

## **NOTICE OF CIRCUIT**

### **2013-14 J/24 Florida Circuit**

#### Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2013 J/24 Florida Circuit (the "Circuit"), to be held from November 2013 through July 2014, and sponsored by the United States J/24 Class Association (USJCA) District 10 and the Fleets therein with their local affiliated racing clubs are the organizers and hosts, respectively. This first inaugural year will include the scores from the first event at the District 10 Championships in Melbourne, FL. This is in support of building on an outstanding attendance to encourage further participation in this yearly Circuit.

#### Rules

This series of regattas will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as published by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and amended by the 2013-2016 US Sailing Prescriptions. Advertising during these regattas is governed by ISAF Regulation 20 as modified by International J/24 Association (IJCA) Class Rules rule 2.6.1. The respective protest committees shall have authority on all matters within their jurisdiction. A committee consisting of USJCA District 10 Fleet Captains of record and chaired by the USJCA District 10 Governor of record ("Governor") will resolve all matters not within the jurisdiction of individual protest committees (e.g. circuit scoring).

#### Eligibility

The Circuit is open to all J/24 yachts as defined by the IJCA. In addition, crews must meet all individual regatta registration requirements in order to become the Circuit participants.

#### Racing

Racing will take place on Windward/Leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used. VHF radio hails may be attempted for yachts failing to comply with RRS rules 29.1, 29.2, 30.1 or 30.3. Sailing instructions shall override any series NOR notices.

## Schedule

Five (5) scheduled regattas comprise the Circuit:

Oct 5-6	District 10 Championships Melbourne FL
Nov 22-24	Kings Day Regatta Florida Yacht Club
Dec 7-8	Green Bench Regatta St Petersburg Yacht Club
May 17-18	J24 Rodeo Davis Island Yacht Club Davis Island FL
July 12-13	Fleet 10 Florida State Championship Miami FL

## Scoring

RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will apply after substituting “regatta” for “race”, “Notice of Circuit” for “sailing instructions”, and “crew” for “boat”.

Only those scheduled regattas for which at least three (3) races are completed will be considered completed regattas and scored in the overall Circuit scoring. Each crew that is scored in a completed regatta of the Circuit is entered in the overall Circuit series. All of a crew’s Circuit eligible scores will count if three (3) or fewer Circuit regattas are scored. If four (4) Circuit regattas are scored, each crew’s worst score will be excluded. If five (5) or more Circuit regattas are scored, each crew’s worst two (2) scores will be excluded.

Issues relating to the constitution of a crew for overall Circuit scoring purposes will be determined by the Governor and fleet captains. Crews are encouraged to discuss contemplated changes with the Governor in advance. An initial determination made by the Governor and captains will be considered final if no member of a crew entered in the Circuit series submits a written challenge received by the Governor prior to close of registration for the next regatta on the Circuit schedule that follows continuous posting of the determination (such as by displaying the Circuit regatta score(s) so challenged on the District 10 website); except that, if no Circuit regattas are remaining on the Circuit schedule or this time limit falls sooner than the 10th day of continuous posting, the time limit extends through the 10th day of such posting. Such written challenges will be resolved by a simple majority vote of a committee consisting of USJCA District 10 Fleet Captains who have participated in at least one Circuit regatta and the Governor, the latter acting as chair of such committee. This committee’s resolution of crew constitution challenges will be final.

## Prizes

Awards will be presented to the final overall top five (5) Circuit crews, as well as to those Circuit crews participating in all scheduled Circuit regattas that are held, irrespective as to whether such held regattas are scored as part of the Circuit or not (i.e. Road Warriors). The number of awards presented at each individual regatta will be determined by the local hosting fleet but will not be less than three (3).

## Entry

There is no separate entry form or fee for the Circuit. Crews participating in at least one scored regatta of the Circuit will qualify to be included in the final overall circuit standings.

For more information on the Circuit, you may contact, Robby Brown at [robbyj24@gmail.com](mailto:robbyj24@gmail.com). For information relating to individual Circuit regattas, please contact the local fleet or host club. The most up to date J/24 Florida Circuit information may be found at the USJCA District 10 web soon to be reestablished and updated.

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