



Notice of Race
2015 J/24 Easter Regatta
April 2-5, 2015
J/24 Fleet 67 and Columbia Sailing Club
Lake Murray, Columbia, SC

1. **Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, and the Regatta Regulations of the International J24 Class, J70 Class, and the Ultimate 20 class.

Under RRS 87, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury chairman and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
2. **Eligibility and Entry**

The regatta is open to J70, U20, and J/24 class boats. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership, and measurement requirements. Yachts may be entered by advance registration, or by registering at the regatta site during registration hours. Advance registration is strongly encouraged.
3. **Advance Registration**

Registration is available online via link at www.easterregatta.org
4. **Fees**

Entry fees include Arrival Happy Hour for all competitors and crew, beer bracelets for competitors and crew over age 21, and regatta dinners on Friday and Saturday for all competitors and crew. Hamburger lunches will be available at extra cost on Fri before competition and on Sun after competition.

Advance registration for J24/J70 (on/before 3/22)	\$299
Advance registration for U20 (on/before 3/22)	\$200
Discount for USSA membership	- \$30
Late registration (after 3/22)	+\$55
<i>Extra</i> Friday Dinners (beyond crew)	+\$20 each
<i>Extra</i> Saturday meals (beyond crew)	+\$20 each
<i>Extra</i> beer bracelets (beyond crew)	+\$10 each
5. **Schedule**

Thursday, Apr 2	1400 -- 1930	Registration, Bow numbers
	1800 -- 2000	Arrival Happy Hour
Friday, Apr 3	0800 -- 1100	Registration, Bow numbers
	1100	Competitor's meeting
	1230	First warning Signal, add'l races to follow
	1830	Regatta Dinner (informal)
Saturday, Apr 4	0930	First warning Signal, add'l races to follow
	1830	Regatta Dinner (informal)
Sunday, Apr 5	0800 -- 0815	Easter Sunrise Service
	0930	First warning signal, add'l races to follow
	1330	No warning signal after this time

6. **Registration and Measurement** A. The first 50 registrants for the J70 class that are paid in full by March 30th will be accepted. Any more than 50 registrants will be added at the discretion of the regatta chair.
B. There must be a minimum of 10 U20 registrants to constitute a start.
C. There are no maximum limit of registrants for the J24 class.
7. **Sailing Instructions** Available at the registration table after 1400 on Apr 2 and online before then.
8. **Venue** Shoreside activities will be hosted at the Columbia Sailing Club. Racing will be on the waters of Lake Murray west of the dam, and east of the Spence Islands.
9. **Courses** Courses will be windward/leeward, of approximately 45-60 minutes duration.
10. **Scoring and Penalty System** When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies Appendix A.
The percentage penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
Race committee will attempt to run as many races as are practical. One or more races will constitute a regatta.
Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2, A5, and A11.
11. **Launching, Hauling, Docking, Parking** A crane will be available to launch and haul during the following hours (approximately): Thursday 1PM to 6 PM, Friday 8-10 AM, and Sunday following the last race. There is no lifting charge. A gin pole is available. The order of haul out after the regatta will be based on bow numbers, assigned according to order of receipt of pre-registrations (excluding local boats). Yachts must be wet sailed during the Regatta. Berthing will be provided at the Columbia Sailing Club. Parking, launching, and docking instructions will be provided at the club entrance. Boats may be parked at the club before or after the regatta, for travel to other regattas, with approval in advance.
12. **Prizes** Trophies will be awarded to the top six boats, in the J24 and J70 Class, and top three in the U20 class. Also, the 1st place winner's name in the J24 class will be engraved on CSC's *Perlita Trophy* and on the J/24 perpetual trophy. The highest placing member of Fleet 67 will be similarly recognized on Fleet 67's perpetual trophy.
13. **Disclaimer of Liability** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
14. **Insurance** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.
15. **Media Rights** Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the USJCA, J24 Fleet 67, the Columbia Sailing Club, and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.
16. **Changes to NOR** The organizing authorities retain the right to modify this NOR at any time. Please check the website www.easterregatta.org periodically for any updates.
17. **For further information** See the CSC web site at <http://www.columbiasailingclub.org> or the regatta web site at www.easterregatta.org Or contact Regatta Chairman Alex Bolan at 864-419-4956 (mobile), or by email: sailmaster200@gmail.com.

18. **Miscellaneous**

Camping is permitted on club grounds, in the camping area.

Dogs are not permitted on club grounds.

CSC front gate is at 292 Shuler Road ((34 deg 03' 52.87" N, 81 deg 13' 43.77" W)