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|  | **LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB****International J24 Class Association of Ireland****Western Championships****Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 2019** | https://scontent.fdub4-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-1/p50x50/27459810_1950388535211417_1685004247953631043_n.jpg?oh=b0f62a5ab0032e74ffaf02548e774e3f&oe=5B011628 |

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Lough Ree Yacht Club, in association with the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

**2. VENUE**

 The venue will be the waters of Lough Ree. The race area will be approximately 2.5 km north of Lough Ree Yacht Club.

**3. RULES**

3.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2017 - 2020. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3.2 The Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply.

3.3 The rules of the International J24 Class shall apply.

3.4 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on [www.lryc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie/) and on Club Notice Board.

**4. ADVERTISING**

4.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

4.2 The OA may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material, as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International J24 Class Rule 24.

**5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

5.1 General

 All competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Rules ( Regulation 19).

 The Regatta is open to boats registered with the International J24 Class, whose helm or registered owners are members of a National J24 Class Association recognised by the International J24 Class Association.

5.2 Entry procedure

 Entries can be made online, via the Lough Ree Yacht Club website:

 <https://www.lryc.ie/event/j24-westerns/>

5.3 Launching at Lough Ree Yacht Club will be available on Friday 12th April from 12.00 until 19.00.

5.4 Entry fee

 A non-refundable fee of €130.00 shall be paid in advance of racing and before Midnight on the 10th of April when entries will close.

5.5 Entry Disclaimer

 It is the Competitor’s decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the International J24 Class Association, the International J24 Association of Ireland, Lough Ree Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that International J24 Class Association, the International J24 Association of Ireland, Lough Ree Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

5.6 Insurance
All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than €3,000,000.00 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

**6 REGISTRATION**

 Registration will take place in the Race Office in Lough Yacht Club.

 Registration times:

 Friday 12th April 2019: 16.00 – 20.00

 Saturday 13th April 2019: 09.00 – 09.30

**7. RACE SCHEDULE**

 It is proposed to sail six races.

 A minimum of three races must be sailed to constitute a series.

 Proposed Schedule of Races:

 **Saturday 13th April 2019:** Up to four races

 **Sunday 14th April 2019:** Remaining races to complete series of six races.

 No race will be started after 1500 Sunday 14th April 2019, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

 Regatta Briefing: 10.00 Saturday 13th April 2019

 Warning Signal: 11.25 Saturday 13th April 2019

 10.25 Sunday 14th April 2019

 Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

**8. SCORING**

 The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score/s discarded according to the table below. Rule A4 is amended to accommodate rule A5 and will be used even when a series is a Regatta.

 Discards applied based on races sailed

 1, 2 or 3 races sailed no discard

 4 or more races sailed 1 discard

**9. PRIZES**

 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by OA.

 Perpetual prizes remain the property of the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

* Gold Fleet. 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall
* Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places

**10. DINING**

 Providing numbers are sufficient, a Championship Dinner will take place at 18.30 on Saturday 13h April 2019, at Lough Ree Yacht Club. Tickets must be purchased in advance and before April 10th 2019 and will available online at the following link:

 <https://www.lryc.ie/event/j24-westerns/>

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

 Free camping facilities and campervan facilities are available at Lough Ree Yacht Club for the duration of the event. A list of location accommodation is available on the LRYC website. For further information please contact secretary@lryc.ie