



J24 Lambert Lai Memorial Regatta August 22 – 23, 2026

Notice of Race



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024* (RRS), including the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the applicable J/24 class rules, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Regatta Regulation of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.3. Under *The Racing Rules of Sailing* rule 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 protest committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.4. The same four class sails must be used the entire regatta. There can be substitutions with advanced written approval of the protest committee for exceptional circumstances.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/24 class as defined by the IJCA Class Rules. **There must be 10 registered boats by August 16 @ 11:59 pm to conduct this regatta.**
- 2.2. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, including proof of valid J24 membership.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter and submit a registration fee on theClubspot.com. **PLEASE register as soon as possible, as we need 10 boats committed to race.** *The regatta fee can be paid separately by check or cash by 9:00 am on the 1st day of the regatta, August 23. RYC Club members may charge their RYC club account.*

3. FEES

- 3.1. The registered skipper/owner/charterer shall have paid the applicable event Entry Fee.
- 3.2. The Entry Fee is \$275, which is NOT REFUNDABLE after the start of the regatta. Fees include launching & haul out, trailer storage, race committee, post racing kegs, continental breakfast snacks and coffee/water, 5 Saturday dinner tickets, music, and awards.
- 3.3. Entry fees may be paid online by completing the details on the Entry Form through Clubspot or at the registration table with check or cash to avoid credit card processing fees. RYC Club members may charge their account. Entries will not be valid until payment is received & confirmed by the OA.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board located in the registration area of the Burgee Bar.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. The Sailing Instructions **will be** available at check-in.
- 5.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board.



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6. VENUE & RACING AREA

- 6.1. Rochester Yacht Club constitutes the venue for this regatta located at 5555 St. Paul Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14617. It is located at the mouth of the Genesee River where it flows into Lake Ontario. Racing will be on the lake ENE of the river entrance.
- 6.2. The racing area is offshore and East of the Genesee River where the channel meets Lake Ontario. The approximate location of the race area will be: 1nm ENE of the Genesee River Channel.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward and utilize orange and/or yellow inflatable buoys. Courses may have a downwind or upwind finish and will utilize a gate as the leeward turning point and an offset at the windward mark. Course will be displayed by the race committee on the water.
- 7.2. The Sailing Instructions will show the course configurations, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, & the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. REGATTA SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 25 – *Come early AND/or stay after the regatta to sail with the RYC fleet. Harbor signal is 1745 and start is 1820. Contact Lee Ann Zaretsky if you are interested in this. Contact info is at the end of this document. ***Also, you should consider sailing the 2025 Hospice Regatta, hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club on Saturday, August 15. Launch and then keep your boat at RYC to race on Tuesday evenings with the J/24 fleet or store until the J/24 Lambert Lai Memorial Regatta at RYC on August 22-23. Again, reach out to Lee Ann Zaretsky if this interests you. For more info on course racing at the Hospice Regatta, go to <https://www.sunsethouse.info/regatta>.*

Friday, August 21

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| All Day | J24 rig & launch in the East Basin. Dock assignments will be shared at registration. |
| 1200-1800 | Registration & check-in located at RYC's East Basin. Beverages and light snacks available. |
| 1830+ | Meet & Greet at the RYC bar area. Bar & Dinner menu will be available. |

Saturday, August 22

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| 0730-0900 | Registration and check-in will be in the Burgee Bar located next to the RYC Clubhouse on our deck. |
| 0730-0930 | Complimentary Coffee/Continental Breakfast in the Burgee Bar . |
| 0900 | Skippers Briefing at the Burgee Bar . |
| 0930 | Harbor Signal |
| 1030 | First Warning signal, first race |
| 1600 | Post race activity at the Burgee Bar includes dock talk, live music, complimentary beer on draft, and regatta dinner for a team of 5, skipper and crew. Extra dinner tickets can be <u>purchased at registration for \$25.00.</u> |



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Sunday, August 25

- 0730-0930 Complimentary coffee/continental breakfast treats in the Burgee Bar.
- 0900 Harbor signal
- 1000 First warning signal, first race ***Note earlier start**
- 1400 Last possible warning signal
- ASAP Post Race Awards in the Burgee Bar.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. At the discretion of the race committee, the top 5 finishing J24 boats shall be prepared to present a fully completed & compliant Part D Class Measurement and Inventory of Required & Optional Equipment forms.
- 9.2. There will be NO crew weigh in.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS Appendix A will be used. 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 completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.2. The OA intends to run as many races as possible.
- 10.3. One race will constitute a series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers & crew of registered competitors. There may be additional prizes awarded if deemed appropriate by the OA.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats shall be marked with a yellow flag.
- 12.2. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, unless instructed otherwise by the Race Committee.

13. BERTHING/LAUNCHING/HAULING

- 13.1. Launching and hauling will be from the RYC East Basin.
- 13.2. Two hoists will be available for use as well as a fixed gin pole in the East Basin.
- 13.3. Haul out order will be visiting boats first then followed by RYC members.



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13.4. All boats are to remain in their assigned berthing area in the RYC east basin.

13.5. All boats must be in the water by 0900 Saturday, August 22, 2026.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1. No boat shall be hauled out between 0900 Saturday and until the conclusion of racing on Sunday except with written permission of the Protest Committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats, between the preparatory signal of the first race, and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio, mobile phone, or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio, mobile phone, or other data communications not available to all boats.

16.2. The RC will announce the VHF channel it intends to use for the regatta at the skippers meeting.

16.3. Failure to make announcements or failure of a competitor to receive them shall not be grounds for redress.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race, series, or regatta.

17.2. As part of registration, the Responsibility Disclaimer and Liability Release Acceptance clause must be filled out and signed by all competitors. This must be done through Yacht Scoring.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent. **All participants must provide proof of insurance at registration.**



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19. ACCOMMODATIONS

19.1. Camping is permissible in the grassy area near the East Basin/White House Office and RVs can be parked along the south fence, but no water hookups. A restroom with showers is nearby.

19.2. Nearby lodging:

- Holiday Inn Express Rochester NE-Irondequoit (585)342-0430
- Hampton Inn Rochester-Irondequoit (585)339-3500
- Hampton Inn Rochester-Greece (585)663-6070
- Comfort Inn Rochester-Greece (585)621-5700
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Rochester/Greece (585)865-8534
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Rochester West/Greece (585)621-6050
- Rochester Airport Marriott (585)225-6880

19.3. Housing may be available upon request. Please contact Lee Ann Zaretsky, contact info below.

20. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information or to register, please

contact: Regatta Chair

Lee Ann Zaretsky

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