

Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Informal Racing - 2020 J24 Fleet 21 COVID Series 1

June 20, 2020 – August 1, 2020

5906 Beacon Drive Austin, TX 78734



1. Introduction

The 2020 J24 Fleet 21 COVID Series 1 will consist of at most eight (8) races, with all eight (8) races counted for the overall series. The design of this series gives some flexibility. If we happen to complete the 8 races in the first 4 weekends, then we can plan for the next series on the next available weekend. These informal “beer can” style races and potentially windward/leeward style races are designed to get J24 Fleet 21 members of AYC back out onto the water again after a long period of being at home.

2. Classes

This series will be comprised of the following 3 classes:

- **Racing Spinnaker class (J24)**
- **Shorthanded class (may use Spinnaker) (J24 – Short Handed)**
- **Singlehanded class (may use Spinnaker) (J24 – Single Handed)**

Each class will be scored separately. Order of completion within the class defines the scores.

3. Race Dates and Meetings

3.1. Racing concludes for COVID Series #1 after eight (8) races are completed or the dates are expired.

3.2. Start times are subject to change based upon updates from the 8:00 AM Zoom meeting.

Planned Race Dates/Times	Competitor’s Briefing	After Race Social and Scoring
Saturdays <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 June 2020 @ 10:30 AM• 27 June 2020 @ 10:30 AM• 11 July 2020 @ 10:30 AM• 18 July 2020 @ 10:30 AM• 25 July 2020 @ 10:30 AM• 01 August 2020 @ 10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 08:00 – Zoom Meeting• Phone: +1 346 248 7799• Meeting ID: 862 7540 9810• Password: 819538	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15:00 – Zoom Meeting• Phone: +1 346 248 7799• Meeting ID: 893 6831 3859

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Any J24 Fleet 21 J24 may enter.
- 4.2. Signup for Entry may be found at the [Signup Page](#).
- 4.3. Registration for this series may be found at the [J24 Fleet 21 2020 COVID Series Registration page](#).
- 4.4. Entries for this series may be found at the [Entries page](#).
- 4.5. Race documents may be found at the [Race Documents page](#).

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Fees

- 5.1. You are not required to pay a fee to sign up or register for this Series Registration.

6. Organizers and Sponsors

- 6.1. The J24 Fleet 21 leadership team is organizing and sponsoring this informal event.

7. Special Event information

- 7.1. This event is scheduled during the limited opening of the Austin Yacht Club due to the 2020 COVID 19 pandemic.
- 7.2. All competing members shall follow the Austin Yacht Club guidelines regarding social distancing and use of facial coverings while on the AYC grounds.
- 7.3. Each competitor is responsible for the individual health and shall be courteous to those around with respect to helping the spread of the virus.

8. Support Boats

- 8.1. This is an informal activity and no support boats will be available.

9. Rules

- 9.1. The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 9.2. The J24 Class Rules do not apply
- 9.3. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted to captain@j24fleet21.org for review.

10. Notices to Competitors

- 10.1. Notices to Competitors will be added to the [on-line official notice board](#).

11. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 11.1. Changes in Sailing Instructions (if any) will be added to the [on-line official notice board](#).
- 11.2. Changes will be discussed in the Competitor's Briefing before each racing event.

12. Signals Made Ashore

- 12.1. There will be no signals made ashore.

13. Communications

- 13.1. VHF Channel 78 will be used for on-the-water communications

14. Class Flag

14.1. There will be no class flag.

15. Checking In, Checking Out

15.1. There is no Checking In

15.2. There is no Checking Out.

16. The Course

16.1. The specific course will be discussed and decided at each Competitor's briefing depending on expected windspeed, wind direction, and attendees.

16.2. The course will potentially be made up of LCRA Marks 4,5,6,7, and potentially AYC Mark D or Windward/Leeward courses.

16.3. The specific courses will be discussed at each competitor's briefing and will be posted on the [on-line official notice board](#) between the competitor's briefing completion and the start time of the race.

17. Obstructions

17.1. Marked swimming areas

17.2. Marked low water areas

18. The Start

18.1. Race Committee will not be used for these races.

18.2. The starting line is between courtesy marks provided by the Austin Yacht Club..

18.3. The time of start of the first race will be reviewed at each competitor's briefing and will be posted on the official [on-line official notice board](#) between the competitor's briefing completion and the start time of the race.

18.4. Subsequent races in any given day will also be communicated via VHF 78 and agreed to by the competitors.

19. Recalls

19.1. There will be no Recalls.

19.2. If a competitor finds themselves over early at time of the start, they are required to re-start.

20. The Finish

20.1. The finish line is the same as the start line.

21. Time Limit

21.1. The time limit will be discussed and decided at each competitor's briefing and will be posted on the official [on-line official notice board](#) between the competitor's briefing completion and the start time of the race.

22. Scoring

22.1. One race must be completed to count as a series.

22.2. No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

22.3. Scores will be posted at the following [on-line location](#).

22.4. If a competitor wishes to be scored, he/she may attend the post-race Zoom social and scoring session or may alternatively send an email to captain@j24fleet21.org or send a text message to +1 512.983.2582 with name, boat, and placement by end of each race day identifying the scoring position of his/her boat.

23. Penalty System

23.1. Competitors shall use Rule 44 as described in the rules.

23.2. Section 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will not be used.

24. Protests

24.1. There shall be no formal protests.

24.2. If there are disagreements, all parties to the disagreement shall discuss the situation and come to a conclusion. If no conclusion is reached, all parties involved receive a DSQ for the race.

25. Haul-Out Restrictions

25.1. There are no Haul-Out Restrictions.

26. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

26.1. There are not rules for these topics.

27. Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

27.1. Class rules do not apply. Crew may be substituted throughout the series.

27.2. Alternative sails may be used.

28. Equipment and Measurement Checks

28.1. There will be no Equipment or Measurement Checks for this series.

29. Awards

29.1. Participation awards will be given to those that participate and pay their 2020 J24 Fleet 21 dues.

30. COVID-19: By participating, all competitors agree to abide by the rules, regulations, recommendations, guidance, and policies of the Austin Yacht Club, including any and all COVID-19 related safety measures required by the Austin Yacht Club.

31. Disclaimer of Liability

31.1. Competitors participate in the series 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.