

August 15, 16 and 17, 2014 Duluth Yacht Club, Duluth, MN

On behalf of the U.S. J/24 Class Association District Fifteen and J/24 Fleet 165 and the Duluth Yacht Club cordially invite you to the 2014 J/24 District Fifteen Championship.

# Site

Lake Superior - Duluth, Minnesota/Superior, Wisconsin

#### Rules

This regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), and this Notice of Race, except that any of these may be altered by the Sailing Instructions. A jury appointed by the organizing authority will hear protests and request for redress.

#### Eligibility

This competition is open to all J/24 Class yachts as defined by the International J/24 Class Association. Helmsmen must be members of the International J/24 Class Association. All competing boats must submit a valid Measurement Certificate, liability waiver signed by the skipper and each crew member, and evidence of a minimum \$300K liability insurance during the registration process.

#### Schedule-Tentative

Friday, August 15, 2014 Staging and Launching 1700 - 2000 Registration and Weigh-in 1800 - 2100 Welcome Reception

Saturday, August 16, 2014 0830 - 0930 Coffee/Juice/Bagels/Donuts 0930 Skippers Meeting 1055 Warning Gun 1630 Deadline to start last race 1800 Dinner, Beverages, Entertainment

Sunday, August 17, 2014 0955 Warning Gun 1530 Deadline to start last race 1600 - 1800 Haul out 1730 Awards Ceremony and Cook Out

# Racing

Racing will take place in the area between western portion of Lake Superior and or the Duluth/Superior Harbor. Courses will be windward/leeward. Course and length will be based on sailing conditions. Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website, at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting.

### Penalty Systems

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

### Scoring

The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used modified such that all completed races will be scored; no throw-outs. This modifies rule A2.

#### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 skippers & crew. In addition, there will be "fun" prizes and give-aways. *The District Fifteen Championship Plate will be awarded to the top boat registered in a District Fifteen fleet.* 

### Inspections/Measurement

A measurement certificate is required for this regatta (Boats without measurement certificates will be scored for the regatta but participation will be considered local only). Additionally GPS navigation for safe return to harbor in case of fog is recommended but not required. Crew weight restriction will be enforced during this regatta.

## Launching

Launching for the regatta will be available on Thursday, August 13, 2014 and Friday, August 14, 2014. A Fleet 165 representative will contact you with specific launch information.

Launching and Hauling will be arranged for out of town boats. One hoist will be available for launching and hauling. Haul out order will be based on a combination of order of registration, and distance traveled.

# Dockage/Rafting

Dockage at the event is included on site. A Fleet 165 representative will assist you with dockage arrangements. All boats will be rafted or docked in the vicinity of Duluth/Superior Harbor (to be determined by the RC and will be dependent on number of participants)

### **Registration/Social Fees**

The entry fee is \$150.00 and includes five passes for all social events INCLUDING the Saturday Night festivities. Entry fees received after July  $15^{th}$  will be subject to an additional \$25 late fee.

Package includes launch & haul, mooring or dockage and all social events with complementary beverages, snacks, morning coffee & donuts/bagels, and Saturday night dinner with live music. Additional passes may be purchased for \$35 each.

### Lodging

Please see the website for lodging options. A Fleet 165 representative will contact out of town boats and assist with housing arrangements.

### Entry

A printable registration form is available at www.duluthyachtclub.com.

## Contacts

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