

XXX 2008 International J/24 Midwinter Regatta

Hosted by: Davis Island Yacht Club
J/24 District 10 and J/24 Fleet 86
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida
February 9-13, 2008

Notice of Race

1. Rules:

The Regatta is organized under the authority of The Davis Island Yacht Club. This regatta will be governed by the RRS 2005-2008; the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, class rules of the International J/24 class, the sailing instructions and any other applicable rules.

2. Eligibility:

The regatta is open to all J/24 sailboats as defined by the IJCA. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements and must complete all aspects of the registration process (e.g. crew weigh-in, fee payment, measurement sheet sign-off, etc) to become official participants. Registrants shall be required to present a valid J/24 Class Measurement Certificate at registration in order to become official participants.

3. Entry and Fees:

A completed entry form must be received by DIYC no later than January 26, 2008 to avoid late fees. Late entries will be accepted up to the closing of registration for an additional fee of \$100.00. Registration is limited to the first 65 entrees.

Regatta Entry Fee:	US Sailing Member	\$300.00
	Non Member	\$350.00
	<u>All</u> Entry Late Fee after January 26, 2008	\$400.00

Fee Includes:

Competitors Package of goodies, Skipper and crew of four dinners on February 12, 2008, Post Racing Kegs each day, Launching Facilities, Rafting Facilities, Trailer Parking.

4. Schedule of Events:

Date	Time	Event
February 9, 2008	1000 - 1800	Registration, Check-in, Crew weigh-in, Sail measurement, Launch, Competitor's package distribution
	1745	Launch deadline
February 9, 2008	1800	Competitor's Meeting
February 10-13, 2008	0900	Harbor Horn
	1000	First Warning Signal. Post-race awards and social
February 12, 2008	1830	Regatta Dinner @ DIYC
February 13, 2004	TBA	Final Awards Presentation

5. Measurement:

All boats entered in the Regatta must have a current J/24 Measurement Certificate. If you do not have a current certificate you must make arrangements to be measured through the J/24 Class Association.

6. Inspection:

All boats are subject to random inspection by the Race Committee and/or Judges at any time during the Regatta for Rules Compliance. All boats entered in the regatta shall present a valid J/24 Class Measurement Certificate. Boats that do not have a Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to be measured through the J/24 Class Association. On site measurement will not be available without an advance appointment.

All boats are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the regatta. No boat will be allowed to compete without fully completed and compliant Part D Class Measurement and Inventory Of Required & Optional Equipment forms. All official participants will be subject to verification of crew weight per Class Rule 5.1 and encapsulated corrector weights per Class Rule 3.7.2. Scales will be provided at registration for weighing all crew members.

7. Sailing Instructions:

Sailing Instructions will be available at the completion of the registration.

8. Regatta Site:

The Regatta Site is the *Davis Island Yacht Club* located at 1315 Severn Avenue, Tampa Florida 33606. Phone (813) 251.1158, Fax (813) 251.2649 and email at diyc.org. Competitors will be permitted to use all Clubs' Facilities including hoists, bar, swimming pool, showers, docks, limited parking and trailer storage areas. Camping is permitted on the club's property with advance reservations three weeks prior to arrival for a limited number of campers. Reciprocity for club services will be set up on an individual basis through the club manager.

10. Racing Area:

The racing area is that part of Upper Hillsborough Bay located south of the Davis Island Yacht Club.

11. Courses:

The courses will be an assortment of drop mark courses illustrated in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Scoring:

The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used modified such that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no race discards. There are **13** races scheduled of which three (3) shall constitute a Regatta. This modifies Rule A2

13. Alternative Penalties:

The scoring penalty rule 44.3 will apply.

14. Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the top 20% up to 10 places. An award will be presented to the boat that finishes mid-fleet. In the event there are an even number of entries, the award will be given to the boat whose finish equals the mathematical mid-fleet rounded down to the nearest whole place number.

The top *two* finishing U.S. helmspersons who are not previously qualified will earn a berth to the 2008 J/24 World Championship in accordance with USJCA World Qualifying Rules. For the purposes of determining the qualified helmspersons, decisions of the jury shall be final.

15. Further Information:

For further information contact: Davis Island Yacht Club at (813) 251.1158, Email at diyc.org or Kat Malone (813) 842-0928, email sailingkitty@hotmail.com or on the Midwinters Website at <http://midwinters.j24d10.org/>

Charter boat information will be available at www.j24d10.org/midwinters.

Please register online as soon as possible at www.j24d10.org/midwinters.

For "mail-in" registration, use the form below.

REGISTRATION FORM
XXX 2008 J/24 Midwinters

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Yacht Name _____ Sail No. _____
Yacht Club or Sailing Assoc. _____ Membership # _____
Skipper Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Bus Phone _____
E-mail Address _____
USSA Number _____

Owner or Charterer Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Bus Phone _____

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the Race Organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respects to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

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APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT In consideration of your accepting my entry, I, the undersigned, on behalf of all my crew members, acknowledge and agree to be bound by THE RACING RULES OF SAILING and by all other rules that govern this event. I hereby warrant that my boat will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these conditions, that she will have all the required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and that she will be competently manned. I hereby agree that the yacht shall be in compliance with the International J/24 Class Rules at all times during the regatta. My crew and I also consent to the use of any photographs either of persons or boats for any purpose by Davis Island Yacht Club, its sponsors or affiliates. I, on behalf of myself and my crew members, herewith acknowledge that I have read and understand, consent and agree to the Release Agreement, the terms and provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference and made part hereof.

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Owner / Skipper / Charterer	Date
Entry Fee received before January 26, 2008	\$300.00
Non U S Sailing member	\$350.00
All Entries made between January 26 and February 9, 2008	\$400.00

Total Enclosed _____

ENTRY DEADLINE - February 9, 2008 1800 Hours

Please Make Check Payable to "Davis Island Yacht Club" and mail check, entry form, release agreement, copy of J/24 Measurement Cert., copy of US Sailing Membership card and a current copy of your boat insurance to:
Davis Island Yacht Club, 1315 Severn Ave., Tampa, Florida 33606