



## **J-24 and E Scow Nor'Easter & Ensign Midwinter Regatta**

Columbia Sailing Club  
292 Shuler Road, Columbia, SC 29212  
J24 Fleet 67, Ensign Fleet 83, Lake Murray E Scow Fleet  
March 28 – 30, 2025

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The Regatta Regulations of the International J24 Class and the Ensign Class and the NCESA Scantling Rules.
- 1.3. Floatation panels at the top of the mast for all E-Scow class boats are required.
- 1.4. Under rule 87, 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Clubspot registration website no later than March 15, 2025.  
<https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/nCFPZF8owg>

#### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The official notice board is located in the CSC Main Clubhouse.
- 3.2. [DP][NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence their

racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. The event is open to J24 Class, Ensign Class, and E Scow Class members. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership, and measurement requirements.

Advance registration is required online at

<https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/register/regatta/nCFPZF8owg/class>

4.2. Registration closes at 11:59 PM on 3/22/2025. After registration closes, any subsequent entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the organizing committee by petition through the appropriate fleet contact as listed in 15.2.

**5. FEES**

5.1. J/24s and Ensigns, Entry Fee: \$300

5.2. E Scows, Entry Fee: \$220

5.3. \$40 discount for registrations received before 30 November 2024

5.4. \$50 late Fee for registrations received after 3 March 2025 through 22 March 2025

**6. SCHEDULE**

**6.1. Check-In**

Day	Date	From	To
Thursday	Mar 27	1400	1800
Friday	Mar 28	0900	1000

**6.2. Launching**

Day	Date	From	To	
Thursday	Mar 20	1400	1800	By Crane
Any time				By Ramp

**6.3. Competitors' Meeting**

Day	Date	From	To	Location
Friday	Mar 28	1000	1030	CSC front porch

**6.4. Racing**

Day	Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	
Friday	Mar 28	1130	Additional races to immediately follow
Saturday	Mar 29	1030	Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	Mar 30	0930	Additional races to immediately follow

6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300

**7. VENUE**

Racing will be on the waters of Lake Murray west of the dam, and east of the Spence Islands.

**8. COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward, of approximately 45-60 minutes duration.

**9. SCORING**

The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions.

9.1. Unlimited races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

9.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 9.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4. 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 one point by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2, A5, and A11. 1

**10. LAUNCHING, HAULING, DOCKING, PARKING**

A crane will be available to launch and haul during the hours specified in **Schedule**. There is no lifting charge. A gin pole is available. J/24 and Ensign Class boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta. E-Scows are permitted to haul out following each day of racing. For the J/24 and Ensign Classes, haul outs during the regatta will be allowed only upon petition to and permission granted by the organizing authority. 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.

**11. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

**12. INSURANCE**

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

**13. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats, in the J/24, E Scow, and Ensign Classes. Also, the 1st place winner's name from the class with the largest number of boats will be engraved on CSC's Perlita Trophy. The 1st place winner in the J/24 class will be engraved on the J/24 perpetual trophy and the highest placing member of J/24 Fleet 67 will be similarly recognized on Fleet 67's perpetual trophy.

**14. CHANGES TO NOR**

The organizing authorities retain the right to modify this NOR at any time. Please check <https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/nCFPZF8owg/#notice-board> for any updates.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION and Fleet Contacts**

- 15.1. Further information is available at <https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/nCFPZF8owg>
- 15.2. Ensigns: Fran Trapp by email: fran.trapp25@gmail.com or 803.413.6500  
 J/24s: Roger Dougal by email: rd5274@sc.rr.com or 803.361.7448  
 E-Scows: Jared Cronin by email: jdcronin7@gmail.com or 757.403.2777

**16. Revision Record**

Ver 1.0	23 July 2024	Original issue date
Ver 2.0	28 Aug 2024	Changed regatta dates to avoid J/24 Midwinter Regatta

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 1. FEES Include

- 1.1. For J/24s and Ensigns, crane launching and hauling at the scheduled times, in-water berthing during the regatta, and trailer parking.
- 1.2. For E-scows, ramp launching and hauling, on-trailer berthing during the regatta.
- 1.3. Regatta social events as listed below for all registered skipper and crews.

### 2. Separately purchased items

- 2.1. Accompanying persons who are not registered skippers and crew can purchase an entertainment pass separately, online via ClubSpot, prior to 3/15/2025.
- 2.2. Burger Lunches on Sunday, Mar 25, are NOT included in the registration fee. These must be separately purchased via ClubSpot at a price of \$10/plate.

### 3. ONSHORE ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity and Location
Thursday Mar 20	0900	Club opens for early arrivals
	1400-1800	Crane launching available
Friday Mar 28	1700	Beer wagon and refreshments at clubhouse
	1900	Party? Dinner?
Saturday Mar 29	0800-0900	Continental Breakfast at clubhouse
	1700	Beer wagon and refreshments at clubhouse
	1730	Regatta Dinner at clubhouse
Sunday Mar 30	0800	Continental Breakfast at clubhouse
	1300	Crane retrieval starts
	1300	Burger lunch available (\$10/plate, pay via Clubspot)
	1400	Awards at clubhouse front porch

### 4. LODGING / CAMPING

- 1.4. **Hotels:** Several hotels are located near exit 102 on I-26, approximately 4-5 miles from CSC.
- 1.5. **Camping:** A camping area is available on the CSC grounds, on a first-come basis. The campground has showers and restroom facilities, but no RV hook-ups.
- 1.6. Club rules **DO NOT ALLOW PETS** or open fires on the club grounds during club events or regatta weekends.

### 5. MISCELLANEOUS

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