



# 2014 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATA COPA MEXICO

March 16 - 21, 2014

Marina Riviera Nayarit

Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, México

**Organizing Authority: FEDERACION MEXICANA DE VELA A.C. and  
the Asociación Mexicana de J/24 A.C. in conjunction with the  
International J/24 Class Association**

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 41, 44.3(a), and 61.1(a) will be changed as follows:

Rule 41 is changed to include: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted in RRS 41, from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, Rule 41 applies without modification. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

Rule 44.3(a) is changed so that the yellow flag (or code flag "I") used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

- 1.5 In accordance with RRS 87, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed as follows:  
IJCA rule 5.3: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require prior written approval of the Jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.6 Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat, and if assigned, will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers, if assigned, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.7 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 1.8 Part 5, Section B of the RRS is changed to permit Arbitration to be used prior to the protest hearing for protests involving the rules Part 2.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages, this English text will take precedence.
- 1.10 Any other modifications will appear in full in the sailing instructions, which may also change other rules.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. (See ISAF Regulation 20)

## **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 J/24 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, 2013.
- 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 optional marine liability insurance. The cost will \$80 USD and shall be paid 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 entry fees paid on or before December 31, 2013 are \$500.00 (US Dollars) per boat.
- 4.2 Late entry fees paid after January 1, 2014 are \$600.00 (US Dollars)
- 4.3 Entry fees include: launching, trailer storage, rafting/docking, night security, racing, haul out, and social activities at PVR for participants. Additional tickets for social activities at PVR will be available to non-racing participants at the registration desk.
- 4.4 Fees may be paid online at: [www.j24mex.com](http://www.j24mex.com)

## 5 SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 Registration: March 15 and 16 from 09:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs
- 5.2 Measurement and inspection: March 15, 16 and 17 from 09:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs.
- 5.3 Dates of racing:

DAY AND DATE	TIME	RACES
Monday March 17, 2014	13:00 hrs	Practice race
Tuesday March 18, 2014	13:00 hrs	Warning signal first race of the day
Wed. March 19, 2014	13:00 hrs	Warning signal first race of the day
Thursday March 20, 2014	13:00 hrs	Warning signal first race of the day
Friday March 21, 2014	13:00 hrs	Warning signal first race of the day

Up to 3 races per day are scheduled for a total series of up to 10 races.

- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after **14:00** on Friday March 21, 2014.

## 6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 The registration desk will be located at the Registration office at the COPA MEXICO hospitality village, in the Marina Riviera Nayarit (MRN) premises to check in and pick up registration packages.
- 6.2 At registration, all boats shall present:
  - a valid J/24 measurement certificate issued by the IJCA including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
  - Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the owner and helmsperson.
  - Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$25,000.00 (twenty five thousand US dollars) minimum covering the person in charge.
- 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 inspected and weighed for an all up weight of 1330kg per IJCA rule 3.7.1 at the time of launching. All sails will be measured during registration for compliance with IJCA rule 3.6.
- 6.5 All boats will be subject to 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 [kennethporter-s@hotmail.com](mailto:kennethporter-s@hotmail.com). Advance arrangements must be made prior to January 1, 2014.  
  
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 March 10, 2014.

## **8. VENUE**

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

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. 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 as modified by the IJCA.
- 10.2 An International Jury will be appointed, according to RRS 70.5, whose decisions will be final.
- 10.3 Arbitration may be used prior to the protest hearing for incidents involving the rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 Appendix P may be in effect for on-water enforcement of RRS 42.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled. A minimum of four (4) completed races are required to constitute a championship.
- 11.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been sailed, 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 Tuesday March 18 at 09:00 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 hauled out on 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 harbour 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 (channel 64) to communicate with the fleet when outside the harbour.
- 14.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communication not available to all competitors. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

## **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top ten boats entered. Helm and crew awards will be presented to the top five finishers.
- 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.
- 15.3 The top-finishing, not previously qualified primary helmsperson who is a current member of any NJCA as recognized by the International J/24 Class and meets all other eligibility requirements will earn a berth to the 2015 J/24 World Championship. This berth is allocated by the International J/24 Class and is available to sailors from any country.

## **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 or 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**

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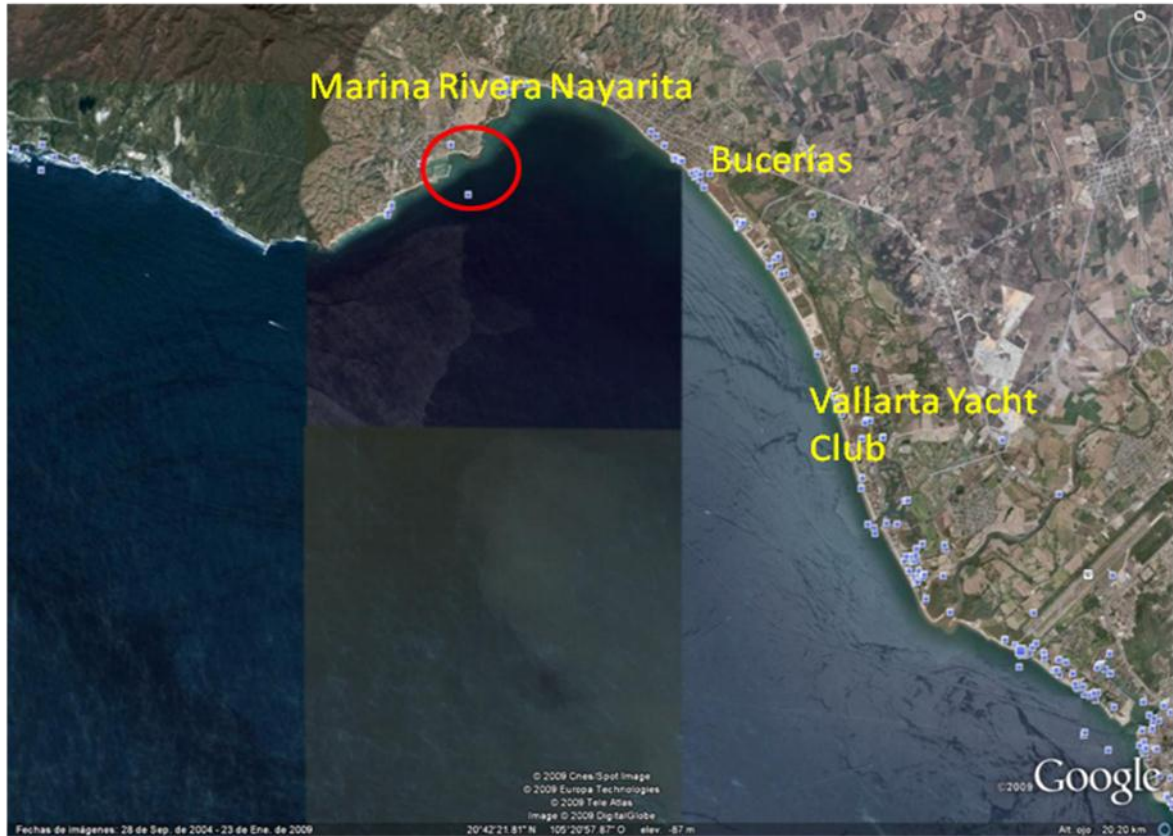
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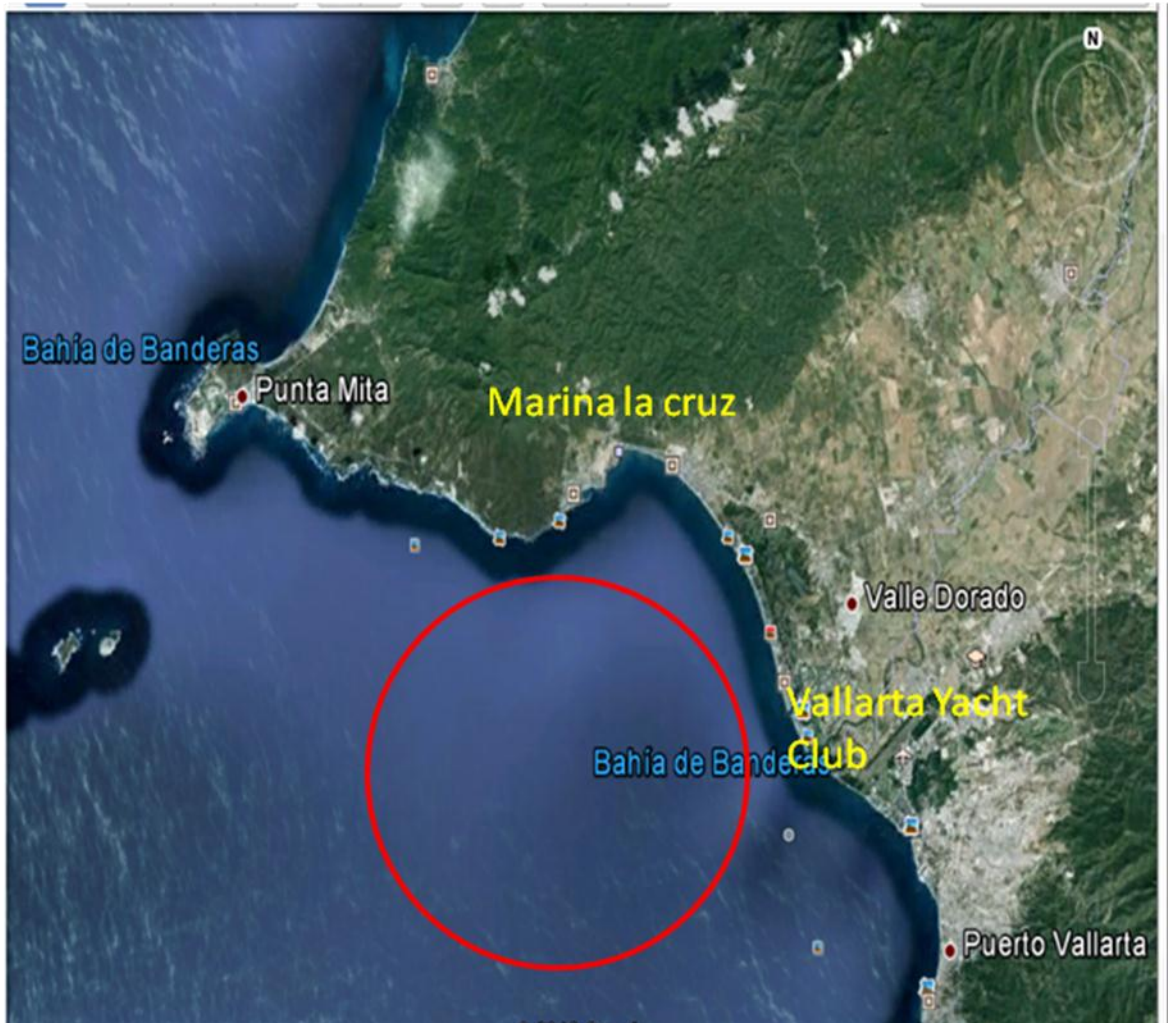
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# Attachment A REGATA HARBOUR



# ATTACHMENT B "RACING AREA"





## ATTACHMENT C - Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c).

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	SCORING PENALTY
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment are not aboard the yacht. (One or both items)	5%
2.6	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	5%
3.6.10 (o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d)	10%
4.1.7	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	20%
4.1.10	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.1	The compass is missing or is inoperable.	20%
4.1.4	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	20%
4.1.6	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container is not secured against movement.	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where not specifically allowed.	10%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	10%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	10%
8.3	The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	10%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury. The jury will decide to which race(s) the penalty shall apply.