

# International J/24 Class Association NOTICE OF RACE

## REGATA COPA MEXICO EDICION OLIMPICA

March 2-9, 2012

Marina Riviera Nayarit

Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, México

FEDERACION MEXICANA DE VELA A.C.

Asociación Mexicana de J/24 A.C.

[www.j24mex.com](http://www.j24mex.com)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of The Mexican Sailing Federation do not apply.
- 1.3 With permission of the IJCA, the following IJCA class rules are modified.
- 1.3.1 IJCA rule 5.1 is changed to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.4 Rule 42.3 will be changed as follows: The exception described in 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in IJCA Rule 8.2.2.
- 1.5 All boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The regatta is classified Category "C" per rule 79 and Regulation 20, and by ICJA rule 2.6.1
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display **event Advertising on the forward part of the hull** provided by the organizing authority in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d) (i). **This would change IJCA rule 2.6.1 (b).**

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.

- 3.2 Helmsmen must be either nationals or residents, and members of the National J24 Class Association of the country they represent.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may register online at [www.j24mex.com](http://www.j24mex.com) by December 31, 2011.
- 3.4 All boats are required to have a minimum of \$25,000.00 (twenty five thousand US dollars) marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge. The Organizing Committee will provide an optional marine liability insurance. The cost will be announced at registration.
- 3.5 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows: \$500.00 (US Dollars) per Boat and includes: launching, trailer storage, rafting/docking, night security, racing, haul out, and social activities at PVR for participants. Additional tickets for non racing participants will be available at the registration desk.
- 4.2 Late entries will have to pay a fee of \$600.00.
- 4.3 Out of town boats (being towed to the regatta site) will be refunded with \$1000.00 (US Dollars) by the Organizing Committee.
- 4.4 Fees might be paid online at: [www.j24mex.com](http://www.j24mex.com)

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Registration: March 2 and 3 from 09:00 hrs. to 18:00 hrs.
- 5.2 Measurement and inspection: March 2, 3, 4 from 09:00 hrs. to 18:00 hrs.
- 5.3 Dates of racing:

DAY AND DATE	TIME	RACES
Sunday March 4, 2012	11:00 hrs.	Skippers meeting
Sunday March 4, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Practice race warning signal.
Monday March 5, 2012	11:00 hrs.	Official opening Ceremony
Monday March 5, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Warning signal first race More races scheduled
Tuesday March 6, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Championship races
Wednesday March 7, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Championship races.
Thursday March 8, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Championship races.
Friday March 9, 2012	13:30 hrs.	Championship races.

*(Note: 2 races per day are scheduled)*

- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after **15:30** hrs. On Friday March 9, 2012.

## **6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 The registration desk will be located at the Registration office at the J24 Official dry storage area in the Marina Riviera Nayarit (MRN) premises to check in and pick up its registration package.
- 6.2 At registration, all boats shall present: a valid J/24 measurement certificate including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsperson.
- 6.3 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other Official photo identification at weigh-in. Crew substitutions may be weighed from 10:00 hrs. to 10:30 hrs. at the regatta office on the first day that they will compete. All competitors will also be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.
- 6.4 All boats will be weighed during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.7.1 and all sails will be measured during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.6.
- 6.5 All boats will be subject to random inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 6.6 Boats requiring measurement to modify a Measurement Certificate must make advance arrangements with Kenneth Porter at [kenporters@hotmail.com](mailto:kenporters@hotmail.com) Advance arrangements must be made prior to January 1, 2012.

No first time Measuring of Boats will be available at the regatta.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and on the event website at [www.j24mex.com](http://www.j24mex.com) by February 20, 2012.

## **8. VENUE**

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor.
- 8.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing area.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs, 3 windward and 2 leeward. The target time for races is approximately 75 to 90 minutes.
- 9.2 Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark may be used.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 The scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply, and will be modified such that code flag "I" is acceptable and the flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
- 10.2 Rule 6.1.1 (a) will be modified such that the protest flag must have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may also announce the numbers of the boats that have broken starting rules via VHF.
- 10.4 Arbitration will be used prior to the protest hearing for protests involving the rules Part 2.
- 10.5 Rule 6.4.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.
- 10.6 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 The scoring system is as follows: The Low Point System defined in RRS Appendix A as modified herein.
- 11.2 10 races are scheduled. A minimum of four completed races are required to constitute a championship.
- 11.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 12.1 Boats shall be afloat by Sunday March 4 at 18:00 hrs. and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury.
- 12.2 Hauling of boats at completion of the regatta shall be done immediately after the last race has finished, out of town boats will be haul out in a first come basis, local boats will be the last.

## **13. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

- 13.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 13.2 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.
- 13.3 Boats shall be docked at the MRN harbor in the area designated for the J/24 fleet.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1 It is the intent of the organizing authority and race committee to use marine VHF radios (in channel 69) to communicate with the fleet when outside the MRN harbor.

## **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top **10** boats entered.

- 15.2 Daily awards will be presented. The Regatta COPA MEXICO perpetual Trophy will be presented and the winner will have his name carved in the J/24 plate.

## **16. MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 16.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Mexican J/24 Class Association, The Organizing Committee and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage of personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.3 Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

## **18. INFORMATION<sup>i</sup>**

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