

**J/24 and Lightning Class
King's Day Regatta
November 20-22, 2026**



The Florida Yacht Club - Jacksonville, Florida
Organized by J/24 Fleet 55 in conjunction with the Florida YC
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QNmHfoxR3G>

Notice of Race

Preamble: The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the IJCA (IJCA RR), and ILCA available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/regatta-regulations>, and <https://ilcasailing.org/ilca-class-rules/> shall apply.
- 1.3 Only the following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix V, RRS 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to RSR 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1 which can be found here:
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf>
- 1.4 RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 Bow numbers for J/24's and Lightnings will not be assigned as RaceSense will be used to identify boats. Further changes to the RRS regarding the use of RaceSense can be found in Attachment F.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 Added to RRS 60.2(a)(1) is "so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm."
- 1.8 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with: "(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.9 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. A DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 5% as calculated in RRS 44.3.
- 1.10 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule H.4.2 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event shall remain the same throughout the event. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the Regatta Chair, Technical Committee, PRO or Protest Committee.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online by 1000 on November 16, 2026 at the event site and on-site at the registration table located at the Florida Yacht Club Sailing Center.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the event website listed above.
- 3.2 Unofficial and informative announcements may be made using the event WhatsApp group where you can opt-in here using the link or QR code:
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF channels.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced in the sailing instructions.
- 3.5 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her berth for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to J/24 and Lightning Class boats as defined by the IJCA and ILCA class rules, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Championship drivers must be current members of their respective classes
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at the event website and submitting the requested information at the event website and paying the required fee by 2000 hours on November 19, 2026.
- 4.4 **Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed.**
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Entries received after November 13, 2026 will be accepted with a USD \$50 additional late fee for J/24's and \$30 for Lightning's

5. FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is USD \$500 for J/24's and \$300 for Lightning's which must be paid online by November 13, 2025 and boats entering after this date will be required to pay the late fee described in NoR 4.5.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, trailer storage/dockage while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, dinner each night for all crew and prizes. Five (5) social tickets for registered boats included for J/24 and Three (3) for Lightning
- 5.3 Additional individual social function tickets may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 5.4 All fees shall be paid online using the official event website.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen if supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 Boat advertising shall comply with WS Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	November 20	1000 – 1800 1300 – 1700 1800 – 2100	Registration (FYC Sailing Center) J/24 and Lightning Practice/ Race Clinic Welcome Party @ FYC
Saturday	November 21	0900 1030 1830 – 2200	Daily competitors' briefing Warning for the First Race of the day FYC Oyster Roast @ FYC
Sunday	November 22	0900 1030 1500 After Racing	Daily competitors' briefing Warning for the First Race of the day No warning signal will be made after this time Awards presentation and lunch Social (FYC Event Lawn)

- 7.1 A Maximum of (8) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days. No more than four (4) races per day will be sailed.

8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration as stated in NoR 7 - Schedule:
- (a) A valid, IJCA or ILCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
 - (b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 21.
 - (c) Proof of J/24 or Lightning Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.
- 8.2 With written permission of the technical chair, changes to documents or forms required by NoR 8.1 may be accepted at check-in.
- 8.3 Only Equipment Inspection will be done at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.
- 8.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for any class rules during the event.

9. CREW

- 9.1 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

10. VENUE

The intended racing area will be East of the Florida Yacht Club in the St. Johns River-see Attachment A.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs and further described in the SIs.
- 11.2 The target time for each race is approximately 45-60 minutes.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.
- 12.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 12.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 12.4 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply as further detailed in the Sailing Instructions however P2.2 and P2.3 shall not apply.

13. SCORING:

- 13.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 13.2 When fewer than Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When Four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag if supplied by the organizing authority, provide proof of third party marine liability insurance in the amount equal to that stated in NoR 21, and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in case of infringement, may act according to RRS 62.3 and 62.4. Additionally, all support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.

16. BERTHING

[DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips, as directed by the organizing authority.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP][NP] Boats shall be afloat in accordance with NoR 7 and shall not be hauled out during the event except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Technical Committee Chair. This restriction also applies to rudders.

- 17.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 17.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 17.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall top five (5) J/24's and the top three (3) Lightning boats.
- 18.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 19.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. Additionally, all competitors and support persons will be required to follow all local, county, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. The OA may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion which will be posted on the official notice board.

20. INSURANCE

Proof of valid, third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent (property and injury).

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the US J/24 Class Association, the Florida Yacht 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.

23. Further Information, contact the following:

Regatta Chair Michael Beattie – Michael.beattie89@gmail.com
218-393-6723

J/24 Fleet 155 Fleet Captain Michael Todd – j24fleet55@gmail.com
904-595-7441

US J/24 Class Christopher Howell (CAE, IM – USA) – director@j24class.org
440-796-3100

US Lightning Class **TBA**

Technical Chair **TBA**

Principal Race Officer J24: Jeff Doyle - jdoyle0814@gmail.com
843-824-4672

Lightning: Ken Wright - kenonquest@gmail.com
904-451-5067

Chief Judge **TBA**

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Additional Information not part of the NoR

BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE

Boat storage is available during the event.

For additional storage requests, please contact Michael Todd, J/24 Fleet 55 Fleet Captain (904) 595-7441.

BOAT CHARTERS

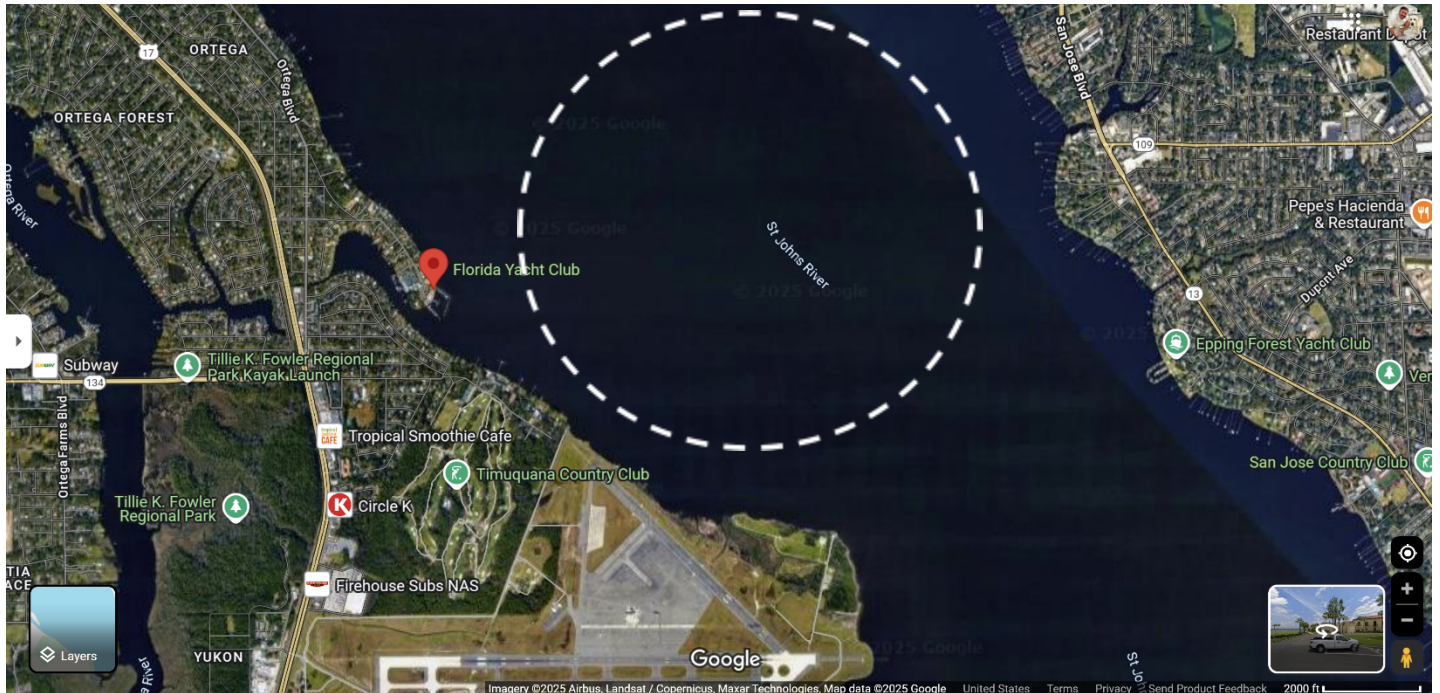
Any charter requests may be made to Regatta Chair, Michael Beattie (218) 393-6723 or Fleet Captain, Michael Todd (904) 595-7441 on a first come, first served basis.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Registered boats will be provided social event tickets (5-J/24, 3-Lightning) to include: Friday Night Welcome Party at FYC, Saturday Night Oyster Roast Dinner at FYC, and the Sunday Awards Presentation lunch. Additional tickets will be available at the registration desk.

ATTACHMENT A – VENUE

Florida Yacht Club is noted by the red pinned area and the approximate racing area is outlined by the dashed circle.



ATTACHMENT F – RaceSense Rule Changes

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

F.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the class at all times while racing.

F.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats. Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 or Edge device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

F.3 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

F.4 RRS 26 is changed. The countdown to the start on the Atlas2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for informational purposes.

F.5 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system. Flag X will not be displayed and no sound or VHF hail will be made. This modifies RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

F.6 Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

F.7 If the RC vessel displays flag O with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, F.4 and F.5 inclusive will not apply to that race.

F.8 If the RC vessel displays flag R with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

F.9 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or What'sApp.