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European Championships Plymouth
Notice of race
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Royal Western Yacht Club of England and the International J/24 Class Association

Plymouth, Devon, UK

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of the U.K. National Authority will apply: where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the website (<https://www.gov.uk/sgovernment/groups/qhm-plymouth>) and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply
- 1.4 RRS 41 will be changed as follows: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring, and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41 from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the organising authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This will change the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 Part 5, Section B of the RRS and RRS 41 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) will be 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.
- 1.10 RRS 44.3 will be changed so that code flag "I" may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag "I") shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

1.11 Class rule 5.3 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions so that the crew that is nominated or listed for the regatta shall remain the same throughout the event except for emergency or extraordinary circumstances and only changed with written permission of the Race Committee or Jury.

2. Advertising

2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The European Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organising authority.

3.2 Championship helms person must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter through the Royal Western Yacht Club using the sail racer online payment/entry system.

3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: entries after the 8th July 2016 will incur an additional fee of £30 on top of the entry fee.

3.5 If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

4. Fees

4.1 The required entry fee is £360. For boats not requiring launch, recovery and trailer storage the entry will be £320. The currency is pounds sterling.

4.2 Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, prizes.

4.3 Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.

4.4 All fees are payable via the Royal Western Yacht Club website page for the regatta using the Sailracer system.

5. Schedule

5.1

Friday 12th August	Boats arriving
Saturday 13th August	Registration, measurement and launching
Sunday 14th August	Registration, measurement and launching 2.30 pm - practice race
Monday 15th August	3 races with the option of a 4th
Tuesday 16th August	3 races with the option of a 4th
Wednesday 17th August	3 races with the option of a 4th
Thursday 18th August	3 races with the option of a 4th Boat recovery commences
Friday 19th August	Boat recovery completed

Crew weigh in is available for Jury approved replacement crews as per 1.11 on race days.

Sunday 14th August	Opening ceremony at RWYC
Monday 15th August	Evening social at RWYC
Tuesday 16th August	Fireworks
Wednesday 17th August	Firewroks
Thursday 18th August	Closing ceremony at RWYC

5.2 Twelve races are scheduled over four consecutive days.

5.3 Three races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

6. Registration and Measurement

6.1 At registration each boat shall present:

- (a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Boats that do not have a valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to have their boat measured prior to the regatta. No first time or full measurement will be available during the scheduled regatta measurement time.

(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of £2,000,000.

(c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the owner and the helms person.

6.2 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3 Inspection and measurement will be carried out on all boats for compliance with IJCA rule 3.7.3 (all up weight of 1330kg.) and on sails for compliance of IJCA rule 3.6.

6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1/8/16 on the event website and the Royal Western Yacht Club website.

8. Venue

8.1 Appendix A shows the location of the regatta harbour and the race areas.

9. The Courses:

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.

9.2 The target time for each race is approximately 55 to 75 minutes.

9.3 An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.4 A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, <http://www.j24class.org> Class Documents. These modifications will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

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 Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

11.1 Four races are required to be completed 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 completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

11.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat correctly sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points

equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee. RRS A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed accordingly.

12. Support Boats

12.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4.

12.2 Support boats shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organising authority.

13. Berthing

13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or areas at Queen Anne's Battery Marina, as directed by the organising authority.

Queen Anne's Battery Marina

Plymouth

Devon

PL4 0LP

Tel: 0044 1752671142

www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

14. Haul-out Restrictions:

14.1 Launch, recovery and trailer storage will take place at:

Yacht Haven Quay

Breakwater Road

Plymouth

Devon

PL9 7FE

Tel: 0044 1752481190

www.yachthavens.com

14.2 Boats shall be afloat by 1600 on Sunday 14th August and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury. This includes rudders.

15. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

15.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

16. Radio Communications

16.1 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 telephones.

16.2 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications.

17. Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 15% of boats entered.

17.2 The winning boat of the regatta will automatically gain a qualifying berth for the World Championships 2017.

17.3 There will be a prize for the best placed Westerly J24.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

19.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form which will be provided in the registration package.

19. Insurance

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of £2000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. Media Rights

20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the UK J24 Class Association, the Royal Western Yacht Club of England 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.

21. For further Information, contact the following

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Getting to Plymouth & the Facilities

Plymouth and the sailing facilities are easily accessed by Ferry and Road, with clear dual carriageways and main routes leading directly to the City. Plymouth Sound and the immediate area to the south of the breakwater offer some of the best sailing waters in Europe, with prevailing clean south-westerly winds and minimal tidal stream.



Time from ports: 10mins - 6 hours
Airports: Exeter (40 miles) Bristol (109 miles)
Accommodation: Plentiful (between 5-15 min walk)
Time to course: 40 mins
Wind Speed: Southwesterly 10-15 kts
Tidal Stream: Minimal influence on course
Average Temp: 17 - 24 C



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