



-- PROPOSED DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE ---

2020 Spring Series, Summer Series, Level Series, Tonini Series, Double-handed Regatta and J24 State of Maine Championship

Organized by J/24 Fleet 43, Casco Bay, Maine

**Notice of Race
March 12, 2020**

1. RULES

- 1.1. These International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2. Notices of Race for separate events within these series, if any, shall supersede this Notice of Race as they apply to those events.
- 1.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.4. Rule V1 (Alternative Penalties) will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This competition is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA.
- 2.2. All boats must have a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance. Printed or electronic proof of insurance must be submitted to j24 Fleet 43 before racing.
- 2.3. J24 Fleet 43 welcomes the participation of unregistered J/24s as long as they meet the proceeding eligibility requirements. J24 Fleet 43 reserves the right to prohibit from racing, for any reason, any unregistered boat.
- 2.4. Helmsmen/women must be members of the IJCA.

- 2.5. A completed, signed registration form must be submitted with payment and the proceeding eligibility items completed to enter into the series competition.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Payment to J24 Fleet 43 of \$225.00 will entitle a boat to participate in the racing, scoring and awards of the J24 Fleet 43 2020 Spring, Summer, Level and Tonini Series, and the J24 State of Maine Championship as well as the Double-handed Regatta. The Level series, Tonini series and State of Maine Championship include other, non-Fleet43 organized events that will require separate, additional fees paid to their respective organizing authorities. Boats are welcome to join mid-season if scheduling prohibits their starting with the Spring Series. See Item **Scoring** for late entrants.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Fleet racing/events will be held according to the following schedule:

- **Spring Series** – Wednesday nights, May 20 through June 24, inclusive. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1800.
- **Summer Series** – Wednesday nights, July 1 through September 9, inclusive. The warning signal will be at 1800 June 24 through August 26, inclusive. The warning signal will be at 1730 September 2 and all races thereafter.
- **Tonini Series** – Will include races from the Spring Series, the Summer Series and the following Regattas/Races:
 - Centerboard Regatta
 - Pilot Regatta
 - Harraseeket Regatta
 - Schooner Trophy Race
 - MS Regatta
 - Double-handed Regatta
 - Downeast Regatta
- **Level Series** – Will consist of the same races as in the Tonini Series, with scoring adjustments applied (see Item, **Scoring**).
- **State of Maine Championship** – Will be calculated from the results of the J24 Fleet 43 Downeast Regatta. Eligible boats must be registered as a member in a valid Maine J24 Fleet.
- **Double-handed Regatta** – Currently scheduled for Labor Day, 2020.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. All competing boats/teams are strongly encouraged to have a valid Measurement Certificate and Optional Equipment List. Please note to be eligible for the Tonini Series awards, your boat must have a valid measurement certificate

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available by May 13, 2020 and will be posted on the class website.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. Wednesday night racing will normally be East/North East of Clapboard island or south of Clapboard Island. Wind conditions could allow the Race Committee to use other sailing areas.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. For all J24 Fleet 43 Wednesday night races and J24 Fleet 43 Double-handed race, RSS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply. This rule changes RRS 44.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. A team will be scored DNC until it has fulfilled all eligibility requirements.
- 9.2. Series scoring will be based on the race results of the single J24 hull number provided at registration.
- 9.3. For the Spring, Summer, Level and Tonini Series, a minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.4. Events that include boats in addition to J/24 Class boats will be scored (for the purposes of the series defined within this NOR) counting only finishes of the J24 series-registered boats at the time of the event.
- 9.5. A DNC score will be the number of boats registered for the series plus one. Late registrations will change this number retroactively.
- 9.6. There must be at least three J/24 Fleet 43 member boats that start at least one race of an event for it to be counted towards any J/24 Fleet 43 Series. For example, if three J24s start the first race of the Pilot Regatta but one of the J24s doesn't finish the race or finish any of the other

subsequent races the scores for all racing during the event will count towards the appropriate series. However, if three J24s register and only two J24s start any of the races and the third J24 is scored DNS then the event and race scores will not count towards any J24 Fleet 43 Series.

- 9.7. Any J24 Fleet 43 registered team with two or more members that participate in providing volunteer help to a race that is part of a J24 Fleet 43 series (run a race, regatta or provide race committee support on the water) will receive a score that is equal to the series average of their non-excluded points of the series in which that race is scored. They will receive this score for each race in which they provide volunteer help.
- 9.8. Each team will be required to perform race committee support for a J24 Wednesday night's racing with at least three people participating. Failure to perform your assigned or volunteered-for time will result in disqualification from all series. If due to unforeseen circumstances you need to switch days you are responsible for finding another boat/team to switch with and if that team doesn't show then both teams will be disqualified.

9.9. Spring Series

- 9.9.1. RRS Appendix A Low Point System will be amended such that 25% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of completed races of the series, of a boat's worst scores, will not be counted.

9.10. Summer Series

- 9.10.1. RRS Appendix A Low Point System will be amended such that 25% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of completed races of the series, of a boat's worst scores, will not be counted.

9.11. Tonini Series

- 9.11.1. RRS Appendix A Low Point System will be amended such that 20% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of completed races of the series, of a boat's worst scores, will not be counted.

9.12. State of Maine Championship

- 9.12.1. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute this Championship.
- 9.12.2. RRS Appendix A Low Point System will be amended such that 25% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of completed races of the series, of a boat's worst scores, will not be counted.

9.13. Level Series

- 9.13.1. Each team will be provided a handicap (like in golf) based on their Tonini results in previous racing over the last three years. To calculate the handicap each boat's average Tonini score over the last three years will be used to calculate a percentage difference between the top Tonini score and their own Tonini score. Therefore if the best average score is 2 and your average scores are 3 then your handicap will be .66. The handicap will be applied to the 2019 Tonini Series net scores, therefore if at the end of the season your total net points were 100 for the 2019 Tonini Series and your Level handicap was .66 then $100 \times .66 =$ Your new Level net score of 66. The boat with the lowest

total wins the level series. The idea is if everyone sailed exactly to their average then the final scores would be tied. However, we know that this doesn't happen based on effort each team puts in over time. New boats to the fleet will be placed at the median of the published averages.

9.14. Double-handed Regatta

- 9.14.1. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.14.2. When four or more races have been completed, RRS Appendix A Low Point System will be amended such that 25% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of completed races of the regatta, of a boat's worst scores, will not be counted.

10. PRIZES

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11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in these events/series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 events/series.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION