



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

PLYMOUTH RACE WEEK 2024

Incorporating

2024 IRC SW Championships

2024 J/24 National

Championships 2024 YTC SW

Championships

J/24 Supplemental Notice of Race

Organising Authority (OA) – Royal Western Yacht Club of England (RWYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the J/24 Class Rules
- 1.2 Where there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.3 Plymouth is a Naval/Commercial Port, shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.
- 1.4 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Hearing/Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official website for details. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 1.5 Racing Rules are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 The first two sentences of RRS 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 whilst *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.”
 - 1.5.2 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
 - 1.5.3 The Sailing Instructions may change other rules.
- 1.6 Competitors should note that the Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.7 J/24 Owners and Helms must be members of their National Class Association (NCA) and shall race in accordance with their Class Rules.

1.8 Class rule changer as permitted by the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) Class Rules, Section H:

1.8.1 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited declared crew substitution.

1.8.2 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced with class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board shall be the website <https://j24worlds2025.com/2024-nationals>

3.2 Communications may be made via the J/24 Nationals WhatsApp group. All competitors will be added to this group.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/24 class with a valid measurement certificate.

4.2 All competitors shall conform to the safety requirements as stated in the Class Rules which can be found at <https://j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/>

4.3 Eligible boats may enter as follows.

4.3.1 The Regatta Website can be found at <https://rwy.org/club-racing/plymouthraceweek/>

4.3.2 Entries should be made online at <https://j24worlds2025.com/2024-nationals>

4.3.3 Entries should be received by 30th June 2024. Entries received after this date are considered to be late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. ENTRY FEES:

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Standard fee to include launching and recovery, three nights berthing and race entry	£285
Standard fee as above but for boats not requiring launching and recovery	£185
Late fee to include launching and recovery, three nights berthing and race entry	£305

Late fee as above but for boats not requiring launching and recovery	£205
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6. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday 11 th July	1600 – 1830 1930	Crew Weigh In and Registration - location TBC Racing Supper
Friday 12 th July	0830 – 0900 0900 1055 1930	Crew Weigh In and Registration – location TBC J/24 Briefing at Plymouth Yacht Haven Marina First Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. 3 races scheduled for J/24 Class Social inc Hog Roast/ BBQ, RWYC
Saturday 13 th July	1025 1930	First Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. 4 races scheduled J/24 Social - sponsor night; Band (tbc) / bar/ crew party, RWYC
Sunday 14 th July	1025 1600	First Warning signal 1 st race of the day. 3 races scheduled for J/24 class Day and Overall Prizegiving

7. REGISTRATION AND LAUNCHING

- 7.1 J/24 Crew Weigh in and registration will be available Thursday 11th July 2024 between 1600 and 1830, and Friday 12th July 2024 between 0830 and 0900 at a location to be notified to all entrants via email or the WhatsApp group when available, but not later than 1700 Wednesday 10th July 2024.
- 7.2 All competitors shall be weighed during registration.
- 7.3 Each boat shall submit the following documents at 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 as specified in NoR 19.1.
 - (c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and helm. All owners and helms must be registered as a full member of the UK J/24 Class Association.
- 7.4 With written permission of the Race Committee, changes to documents or forms in NoR 7.3 may be accepted.
- 7.5 Any crew member under 18 years of age on 1 July 2024 shall submit a Parent or Guardian agreement by completion of the declaration which can be found <https://assets.rya.org.uk/assetbank-rya-assets/action/directLinkImage?assetId=50918>
- 7.6 The registration timetable may be amended, - this will be notified to all entrants via email by not later than 1700 Wednesday 10th July 2024.
- 7.7 J/24 launching times will be notified to all entrants via email/WhatsApp Group no later than 1700 Wednesday 10th July 2024.

8. RACES

- 8.1** For the J/24 Class there will be 3 races scheduled for Friday 12th July and Sunday 14th July and 4 races scheduled for Saturday 13th July. No warning signal shall be made after 1430 on Sunday 14 July 2024.
- 8.2** At the discretion of the Race Committee, one extra race in any day may be sailed, providing races become no more than one race ahead of schedule and any change made is according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.

9. MEASUREMENTS

- 9.1** By entering Plymouth Race Week 2024, each boat verifies the existence of a valid measurement certificate as covered by NOR 7.3
- 9.2** Measurement spot checks, including checks of documentation, may be made at any time at the discretion of the UK J/24 Class Committee. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta website at <https://rwy.org/club-racing/plymouthraceweek/> and <https://j24worlds2025.com/2024-nationals> by 1000 on Monday 8 July 2024.

11. VENUE

- 11.1** Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound (which extends 2.5nms South of Plymouth Breakwater) and surrounding waters. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches

12. THE COURSES

- 12.1** The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses with 4 or 5 legs as described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SCORING

- 13.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply to all classes.
- 13.2** For J/24 National Championship 4 races are required to constitute a series.

14. DISCARDS

- 14.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1 Launching, recovery and trailer storage will be at Yacht Haven Quay. Berthing will be at Plymouth Yacht Haven Marina. Details of launching times will be notified to all entrants via email when available, but not later than 1700 Wednesday 10 July 2024.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 16.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 16.3 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 All boats shall carry a suitable VHF radio. 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.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to all classes. Overall class prizes/trophies will be awarded to each class. A Yacht of the Week Prize will be awarded.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 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".
- 18.2 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 they;
 - 18.2a 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;
 - 18.2b they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 18.2c they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own

- actions and omissions;
- 18.2d** their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 18.2e** provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 18.2f** provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 18.3** The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1** Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000. It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of Plymouth Race Week 2024.

20 MEDIA WAIVER

- 20.1** Competitors give their consent to the Royal Western Yacht Club and its sponsors and the UK J/24 Class Association, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the Plymouth Race Week 2024 and subsequent events.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1** For further Information on J/24 Class, please contact Sam Marshall on rcs@plymyachtclub.co.uk

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