



## NOTICE OF RACE

2017

### J/24 FLEET 43 SEASON RACING

TONINI SERIES | WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPRING & SUMMER SERIES | LEVEL SERIES

#### **Eligibility:**

This competition is open to all J/24 Class yachts as defined by the IJCA. Helmsmen/women must be members of the IJCA. All boats must have a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance valid through September 15, 2017. Proof of insurance must be submitted with registration fee. All competing boats/teams are strongly encouraged to have a valid Measurement Certificate and Optional Equipment List. Please note to be eligible for the Tonini Series scoring your boat must have a valid measurement certificate and optional equipment list as it is a requirement for participation in the annual J/24 Downeast Regatta.

Only Members of Fleet 43 who have paid their Fleet Dues / Wednesday night series Registration fees (\$225 if paid prior to May 17th, \$300 after May 17th) and met the above eligibility requirements will be scored. However, the Race Committee welcomes the participation of all J/24s. Further, the Race Committee reserves the right to prohibit from racing, for any reason, any unregistered boat.

#### **Rules:**

This series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), and this Notice of Race, except that any of these that may be altered by the Sailing Instructions for the Wednesday night series or the Notice of Race and/ or Sailing Instructions for each weekend event.

## 2017 SCHEDULE

GO to [www.j24fleet43.org](http://www.j24fleet43.org) for links to each event and more info

### **Fleet Launch at Handy Boat Service**

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

\$100 cash or check per boat

Starts at 8:00am to 10:00am Low Tide is at 7:35am

### **Seminar & Social**

May 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00am to Noon Rig Checks & Tuning Tips on the PYC Docks

Noon to 2pm Race Management, Local Knowledge, Class Rules & Tactics

Beer and drinks provided

### **Wednesday Night Tune-up Clinic**

On the water coaching, drills and tips with on land chalk talk and video review

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Wednesday Night Spring Series (5 nights)**

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 to June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 Start Time 6pm

June 21<sup>st</sup> awards ceremony for Spring Series

### **Wednesday Night Summer Series (11 nights)**

June 28<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 Start Time 6pm

\*\*\*Early Start Time: 5:30pm for August 23, 30 and September 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Centerboard Regatta**

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com)

### **Pilot Regatta**

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.portlandyachtclub.com](http://www.portlandyachtclub.com)

### **Harraseeket Regatta**

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com)

### **Schooner Trophy Race**

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.portlandyachtclub.com](http://www.portlandyachtclub.com)

### **Moonlight Race**

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.j24fleet43.org](http://www.j24fleet43.org)

### **PHRF State of Maine Championship**

July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.handyboat.com](http://www.handyboat.com)

### **MS Regatta**

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com)

### **Double-handed Regatta**

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 | [www.j24fleet43.org](http://www.j24fleet43.org) | Start Time 2:00pm

### **Downeast Regatta & State of Maine Championships**

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> | [www.j24downeastregatta.com](http://www.j24downeastregatta.com)

## **Scoring parameters to apply to all series:**

### **Item 1:**

There must be at least 3 J/24 Fleet 43 member boats that start at least one race of an event for it to be counted towards any J/24 Fleet 43 Series. For example if 3 boats start the first race of the Pilot Regatta but one of the boats doesn't finish the race or finish any of the other subsequent races the scores for all racing during the event will count towards the appropriate series. However, if three boats register and only two boats start any of the races and the third boat is scored DNS then the event and race scores will not count towards any J/24 Fleet 43 Series.

### **Item 2:**

If three or more representatives of a registered J/24 Fleet 43 team attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> Seminar they will be awarded with personal knowledge that will benefit them a lifetime and two bullets applicable to both the Tonini Series and one for the Wed. Spring Series and one for the Wed. Summer Series. Skippers and crew must be checked in at the start of the event and stay to the end to receive full credit.

### **Item 3:**

On Course Side (OCS), Did Not Start {came out the race area but didn't start} (DNS), Disqualified (DSQ), Retired after finishing (RAF) and Did not finish (DNF) will all be scored number of boats that came to the starting area for that race or day of races plus 1 point.

Did not compete (DNC) will be scored number of boats scored in the series plus 1 point.

### **Item 4:**

Any J/24 Fleet 43 registered team with two or more members that participate in providing volunteer time to either run a race, regatta or provide race committee support on the water will be provided average points towards the series the event/race is scored. The points will be awarded based on how many races were held while the team was volunteering.

### **Item 5:**

A team will be scored DNC until it has fulfilled all eligibility requirements.

### **Item 6:**

Each team with at least 3 individuals per team will be required to perform race committee support during the season. Failure to perform your assigned or volunteered for time will result in disqualification from all series. If due to unforeseen circumstances you need to switch days you are responsible for finding another boat/team to switch with and if that team doesn't show then both teams will be disqualified.

## **Awards and Scoring:**

### **Tonini Series**

The Tonini Series is named after our famed and passed local racer George Tonini who owned J/24 USA 1031 *Trick or Treat* which can still be seen in the Casco Bay waters being sailed by his son or daughter on a regular basis. George never missed a chance to compete in a race and for this reason this series comprises any event from the schedule that has 3 or more Fleet 43 J/24s that make at least 1 start for that event. (see item 1 above for details)

All individual race results from each event will be used to calculate a score using RRS Appendix A using A4 the Low Point System with the following amendments; 30% of each boat's worst scores will not be counted. A team must compete in the 2017 J/24 Downeast Regatta to be eligible for the Tonini Series Trophies. Each team shall only use the same J/24 hull during the entire series to be eligible for the Tonini Series awards.

### **Wednesday Spring Series**

The Wednesday Spring Series is geared to getting the cobwebs cleaned out of your boat and your sailing skills. The series will be raced for 5 Wednesday nights starting May 24<sup>th</sup> and ending on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The start time will be 6pm each night. There will not be a limit on number of races per night or the length of course. It will be the race officer's goal to sail as many good races as possible. All individual race results from each event will be used to calculate a score using RRS Appendix A using A4 the Low Point System with the following amendments; 20% of each boat's worst scores will not be counted.

### **Wednesday Summer Series**

The Wednesday Summer Series is geared to building on the foundation of the spring and to enjoy the summer evenings. The series will be raced for 11 Wednesday nights starting Jun 28<sup>th</sup> and ending on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The start time will be 6pm each night with an early start time of 5:30pm for August 23, 30 and September 6<sup>th</sup>. The goal of racing these nights will be to do 2 to 3 races with windward/leeward legs of  $\frac{3}{4}$  nautical mile in length. All individual race results from each event will be used to calculate a score using RRS Appendix A using A4 the Low Point System with the following amendments; 20% of each boat's worst scores will not be counted.

### **Level Series**

The level series is a new addition for 2017 and will provide a fun and interesting way of calculating the scores based on a team handicap. Each team will be provided a handicap (like in golf) based on their results in previous racing over the last three years. Only Tonini series races that the boat finished will be used in calculating the team's handicap.

To calculate the handicap each boats average score over the last three years will be used to calculate a percentage difference between the top score and their own score. Therefore if the best average score is 2 and your average scores are 3 then your handicap will be .66.

The handicap will be applied to the Tonini Series net scores, therefore if at the end of the season your total net points were 100 for the Tonini Series and your Level handicap was .66 then  $100 \times .66 =$  Your new Level net score of 66. The boat with the lowest total wins the level series.

The idea is if everyone sailed exactly to their average then the final scores would be tied. However, we know that this doesn't happen based on effort each team puts in over time.

New boats to the fleet will be placed at the Median of the published averages.

### Current Handicaps for the 2017 Season based on '14, '15 & '16 results

<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Skipper Name</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>handicap</b>
<b>Sea Bags</b>	Carter White	1.93	1.00
<b>Mr. Hankey</b>	Andrew Carey	3.22	0.60
<b>Drako</b>	Gretchen Sullivan	4.69	0.41
<b>Second Chance</b>	Jeff Smith	5.10	0.38
<b>Vagabond</b>	Mooradian/McAllister	5.30	0.36
<b>Pit Party</b>	Richard Ketchum	5.47	0.35
<b>Bad Apple</b>	Bruce Morse	5.76	0.34
<b>Denali</b>	Tony Jessen	6.07	0.32
<b>Sea Bags Women's Team</b>	Erica Beck Spencer	6.25	0.31
<b>Spontaneous</b>	Kaign Smith	6.53	0.30
<b>McGee</b>	Eric Hayward	6.79	0.28
<b>Manana</b>	JP Bilodeau	7.31	0.26
<b>Subito</b>	Rob Garafoli	7.38	0.26
<b>Steve</b>	Nick Dambrie	7.83	0.25
<b>WTF</b>	Nate Huber	8.39	0.23
<b>Small Flying Patio Furniture</b>	Jared Hourihan	8.75	0.22
<b>Bouncing Betty</b>	Chris Kuhn	10.77	0.18

### Race Committee Awards

An award for the best run Wednesday night races will be presented at the end of season awards. You will have the opportunity to grade and vote on the performance each week in an anonymous online poll based on the following criteria:

1. Communication effectiveness
2. Race committee procedural prowess
3. Race course quality
4. RC overall attitude
5. Après racing atmosphere