

PPSA J 24 Pre-Worlds Open Event



2025 J/24 Plymouth Notice of Race

Saturday 19th - Sunday 20th July 2025

The Organizing Authority is the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The J 24 Pre-World's event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, J24 Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Plymouth is a Naval/Commercial Port, shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.

See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1261/made>
- 1.3 The Post Race penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event.
- 1.4 The designation "[DP]" in a rule in the (NoR/SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 Competitors should note that the 2025 PPSA J/24 Event implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it, see RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.6 Class rule changes as permitted by the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) Class Rules, Section H:

- 1.6.1 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited declared crew substitution.
- 1.6.2 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced with class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 1800 on Saturday 5th July 2025 at <https://www.ppsa.org.uk/j24>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board shall be the website <https://www.ppsa.org.uk/j24> during the event communications will only be made via the Plymouth Yacht Regatta WhatsApp group (all competitors will be added to this group) and VHF.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal 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 communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all channels.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/24 class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 J/24 Owners & helms must be members of their National Class Association (NCA) and shall race in accordance with their Class Rules and may be required to produce evidence of this and show a valid boat certificate of measurement at registration.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at <https://halsail.com/Event/Enter/5161> and submitting it, together with the required fee, to Port Of Plymouth Sailing Association BACS transfer to sort code 56-00-63, ac/no 05161444, by 23.59 on 11th July 2025. Late Entries below.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. ENTRY FEES

Class	Standard entry fee up to 11 th July 2025	Late entry fee between 12 th July and 18 th July 2025
J/24	£ 235	£265

See NoR 12.1 for berthing details.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Any crew member under 18 years of age on 1st April 2025 shall submit a Parent or Guardian agreement by completion of the declaration. (See appx. A).

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES – DOES NOT APPLY

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 No competitor briefings will be held during the event. All communication regarding racing will be by VHF & / or WhatsApp.

9.2

Date	Max no of races	First warning signal not earlier than:
Saturday 19 th July	4	10.55 Fun bottle race after last race, to Tamar River SC finish line
Sunday 20 th July	3	10.25 The warning signal for the last race on Sunday will not be made after 1400

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time for any class rules during the event. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

11 DOES NOT APPLY

12 VENUE

12.1 Launching at Plymouth Yacht Haven and one nights berthing Friday 18th July, one nights berthing at Tamar River SC Saturday 19th July, and lift out Sunday 20th July at PYH included in entry fee. Extra berthing and trailer storage available at PYH, contact direct on 01752-404231.

12.2 Weigh-in details TBA on Plymouth Yacht Regatta WhatsApp group.

12.3 The racing area will be Plymouth Sound including the area South of Plymouth Breakwater.

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses sailed will be windward/leeward (World Sailing LA & WA) and marks will be inflatable laid marks, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows – “The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.”

14.2 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.

15 SCORING

15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 If four or more races have been sailed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3 Note – “Bottle Race” on Saturday 19th July is a non-counting race.

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19 HAUL - OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. This restriction also applies to rudders.

19.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.

19.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1** [DP] 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 event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority, the event sponsors and its agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organizing Authority, the event sponsor and its agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details of the competitor excluding methods of contact, but including the competitor's Club on the internet without compensation.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 22.2 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 22.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.5 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.6 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 22.7 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 22.8 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- 22.9 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims. Each boat owner has a duty to have his/her (or their boat) adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

23 **INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m per incident or the equivalent.

24 **PRIZES**

24.1 The Prizegiving will be held at 1600 approx. or straight after haul out on Sunday 20th July, 2025, at Plymouth Yacht Haven.

25. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1 For further information contact PPSA by email at:

<https://www.ppsa.org.uk/j24>

Note – NJO Sails Pontoon Party & Daily Prizegiving at Tamar River SC after racing on Saturday 19th July

[Appendix A - Parent or Guardian agreement form](#)

<https://assets.rya.org.uk/assetbank-rya-assets/action/directLinkImage?assetId=50918>