



## 2020 Annual Regatta/J/24 Cowtown Stampede

Oct. 30- Nov 1, 2020

Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas

### Notice of Race

The Fort Worth Boat Club as the Organizing Authority (OA) cordially invites you to the 2020 Annual Regatta/J/24 Cowtown Stampede on beautiful Eagle Mountain Lake

#### 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the class rules of the applicable one-design classes, with the exception of crew weights for the J22 and J105. Please also see J/24 Class addendum attached.

#### 2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats.

2.2 All Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and paying the required registration fee.

2.3 One-design classes may be declared for fleets with three (3) or more entries.

~~2.4 Crew sizes – J22 will be restricted to two (2) and J105 will be restricted to five (5)~~

~~2.5 FWBC J22 registration will be based on the order of entry for use with Main and Jib and 2 crew. Boats will be assigned by drawing at 9:15am on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October.~~

~~2.5 A Cruising Fun Fleet will be formed for boats interested in casual racing.~~

~~2.6 Boats not sailing in one-design class fleets will be scored using the FWBC PHRF handicapping system.~~

#### 3. Fee

3.1 The \$90 registration fee for this regatta is payable at the time of registration.

3.2 Entries received after 2359 on October 16, 2020 will automatically incur a late fee of \$10.00.

#### 4. Sailing Instructions

4.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at onsite registration and will be posted on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) prior to onsite registration.

#### 5. Venue and Courses

5.1 Fort Worth Boat Club and the racing area are located on Eagle Mountain Lake.

5.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, triangle or olympic style, or point to point distance races using dropped or FWBC permanent racing marks.

5.3 Course diagrams will be available in the SIs.

#### 6. Scoring

6.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

6.2 The race committee will make every attempt to complete as many as six races.

#### 7. Prizes

7.1 Trophies will be awarded according to the number of boats in a class, to be determined by the Regatta Committee.



## 8.0 Lunch

8.1 Packed lunches will be available by pre-ordering when registering. The options are Ham or Turkey wraps, at \$8.00 (US) each

## 9. Schedule

Date	Time	Description
Friday, 30th October	1700	Complimentary Draft Beer and Snacks
	1700 - 2000	Registration and Check In
Saturday, 31st October	0800 - 0915	Registration and Check In
	0930	Skippers' Meeting
	1045	Warning Signal for first race, additional races follow at the discretion of the Race Committee.
	After racing	Post-Race debrief & Complimentary Draft Beer.  Restaurant Dining available by reservation or on the Patio <b>Notice: End of Daylight Savings Time</b>
Sunday, 1st November	0930	Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow.
	1400	No more racing - Time limit for final race start signal
	After racing	Awards and Regatta Closing Ceremony

## 10. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

10.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## 11. Radio Communications

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



## 12. Disclaimer of Liability

Please review current COVID requirements for the Fort Worth Boat Club and notices will be posted as supplementary items to the Notice of Race nearer the event. Below are intended as guidelines

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 12.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- Social distancing and disinfecting measures may be in place, including but not limited to: Any CDC, The State of Texas and Tarrant County guidelines / restrictions in effect will be strictly followed.
- Wearing gators, buffs or masks is encouraged and may be required in some areas.
- Bring hand sanitizer for use on shore and on the water.
- Open air briefings with maximum distance between teams.
- No dinner buffet will be provided. The Club Restaurant will be available for inside or outside dining, where reservations are recommended. (Availability based on current situation).
- It is critical to be mindful of how you feel, and particularly when ANY of the potential COVID-19 symptoms are present to stay home and notify us at first notice.
- **Notice:** Although FWBC strives to follow CDC guidelines, member and guest health protection is ultimately their personal responsibility.

## 13. Insurance

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident.

## 14. Regatta Apparel

14.1 Regatta apparel, Coral Reef Sailing.

<https://stores.coralreefsailing.com/2020-cowtown-stampede/shop/home>

## 15. Further Information

15.1 This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

**15.2 TABC REGULATIONS:** The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission requires that no alcoholic beverages be brought in or taken out of the area prominently marked with TABC signs.

15.3 For Further Information please contact the Fort Worth Boat Club Office.



## **ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF RACE J/24 CLASS ONLY**

**The Notice of Race for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.**

- This is a scheduled Circuit Stop of the 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit.
- The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit and the 2019 International J/24 Class Rules (“Class Rule”).
- The regatta is open to all J/24 boats as defined by the International J/24 Class and whose entries are accepted by the organizer. Helmspersons must be full members of the J/24 National or International Class. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit and pay all required Regatta registration fees to become official participants.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of the conduct of races that will be determined by each organizing host, races will be sailed pursuant to the best practices as decided by that organizing host.
- All scores for each completed regatta will count towards the overall 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.
- Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1., the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker shall make a valid attempt to have the same sail numbers as their boat’s hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta without a written request.
- Class Rule C.10.2 is amended herein and in the Sailing Instructions to allow boats to carry an additional spinnaker.
- In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and current (completed annually) Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. A boat without a Measurement Certificate is granted a waiver for the 2020 Circuit season. This changes Class Rule A.11.1.
- In accordance with Class Rule B.3, all boats shall carry aboard the current Measurement Certificate and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). Crew will not be weighed, but crews should still endeavor to not exceed the 400 kg (882 lbs) weight limit and should sail with the same crew during the regatta.
- In the event the race officials have provided for a shorthanded fleet in which a J/24 will compete with one (1) to two (2) persons, or three (3) persons if not competing on the Texas Circuit racecourse, those boats will not be scored in the overall Texas Circuit scores. Further, while these boats should endeavor to comply with the Class Rules, they may not be protested or penalized for not doing so.

For more information regarding the Texas J/24 Circuit, you may contact the following:

Tonja Holmes-Moon, Texas Circuit Representative at (940) 808-6477 or [sailboats4sanity@yahoo.com](mailto:sailboats4sanity@yahoo.com)

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