



J/24 Northern Championship

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

18/19 September 2021

Notice of Race

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Carrickfergus Sailing Club in conjunction with the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Class rule C.10.2 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to J.2

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-2021/j24-northern/

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at the front of the club.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 37.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International J/24 Class.
- 4.2. The helm or registered owners shall be members of a National J24 Class Association recognised by the International J24 Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online form at www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-2021/j24-northern/
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.6. [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7. [NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows: £100
- 5.2. Entries close at 2359 Thursday 16th September.
- 5.3. No entries will be taken on the day of the event. All entries must be made online.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Registration: Friday 17th 1900 to 2100, Saturday 18th 0900 to 1000
- 6.2. Launching: Friday 1500 to 1900, Saturday 0900 to 1000
- 6.3. Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1000 on Saturday 18th August
- 6.4. Dates of racing: 18th and 19th September 2021
- 6.5. Number of races: Six
- 6.6. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday is 1130. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1030.
- 6.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. Equipment Inspection

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

8. Venue

- 8.1. The Sailing Areas will be in Belfast Lough near Carrickfergus.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

12. Berthing

- 12.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour/marina.

13. Risk Statement

- 13.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept

responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

(i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3million against third party claims

13.2. [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

14. Data Protection

14.1. The Data Processing Policy is available at

<https://www.carrickfergussc.org/rules-and-regulations/data-privacy-policy/>

15. Prizes

15.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet. 1st 2nd and 3rd places overall

Silver Fleet: 1st and 2nd place overall

U 25: 1st place

15.2. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

16. Further Information

- 16.1. For further information please contact sailing@carrickfergussc.org.
Rick McCaig (Sailing Secretary) 07903 525280
Steve Atkinson (Event Committee) 07715 490818

End of Notice of Race

There is a certain amount of room on site for Caravans/camper vans and limited on site camping. Contact the club to book space.

Social and Catering arrangements will be confirmed closer to the event.