



2019 J/24 District 1 & Northeast Regional Championships

September 14-15, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

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Organizing Authority: J/24 USA Fleet 23 and the Malletts Bay Boat Club
 Regatta Chair: Paul Hansen, <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/contact>
 Event Website: <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/2019-districts>
 Location: Malletts Bay Boat Club, 662 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester, Vermont, USA

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The class rules of the J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply.
- 1.3 Class rule J.4.3 shall be used, except that “during registration” is replaced with “during check-in” and “race committee” is replaced with “organizing authority.”

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all J/24 class boats as defined by the IJCA.
- 2.2 Boats shall have liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300K.

3 Entry and Check-In

- 3.1 Entry fees are \$150 per boat through September 8, and \$200 after.
- 3.2 The deadline for entry is September 13, 2019 at 1900.
- 3.3 Fee includes 5 tickets for Saturday dinner MBBC (additional tickets \$10 per person); launch and haul using MBBC’s hoist; berthing; and trailer storage during the event.
- 3.4 Crew weigh-in will not be required. Skippers will be required to sign a form at on-site check-in stating that their total crew weight does not exceed by more than 5% the crew weight limit as defined in class rule C.2.1.
- 3.5 During on-site check-in, boats shall present a valid class measurement certificate, inventory of required and optional equipment, and evidence of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300K.
- 3.6 Entry fees must be paid online after registration. Payment methods include credit and debit cards, and PayPal.
- 3.7 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/2019-districts>

4 Schedule

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| Friday, September 13 | 1000 - 2100 | Boat launching and check-in |
| Saturday, September 14 | 0800 - 0900 | Light breakfast & late check-in |
| | 0900 | Competitors meeting |
| | 0930 | Harbor start |
| | 1030 | First warning signal |
| | 1800 | Dinner at MBBC |
| Sunday, September 15 | 0800 - 0900 | Light breakfast |
| | 0900 | Harbor start |
| | 1000 | First warning signal |
| | ASAP | Awards following racing |
- 4.2 No race will begin after 1500 Sunday.
- 4.3 Schedule changes will be posted to the official notice board by 1900 before the day on which they will take effect.

5 Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

6 Notices to Competitors: The official notice board will be located outside the MBBC clubhouse basement, on the wall or window facing the lake.

7 Racing Area & Courses

- 7.1 The primary racing area is outer Malletts Bay. The secondary race area is inner Malletts Bay.
- 7.2 Courses will be windward-leeward. A windward offset and/or leeward gate may be used, depending on fleet size.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

9 Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall places in the regatta.
- 9.2 The top finisher from District 1 will be awarded the District 1 Championship and trophy.

10 Launching and Haul-Out Restrictions

- 10.1 An MBBC member must be present while the hoist is in use.
- 10.2 Boats shall be afloat by 2100 hours on Friday, September 13 except with permission granted by the organizing authority to launch on Friday evening or on Saturday morning. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of permission of the organizing authority.
- 10.3 Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.
- 10.4 Priority for haul-out at the end of the regatta will be given to boats that will be traveling the farthest on Sunday.

11 Radio Communications

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 11.2 It is the intent of the race committee to use marine VHF radios to communicate with the fleet. The race committee will use VHF channel 12.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and race committee 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.

13 Clean Regattas and Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention

- 13.1 This regatta is registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea. Please use refillable water bottles and make use of bins for compostable and recyclable items during the event. Boats with bottom paint may not be cleaned while afloat.
- 13.2 State of Vermont law prohibits the transport of aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species. You must ensure that your boat, equipment and trailer are clean, drained and dry before arriving at the regatta venue. The organizing authority may request that a boat be cleaned before it may be launched.
- 13.3 Lack of compliance with NOR 13 shall not be grounds for protest, disqualification or ineligibility.

- 14 **Housing:** Limited housing will be available to registered crews on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Paul Hansen at <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/contact> with details about your party and arrival/departure dates.

- 15 **Further Information:** Please visit the official regatta website for online registration, current racing documents, lodging info, and the latest news: <https://j24fleet23.mbbc-vt.org/2019-districts>