



**2024 Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall, 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
April 22, 2024**

J/24 Fleet 43 Boat Owner Checklist

- Register for Fleet 43 (<https://www.j24fleet43.org/>)

- Register for U.S. J/24 Class Association (<http://j24usa.com/>)

- Procure Liability Insurance and Email Proof to R.O. (WFinnHadlock@gmail.com)

- Validate Measurement Certificate and Optional Equipment List
(<http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/measurement/>)

- Sign up for Race Committee (<https://www.j24fleet43.org/wednesday-night-race-series>)



1. RULES

- 1.1. These International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (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.
 - 1.4.1. “The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One -Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.5. Class Rule H.5 will apply for the Fall Series Only.
 - 1.5.1. H5: JIB ONLY: The event will be sailed with three sails. A jib as described in class rule shall be the only headsail permitted while racing

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. Proof of insurance must be submitted by email to j24 Fleet 43 RO before racing.
- 2.3. Helmsmen/women must be members of the U.S. J/24 Class Association.
- 2.4. A completed 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 \$240.00 will entitle a boat to participate in the racing, scoring and awards of the J24 Fleet 43 2024 Spring, Summer, Fall, Level and Tonini Series, and the Degrandpre Doublehanded & Family Regatta. The Level series, Tonini series 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 15 through June 19**, inclusive. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1800.
- **Summer Series** – Wednesday nights, **June 26 through August 28**, inclusive.

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- **Fall Series** – Wednesday nights, **September 11 through September 25**, inclusive.



The warning signal for the first race will be at 1730.

- **Downeast Feeder Race** – The warning signal for the first race will be at 1730 **September 4th, 2024.**
- **Tonini Series** – Will include races from the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series and the following Regattas/Races:
 - **Pilot Regatta**
 - **Sail Maine Regatta**
 - **Degrandpre Doublehanded & Family Regatta**
 - **Downeast Regatta**
 - **Potential Additional Races** – Harraseeket Regatta, Centerboard Regatta, Schooner Trophy Race, Casco Bay Interclub Regatta, Seguin Island Sprint, and Downeast Feeder Race may also be included in the series scoring if they meet the criteria of 9.6.
- **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 the Top Placing Maine boat at the J24 Fleet 43 Downeast Regatta. Eligible boats must be registered as a member in a valid Maine J24 Fleet.
- **Degrandpre Doublehanded & Family Regatta**

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. Please note that in 2022 the class implemented a new optional equipment list.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available by May 10, 2024 and will be posted on the fleet 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, RRS 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, Fall, 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. Race Committee/ Regatta Support
 - 9.7.1. 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.
 - 9.7.2. 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.
 - 9.7.3. If the equipment used while providing Regatta Support or Race Committee is returned in an un-seamanlike manner, the received score shall be a DSQ under RRS Rule 69 Misconduct, instead of the score outlined in 9.7.1. This includes, but is not limited to, the Lindsey Lord, the equipment on board, Mark Boats, and Fleet 43 marks and equipment.
- 9.8. Spring Series
 - 9.8.1. 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.



9.9. Summer 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. Fall 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. Will be the Top Placing Maine boat at the J24 Fleet 43 Downeast Regatta.

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 2020 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. Boats will be placed at 7th for years they did not participate.

9.14. Degrandpre Double-handed Regatta

- 9.14.1. See SI's for details.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers for the Spring, Summer, and Tonini Series. Additional awards may be awarded by the J24 Fleet 43 Officers.

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1. Competitors participate in these events/series entirely at their own risk.

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the



sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

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

J24 Fleet 43 Website: www.j24fleet43.org

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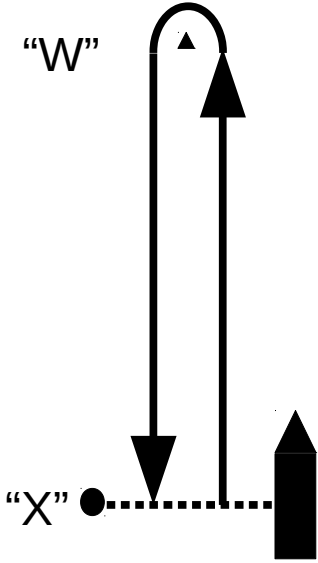
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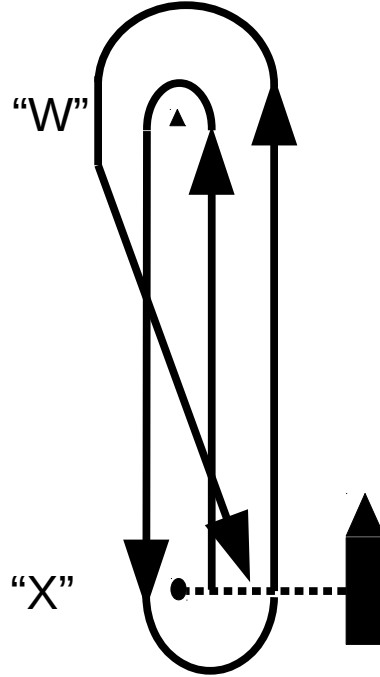


APPENDIX "A" - GRAPHIC COURSE LAYOUT

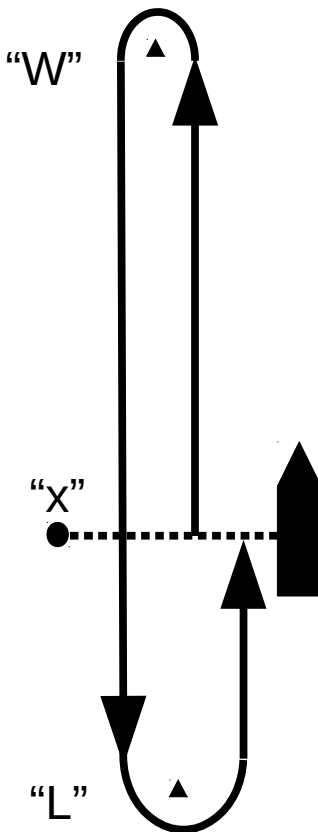
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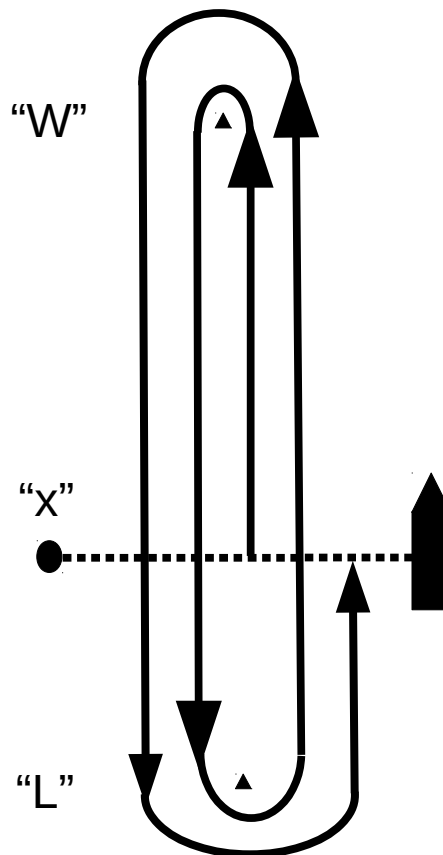
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APPENDIX "B" – Race area to be communicated to fleet by RC

