additional overall awards may be added depending on participation. The Kenyon Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

## **ENTRY FEE AND EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

The required registration fee is \$90 with a \$10 discount for active US Sailing members. Registration may be completed on-line via the link found at the event page: <http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2019/J24CircuitStop/>. **Early registration ends on Wednesday March 20, 2019 and all unpaid and new registrations will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee after 11:59 p.m. on this date. On-line registration will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday March 23, 2019.**

The registration fee includes participation in the Regatta, use of mast cranes for mast stepping, trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the Regatta, use of ramp to launch and retrieve boats, and participation in the Regatta's social and awards presentation. The registration fee also includes Friday evening keg beer, Saturday breakfast & lunch, and Sunday breakfast. Regatta T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase at the regatta. More details may be found at the event page: <http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2019/J24CircuitStop/>

## **INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT**

Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1., the mainsail, 150% genoa, and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their boat's hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta by submitting a written request as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

Class Rule C.10.2 is amended herein and in the Sailing Instructions to allow boats to carry an additional spinnaker. Boats shall comply strictly to this amendment as it is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and current (completed annually) Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. A boat without a Measurement Certificate may race only with prior approval of the J/24 District 14 Governor ("Governor"). This changes Class Rule A.11.1. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the Regatta.

In accordance with Class Rule B.3, all boats must carry aboard the current Measurement Certificate and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules by the Governor or Circuit Rep, a J/24 class measurer or race official prior to, during or at the conclusion of each regatta, and without prior notification. Any violations of the Class Rules shall be subject to penalties as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). All competitors will be weighed during registration and the crew shall remain the same for all races.

## **LAUNCHING/RETRIEVING BOATS**

Two mast cranes will be available near the ramp at AYC. Launching boats will be via ramp. Loaner trailers and assistance will be available for boats which don't have ramp-launch-capable trailers. An A-frame hoist will be available to swap boats onto loaner trailers. Regatta participants will be responsible for setting up, launching and retrieving their own boat.

## **BERTHING**

Competitors may tie anywhere along the T-heads of docks. Boats may not be tied overnight along the rigging dock next to the launch ramp. Some wet slips may be available on a first-come/first-served basis. The regatta committee will identify open slips permitted for use.

**LIABILITY**

Registering for and participating in the Regatta shall in no way hold AYC, its officers, committee persons, any member or representatives of USJCA District 14, and/or any sponsoring group liable for injury to participants, crew or boats.

**REGATTA SCHEDULE**

*The Official Schedule will be included in the Sailing Instructions*

Friday, March 22, 2019	1600-1900	Registration Open On-Site
Saturday, March 23, 2019	0800-0900 0915 1030	Registration Open On-Site Competitors' Meeting Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow
Sunday, March 24, 2019	0800	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow Awards Presentation will follow the races

**VENUE**

The courses will be sailed on Lake Travis in the vicinity of AYC.

**ACCOMODATIONS**

Refer to the event page: <http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2019/J24CircuitStop/>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information can be found at the event page: <http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2019/J24CircuitStop/>

If you have questions regarding this Regatta, contact John Parker at [captain@j24fleet21.org](mailto:captain@j24fleet21.org).

**TEXAS J/24 CIRCUIT CONTACTS**

For more information regarding the Texas J/24 Circuit, you may contact the following:

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