



2026 J/24 & J/22 East Coast Championship

October 23-25, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Severn Sailing Association

Annapolis, MD, USA

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50943>

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)



Preamble: The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1.

All times are US Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), shall apply to the J/24 class and are available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules>. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/22 Class Association (ICA) shall apply to the J/22 class and are available at <http://j22.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/J22-Class-Rules-2022.pdf>
- 1.3 Only the following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix V, RRS 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3 (b), 76.1 and 81 which can be found here: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf>
- 1.4 RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 J/24 Class rules changes (as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section J):
 - (a) CR C.2.1(b) is replaced with CR J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
 - (b) CR C.10.2 is changed to CR J.2(b-e) to allow a boat to carry a spare class spinnaker.
- 1.6 J/22 Class rule changes:
 - (a) Competitors will not be required to comply with CR C.2.1.a (Total Crew Weight).
- 1.7 [NP] Bow numbers or bow stickers *may be* assigned by the OA and used as identification for the boat during the event. 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 event.
- 1.8 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.9 The Race Committee will use the Vakaros RaceSense system which will be further detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The OA includes the Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at check-in for configuration with the RaceSense system or an Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may be rented for a fee. Rental units shall be reserved prior to the event as on-site rental units will not be available. The rental link will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.10 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. A DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 5% as calculated in RRS 44.3.
- 1.11 Video and still camera equipment, and race tracking equipment (e.g., GPS) will be allowed for this event.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available online by 1800 on October 22 on the notice board.
- 2.2 If there is a discrepancy between the NoR and SIs, the SIs take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50943>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 A representative of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee and protest committee (*and technical committee*)

may use email to communicate with competitors before the event, and while boats are in the harbor.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all J/24 & J/22 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA RR, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Championship drivers for the J/24 East Coast Championship must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50943>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration (online) and check-in (on-site) requirements and pay all entry fees no later than 1800 on Sept 15. After that time, late entries may be accepted subject to an additional late fee.
- 4.5 **Entry is not complete until all requirements of eligibility, fees, registration and inspection have satisfactorily completed.**
- 4.6 J/24s only - A Corinthian Division will be offered. To be considered an entry in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall provide a current, valid World Sailing SailorID with the boat's online registration indicating World Sailing Group 1 status.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is \$425 for the J/24 East Coast Championship and \$300 for the J/22 East Coast Championship. Boats entering after Sept 15 will be required to pay a late fee of \$100.
- 5.2 Fee includes launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.
- 5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 5.4 Refunds may be requested via email at pfitzgerald@comcast.net. Refunds less a \$US 50 processing fee will be granted for requests received by September 30.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	October 21	1800	Last day to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.
Thursday	October 22	1000 -1830 1830 2000	Registration//Equipment Inspection/J/24 Crew Weigh-In Competitors Meeting All J/24s afloat
Friday	October 23	0800 – 0830 1100 1700-1900	J/24 Crew Weigh-In + J/22 Crew Check-In* Warning for the first race of the day (J/24's only) After racing Social
Saturday	October 24	0800 – 0830 1100 TBD	J/24 Crew Weigh-In + J/22 Crew Check-In* Warning for the first race of the day (J/24s + J/22s) Dinner and Regatta Party
Sunday	October 25	0800 – 0830 1100 1430 1500	J/24 Crew Weigh-In + J/22 Crew Check-In* Warning for the first race of the day (J/24s + J/22s) No warning signal after this time J/24's No warning signal after this time J/22's Awards ceremony and refreshments

*These scheduled crew substitutions are only for race committee approved replacements or crews specified per NOR 1.5(a).

- 6.1 For the J/24 East Coast Championship, nine (9) races are scheduled over three (3) consecutive days. For the J/22 East Coast Championship, seven (7) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.2 Boat advertising shall comply with WS Regulation 20.

8 REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each J/24 shall submit the following documents via online registration:
- (a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
 - (b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 21.

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

Each J/22 shall submit the following documents via online registration:

- (a) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 21.

8.2 With written permission of the race committee PRO, changes to documents or forms required by NoR 8.1 may be accepted at check-in.

8.3 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time and for any class rules during the event.

9 CREW

9.1 All J/24 competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other government-issued photo identification at weigh-in.

9.2 All competitors shall sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form via the online registration system by the end of check-in.

10 VENUE

10.1 The race headquarters will be Severn Sailing Association, 311 First St., Annapolis, MD 21403.

10.2 Racing will take place on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, MD.

11 COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs, and further described in the Sis.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply, *except* a penalty taken prior to arbitration shall be 20%. This changes rule V2.

12.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

12.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

13 SCORING

13.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.

13.2 When fewer than five (5) 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. This changes RRS A2.1.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 [DP] RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If the race committee displays flag H (including when displayed over AP or N), RRS 41 restrictions are suspended once a boat is no longer racing until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.

14.2 Each support vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance will be required during registration.

14.3 Visiting support vessels will not have access to SSA launching, docking, or mooring facilities. Support persons must make their own arrangements with other marinas in the area.

15 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

15.1 In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

16 BERTHING

16.1 [DP] While in the harbor, boats are welcome to berth at Severn Sailing Association (SSA). If a boat intends to berth elsewhere, they shall notify the OA of their location during the registration process. Regatta fees only cover launching, berthing, and hauling at SSA.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – J/24s ONLY

17.1 [NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat by 2000 on October 22 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the race committee. This restriction includes rudders which must be in normal sailing position on the transom.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND OTHER IN-WATER RESTRICTIONS

18.1 [DP] 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.

18.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

18.3 [DP] Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, US J/24 & J/22 Class Associations, J/24 Fleet 8, J/22 Fleet 19, Severn Sailing Association, 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.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, SSA and / or personnel supporting this regatta 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.

20.2 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.**

21 INSURANCE

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

22 PRIZES

22.1 The top entry in each class will be the 2026 J/24 & J/22 East Coast Champion of their respective classes.

22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in the J/24 and J/22 classes.

22.3 The J/24 Corinthian Division shall be awarded prizes for the top three teams.

22.4 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the class and the OA.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information, please contact:

J/24 Regatta Chair: Pat FitzGerald, (443) 838-4095, pfitzgerald@comcast.net

J/22 Regatta Chair: Cary Moore, (410) 275-2158, cary.moore@gmail.com

Principal Race Officer: Joe Friebele, (301) 646-5335, joe.friebele@verizon.net

23.2 Additional information can also be found online at:

www.j24eastcoastchampionship.com

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50943>

Additional Information not part of the NoR

BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE

Any boat storage requests may be made to Regatta Chair, Pat FitzGerald at brice.fitzgerald@gmail.com if you are looking to store the boat off-site after the event.

SOCIAL EVENTS

More information to come on social events with our event partners.

VAKAROS RACESENSE

If you have a Vakros device, you will need an active Racesense Pass, which are available at vakaros.com for either \$149/ year or \$50/ month. If you do not have a device, there will be ones available for rent at an expected cost of \$40/day. The OA does not control these prices and they are subject to change.