



# **J/24 Texas – Notice of Circuit** **(Effective 27 February 2023)**



## **1. Invitation**

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2023 J/24 Texas Circuit (the “Circuit”), to be held from March through November 2023, and sponsored by the U.S. J/24 Class Association (“USJCA”) District 14, its local fleets and yacht clubs. The Circuit is administered by the J24 Texas Circuit Representatives (“Circuit Reps”) and USJCA District 14 Governor (“Governor”).

## **2. Rules**

The Circuit and the series of regattas that make up the Circuit (“Circuit Regattas”) will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), the current International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rules”), this Notice of Circuit (“NOC”), the 2023 Notice of Overall J/24 District 14 Racing (“Notice of Overall Racing”), and the respective Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each regatta.

## **3. Notice of Overall Racing**

The Notice of Overall Racing contains information relevant to all District 14 racing, and can be found here:

- <https://j24district14.com/wp-content/uploads/2023-Notice-of-Overall-District-14-Racing-Rev-10.pdf>

## **4. Eligibility**

The Circuit is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class. All helmspersons must have purchased a Full Membership to the J/24 National or International Class. In addition, all boats and competitors must meet all requirements set forth in this Notice of Circuit, as well as individual regatta registration requirements, in order to become Circuit participants.

## **5. Circuit Schedule**

The 2023 Circuit is comprised of seven (7) Circuit Regattas:

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Heath, TX	<a href="#">Rush Creek Yacht Club</a>	Texas Independence Day	Mar 4-5
2	Fort Worth, TX	<a href="#">Fort Worth Boat Club</a>	Cowtown Stampede	April 22-23
3	Oak Point, TX	<a href="#">Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club</a>	Corinthian Heritage Cup	May 19-21
4	Corpus Christi, TX	<a href="#">Corpus Christi Yacht Club</a>	Surfin' Safari	June 24-25
5	Shoreacres, TX	<a href="#">Houston Yacht Club</a>	Houston Open One Design	Sep 16-17
6	Seabrook, TX	<a href="#">Lakewood Yacht Club</a>	J/Fest Southwest <sup>(1)</sup>	Oct 7-8
7	Canyon Lake, TX	<a href="#">Lake Canyon Yacht Club</a>	Wurstfest II	Nov 11-12

(1) LYC J/Fest Southwest Regatta will host the 2023 USJCA Southwest Regional Championship (Qualifier for the 2024 J/24 World Championship).

## **6. Racing**

Up to six (6) races will be scheduled at each Circuit Regatta. Racing will be windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

## **7. District 14 Registration and Fees**

Yearly registration is required for participation on the J/24 Texas Circuit. Prior to registering for their first regatta, each helmsperson shall register his/her boat and pay the appropriate District 14 fee as described in the Notice of Overall Racing.

## **8. Bow Numbers**

Bow numbers are required for participation on the J/24 Texas Circuit. In order to be scored, each boat should have bow numbers affixed to the port and starboard sides of the hull as described in the Notice of Overall Racing.

## **9. Measurement Certificate**

In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class. In accordance with Class Rule B.3.1, all boats must carry the Measurement Certificate aboard while racing.

Any boat without a Measurement Certificate should contact a J/24 Class Measurer to arrange for boat measurement in order to obtain the Measurement Certificate. A boat without a Measurement Certificate may race in the Circuit only with prior approval of and only during the timeframe as designated by the Governor.

A list of USJCA Class Measurers may be found here: <http://j24usa.com/organization/measurement-committee/>

The general guideline for attaining a Measurement Certificate is before or within the second year of the boat entering the J/24 Texas Circuit.

## **10. Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment**

In accordance with Class Rule B.3.2, all boats must carry aboard a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. It is the sole responsibility of each owner or helmsperson to complete this form. Completing this form does not require a class measurer.

## **11. Crew Limitations**

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). All competitors will be weighed during registration at each Circuit Regatta and the crew shall remain the same for all races of that Circuit Regatta. Any crew substitution shall be given only in exceptional cases and requires that the helmsperson submit a written request to the Governor or Circuit Rep at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.

## **12. Co-Helmsperson Limitations**

There may be more than one, but only up to two (2) Helmspersons ("Co-Helmspersons"), in a team.

For a team to have Co-Helmspersons, the team must designate a primary Helmsperson at the beginning of the Circuit year, and all scoring will be recorded under the primary Helmsperson's name. The Co-Helmspersons must both sail together with at least three (3) of the same team members in at least 50% of the Circuit Regattas in which the team has or will compete.

Co-Helmspersons that do not meet this requirement must have approval by the Governor.

In the event a team earns a berth to the Worlds, the Helmsperson that was designated as the primary Helmsperson is also designated as the recipient of the berth for World qualification purposes.

### 13. Sail Limitations

Pursuant to Class Rule C.10.2(b), boats must compete with the same set of sails for the entirety of a Circuit Regatta. Lost or damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the Governor or Circuit Rep, or as it is outlined in the respective Sailing Instructions, and requests for sail replacement shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with this NOC and Class Rules.

### 14. Circuit Scoring

RRS Appendix A, as modified below, will apply to the overall Circuit scoring.

Five (5) Circuit Regattas are required to constitute the Circuit. Only those Circuit Regattas for which at least three (3) races are completed will be scored in the overall Circuit scoring.

When five (5) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores.

When six (6) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores, excluding her worst Regatta score.

When seven (7) Circuit Regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her Circuit Regatta scores, excluding her two (2) worst Regatta scores.

### 15. Qualification for 2024 J/24 World Championship

The 2024 J/24 World Championship will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle, WA, from September 28 to October 5, 2024 (<https://j24usa.com/event/2024-j-24-world-championship/>).

The USJCA has awarded two (2) berths for the 2024 Worlds to District 14, and two (2) berths to the USJCA Southwest Regional Championship (<https://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>).

These berths will be awarded as follows:

- Drivers must be members of the USJCA in order to qualify for one of these Worlds berths.
- If a team has Co-Helmspersons, the Helmsperson that was designated as the primary Helmsperson is also designated as the recipient of the berth for World qualification purposes.
- The 2023 J/24 Texas Circuit will decide the District 14 Championship. The top two (2) finishers of the J/24 Texas Circuit not previously qualified will qualify for the 2024 Worlds.
- The 2023 USJCA Southwest Regional Championship ("SW Regionals") will be held in conjunction with the 2023 J/Fest Southwest regatta hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club, Oct 7-8, 2023. The top two (2) finishers of the SW Regionals not previously qualified will qualify for the 2024 Worlds.
- If the SW Regionals does not qualify as a scored regatta of the J/24 Texas Circuit, the next completed regatta in the circuit schedule (if any) will become the Southwest Regional Championship World Qualifier.
- If the last regatta of the J/24 Texas Circuit coincides with the SW Regionals, the order in which the World Championship berths are awarded will be as follows:
  - (i) the two (2) berths allocated to the J/24 Texas Circuit will be awarded first and the two drivers so selected will be added to the list of "previously qualified" drivers to create a new list, and
  - (ii) the two (2) berths allocated to the SW Regionals will be awarded second, after taking into consideration the new "previously qualified" list.
- If the winner of a World Championship berth (as indicated herein) is unable to attend, the qualification may be passed down at the discretion of the USJCA.

## 16. Prizes

Awards will be presented to the final overall top five (5) Circuit helmspersons. Road Warrior awards will be presented to those crewmembers that participated in all scheduled Circuit Regattas that are held, irrespective as to whether such held regattas are scored as part of the Circuit or not.

In the event a helmsperson or crewmember is not present for a Circuit Regatta because the helmsperson or crewmember is racing in a J/24 Regional, Continental or World event at the same time, then that helmsperson or crewmember is considered to have participated in the Circuit solely for the purposes of being considered a Road Warrior.

Additional awards will be presented to qualifying participants as part of the overall District 14 awards per the Notice of Overall Racing.

## 17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race, series or regatta.

## 18. Additional Information

For more information regarding the J/24 Texas Circuit, please feel free to visit our website ([www.j24district14.com](http://www.j24district14.com)) or contact the Governor and/or one of the Circuit Representatives:

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