 

**International J24 Class Association of Ireland Western Championships**

**Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th April 2023**

**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 Lough Ree Yacht Club, specifically the waters north of the yacht club.

# 3. RULES

3.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2021 - 2024. 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 the window next to the committee room

**4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available online at <https://j24ireland.ie> before the event.

# 5. ADVERTISING

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

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

5.3 The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the event if there is, in its opinion, a conflict of interest between a competitor’s sponsor and the event sponsor.

# 6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

6.1 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.

6.2 Entry procedure

 Entries can be made on arrival. Expressions of interest in advance can be made directly to finbarr.ryan@muscrave.ie

6.3 Launching at Lough Ree Yacht Club will be available on Friday 28th April on a first come basis

6.4 Entry fee

 A non-refundable fee of €130.00 must be paid in advance of racing.

6.5 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.

6.6 Insurance

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than €2,000,000.00 (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.

# 7. REGISTRATION

 Registration will take place in Lough Ree Yacht Club on arrival

# 8. 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 29th April 2023: Up to four races

 **Sunday 30th April 2023:** Remaining races to complete series of six races.

 No race will be started after 1500 Sunday 30th, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

 Regatta Briefing: 10:00 Saturday 29th April 2023

 Warning Signal: 11:30 Saturday 29th April 2023

 10:30 Sunday 30th April 2023

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

# 9. 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

# 10. 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 and 2nd places overall

Silver Fleet: 1st place overall U 25: 1st place

# 11. DINING

 There will be no dining at the club.