

**2020 DOWNEAST REGATTA
SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2020
FALMOUTH, ME USA
HOSTED BY J/24 FLEET 43 AND PORTLAND YACHT CLUB**

**NOTICE OF RACE
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 1.1.1. RRS 41 is changed as to the following: From the time a boat leaves her mooring and/or dockage for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41 (a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, the additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
 - 1.1.2. RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag flown by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.2. The class rules of the J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply.
 - 1.2.1. Class rule J4.3 shall be used.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, English will take precedence.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention to IJCA Rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor Advertising will be restricted as per IJCA Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats in the J/24 class as defined by the IJCA.
- 3.2. Eligible boats shall have a measurement certificate, inventory of required and optional equipment as defined by the IJCA Rules, and Boat liability insurance, coverage minimum \$300,000.

- 3.3. The Owner and/or Helmsperson shall be a current member of the IJCA .
- 3.4. Crew weigh-in will not be required. Skippers will be required to send an email stating, “The total crew weight for _____ (Boat Name) does not exceed 105% of the maximum crew weight outlined in IJCA rules.”
- 3.5. ALL registered boats must complete an affidavit (including Maine). See section 16 for Maine CDC Guidelines.
- 3.6. Regatta participants must follow the Maine CDC Guidelines. See section 16 for Maine CDC Guidelines.
- 3.7. All documents/statements shall be emailed prior to September 5th to WFinnHadlock@gmail.com

4. BOW NUMBERS

- 4.1. Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat, and if assigned, will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta.
- 4.2. Bow numbers, if assigned, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 5.1. Eligible boats may enter via the link provided: <https://www.j24fleet43.org/downeast-regatta>
- 5.2. Entry Fees:
 - 5.2.1. For boats completing registration by August 22: \$150.
 - 5.2.2. For boats completing registration by September 5: \$250.00
- 5.3. All boats planning to compete must be registered by September 5, 2020.
- 5.4. All Entry fees will be collected via the online portal through the J/24 Fleet 43 website.
- 5.5. Registration includes: launch and haul, use of mooring for duration of event.
- 5.6. Registration is limited to 25 boats total.

6. MEASUREMENT AND CHECK IN

- 6.1. There will be no check-in
- 6.2. All Required certificates, inventory list(s), and proof of insurance shall be emailed prior to September 5th as described in Section 3.
- 6.3. Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJCA Rules.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, Sep. 11

1400-1800: Launching

1800: All boats must be launched

There will be no check-in or social events at PYC.

Saturday, Sep 12

0800: Competitors meeting via Zoom Web Meeting

1015: Harbor Start

1100: First Warning Signal

Sunday, Sep. 13

1000: First Warning Signal

1400: No Warning after this time

After Racing: Haul out, Social Distant but Awesome Awards

8. VENUE, COURSES, AND SCORING

- 8.1.** Racing will occur in the vicinity of Clapboard Island. Detailed information shall be provided with the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2.** The courses shall be windward leeward, up to five legs. A windward offset mark and leeward gate may be used. If an offset mark is used, it is not considered a separate leg of the course.
- 8.3.** Seven races are scheduled over two days.
- 8.4.** A minimum of one race constitutes a regatta.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1.** Sailing Instructions will only be available online prior to the regatta.

10. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1.** Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Friday, September 11, 2020. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless given prior written permission by the Race Committee.
- 10.2.** Rudders shall remain affixed for the duration of the regatta.
- 10.3.** Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 10.4.** Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.
- 10.5.** The hull may be cleaned at any time before the first preparatory signal of the day by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive radio or other data communications that are not available to all other boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

11.2. It is the intent of the Race Committee to communicate to the fleet via VHF for pertinent information regarding racing.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes shall be awarded to the top three boats.

12.2. Other prizes may be given out at the discretion of the OA.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT

13.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, and the facilities of Portland Yacht Club and Handy Boat Service. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of alcohol by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against them by the Jury and/or class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or Jury may include disqualification of the boat with which to competitor is associated with, notification of Law Enforcement, or other penalties the Jury or the OA deem appropriate.

14. LIABILITY

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

15. HOUSING AND CHARTER BOAT INFORMATION

15.1. The Downeast Regatta will not be organizing housing or charters this year. We appreciate your understanding.

16. MAINE CDC GUIDELINES

Please visit the [Maine Covid-19 Travel Guidelines](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/travel.shtml) for the latest information.

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Quarantine

It is mandated that all out-of-state travelers coming into Maine, as well as Maine residents returning to Maine, complete a 14-day quarantine upon arrival. This means:

- You need to arrive with enough food for 14 days or arrange to have food delivered to you. You cannot go out to grocery stores.
- Stay at home. You cannot go out to public places.
- Avoid contact with others, especially those who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 illness.

Negative PCR Test Result

The State will allow adults who have a negative COVID-19 PCR test collected no more than 72 hours before arriving in Maine to forgo the 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine. A non-PCR test, such as an [antigen or antibody test](#), is not accepted to forgo quarantine for visitors and those returning to Maine. Maine is strongly urging visitors to “Know Before You Go,” meaning they should get tested and receive their test results in their home state before traveling to Maine, which will allow them to take appropriate action depending on the result. If you do not have the test result by the time you arrive, you must quarantine in your lodging until you receive the result. Individuals may be tested upon arrival in Maine as well, but they must quarantine while awaiting the results.

Additionally, the State will exempt residents from the following states from the testing and 14-day quarantine requirement altogether because, when adjusted for population, the prevalence of active cases of COVID-19 in these states is similar.

Exempt effective June 12, 2020:

- New Hampshire
- Vermont

Exempt effective July 3, 2020:

- Connecticut
- New Jersey
- New York

Maine residents can also travel to these states and return without testing or 14-day quarantine. People who are not residents of these states and are visiting Maine will be asked to sign a Certificate of Compliance indicating either that they have received a negative COVID-19 test result, that they will quarantine in Maine for 14 days, or that they have already completed their quarantine in Maine. This compliance form must be provided to check-in at all Maine lodging, campgrounds, seasonal rentals, overnight camps, and other commercial lodging, such as Airbnb. Visitors may be asked to furnish proof of the negative test result upon request.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

J24 Fleet 43 Website:

www.j24fleet43.org

Portland Yacht Club:

www.portlandyachtclub.com

40 Old Powerhouse Rd
Falmouth, ME 04105

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