

# TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA & J/24 TEXAS CIRCUIT STOP



## RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB March 4th & 5th, 2023

### NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authorities (OA): Rush Creek Yacht Club and J/24 District 14  
320 Rush Creek Drive  
Heath TX 75032

#### 1. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. The U.S. Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- c. RRS Appendices T (arbitration) and V1 (one-turn penalty when outside the zone) will apply.
- d. Pursuant to RRS 78, applicable class rules will apply. Additionally, for the J/24 class, the J/24 Addendum to this notice will apply. If there is a conflict, the addendum will govern. Class rules are available on each respective class website.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all keelboats. Expected classes are J/24, IC24, PHRF spinnaker, and PHRF non-spinnaker.
- b. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the RCYC website and paying the appropriate entry fee prior to the close of registration. The event page is available here: [2023 Texas Independence Day Regatta](#).
- c. Proof of insurance (see section 11, below) and a signed waiver (see section 13, below) are required to complete registration.
- d. Boats racing in the PHRF classes must be rated by the Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF Committee prior to her first warning signal. For ratings requests and related questions, the committee chair may be contacted at [lrh.phrf@gmail.com](mailto:lrh.phrf@gmail.com).

#### 3. FEES

- a. The entry fee is \$105.00 if paid by March 4, 2023.
- b. The entry fee includes racing, awards, boat & trailer storage, keg beer, breakfasts, and the Saturday night party for all competitors. The entry fee also includes Saturday lunch (deli sandwich, chips & cookie) and Taco Bar Dinner for **one person**. Additional lunches may be purchased for \$12.00 each. Additional dinners may be purchased for \$14.00 each.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- a. A total of five races are scheduled.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Saturday March 4	Breakfast	0830 - 0930	Clubhouse
	Registration	0900 - 1000	Commodore's room
	Competitor's briefing	1000	Clubhouse/Deck
	First warning signal	1130	Racecourse
	Additional races to follow	TBD	Racecourse
	Lunch	TBD	TBD: PRO's discretion
	Keg beer on deck	After racing	Clubhouse/Deck
	Dinner and party	1800	Clubhouse/Deck
Sunday March 5	Breakfast	0830 - 0930	Clubhouse
	First warning signal	1000	Racecourse
	Additional races to follow	TBD	Racecourse
	No warning signal after	1300	
	Keg beer on deck	After racing	Clubhouse/Deck
	Awards	About 1 hour after racing	Clubhouse/Deck

#### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 Friday, March 3, at RCYC and [www.RCYC.org](http://www.RCYC.org).

#### 6. COMMUNICATION

- a. The Official Notice Board will be located on the west facing window near the south end of the RCYC Clubhouse. The online unofficial notice board is available here: [Unofficial Notice Board](#).
- b. The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors. The channel will be announced in the sailing instructions or at the competitor's briefing.

#### 7. MEASUREMENT

- a. See the J/24 Addendum to this notice.

#### 8. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. Racing will take place on Lake Ray Hubbard.
- b. The courses will be generally windward/leeward or variations thereof. Course and mark details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

#### 9. SCORING AND PRIZES

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta. Three races are required to be completed to count towards the J/24 circuit scoring.
- b. No race scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- c. A minimum of four boats of the same class will constitute a one-design fleet for scoring purposes.
- d. PHRF classes will be scored using PHRF time-on-distance.
- e. Prizes will be awarded to each class based on the number of boats participating.

## 10. LODGING/CAMPING

- a. Several hotels are available in Rockwall within a few minutes' drive to the club. Details available at the city of Rockwall hotels page: [Rockwall Hotels](#).
- b. RCYC has several acres of camping space along the lake shore and adjacent to the club. Twenty-four-hour access to showers and restrooms is provided in the clubhouse.

## 11. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- a. Food and beverage purchases: RCYC is not equipped for cash purchases of food and beverages for this regatta. However, reciprocal charges and credit cards are welcome for non-member food and beverage purchases by establishing an account at the time of registration check-in at the club.
- b. Alcohol policy: The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) requires that all alcoholic beverages consumed at the clubhouse, pool area, and surrounding lawn be purchased from the club. Alcoholic beverages purchased from RCYC may not be taken beyond the surrounding lawn, indicated by signs. A three-day TABC membership will be available to age-appropriate non-club members at the time of registration check-in. The legal and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages purchased elsewhere is acceptable in the parking lot and on boat docks. Regatta participants and guests agree to comply with state and local laws regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages and agree to accept all related risks.

## 12. INSURANCE

- a. For any boat entered but which is not owned by a member of RCYC or The Rush Creek Educational Fund, evidence of liability insurance coverage in the amount of no less than \$500,000 per occurrence is required to complete registration as an entry in the race.

## 13. MEDIA RIGHTS

- a. RCYC grants competitors, owners, and support persons participating in the regatta a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-assignable, revocable right to produce and publish images and accounts of the race events for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- b. By participating in the regatta, competitors, owners, and support persons grant RCYC a royalty-free right to use images and descriptions of boats, competitors, owners, and support persons for publicity purposes.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. **By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks including, but not limited to, permanent or catastrophic injury or death. Competitors, spectators, and support persons participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and RCYC will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.**
- b. Upon completing the online entry form, the regatta waiver will be emailed to each participant. All participants must sign the regatta waiver to complete registration.

## 15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. Event Chair: Kirk Youngblood - [youngblood237@gmail.com](mailto:youngblood237@gmail.com) - (217) 681-2082
- b. Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF Committee Chair: Eric Hemker - [lrh.phrf@gmail.com](mailto:lrh.phrf@gmail.com)
- c. Rush Creek Yacht Club: [www.RCYC.org](http://www.RCYC.org) - (972) 771-6500



## Addendum to Notice of Race J/24 Class Only

**The Notice of Race for the J/24 Class only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.**

1. This is a scheduled Circuit Stop of the 2023 J/24 Texas Circuit.
2. The regatta is also governed by the 2023 J/24 District 14 Notice of Racing (“Notice of D14 Racing”), the 2023 J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit (“Notice of Circuit”), and the current International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rule”).
3. The regatta is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class and whose entries are accepted by the organizer. Helmspersons must be full members of the J/24 National or International Class. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit, including payment of the appropriate fees as outlined within the Notice of D14 Racing, and pay all required regatta registration fees to become official participants.
4. Races will be sailed on windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.
5. The regatta will consist of as many as six (6) races over two (2) consecutive days. Three (3) races must be completed to count towards the overall 2023 J/24 Texas Circuit scores.
6. Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1, the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their boat’s hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta by submitting a written request as stated in the Sailing Instructions.
7. Class Rule C.10.2 is amended herein and in the Sailing Instructions to allow boats to carry an additional spinnaker. Boats shall comply strictly to this amendment as it is stated in the Sailing Instructions.
8. In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. In accordance with Class Rule B.3, all boats must carry aboard the current Measurement Certificate and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
9. A boat without a valid Measurement Certificate may race in the regatta with the prior approval of the J/24 District 14 Governor (“Governor”). This changes Class Rule A.11.1. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the regatta.
10. Bow numbers assigned to each boat pursuant to the J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta.

11. A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, during or at the conclusion of the regatta as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
12. 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). Scales will be provided at registration for weighing all crew members.

For more information regarding J/24 District 14, you may contact John Parker, J/24 District 14 Governor at (512) 983-2582 or [governor@j24district14.com](mailto:governor@j24district14.com).