Bermuda International Invitational Race Week 2010
April 25th – April 30th, 2010

Overview

The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club is hosting the Bermuda International Invitational Race Week from April 25h to April 30th, 2010. This document gives an overview of the regatta and includes a fact sheet detailing costs and logistics for the event.

Bermuda International Invitational Race Week has become an established international yachting fixture each spring - attracting top skippers from many countries. All classes with an active racing program in Bermuda are invited to participate - this includes Etchells, International One Designs, J105's, Comets, Lasers, Snipes and J/24s.

Should you wish to be proposed for invitation, you should:

1. Contact the Race Week Team via email to confirm your place (**race.week@j24bermuda.com**)
2. Return the attached form and deposit to the Bermuda J/24 Class Association no later than December 31st, 2009

Should you have any questions regarding this proposal please contact the Bermuda J24 Class Association Race Week team (email **race.week@j24bermuda.com**) and they will be pleased to assist you further.

Yours faithfully,

Bermuda J/24 Class,
On behalf of The Race Week Committee.

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Fact Sheet

Boats
The Bermuda J/24 Class makes available local J/24 boats (number limited) to international crews invited for Race Week **at no cost**. Boats are allocated by draw, and there are generally spare boats available if there is a serious breakdown. **Participants must bring their own sails** and are encouraged to bring sheets and spares as appropriate. Required equipment for racing and safety is provided with the boat.

Typically the initial Saturday is spent working on the boats – bringing a variety of spares is advisable. In return for loaning the boats the owners receive advice and assistance in improving the racing effectiveness of their yachts. It is important to note that these are not charter boats, and that it is expected that they will be treated accordingly.

Local boats are all measured frequently by the IJCA. In fact, many of the boats in the fleet were used in October 2005 for the ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds, so were equalised as part of the preparation process for that event.

Please note - a damage deposit (credit card) of USD $500 is taken for crews requiring a J/24. This deposit is returned less breakages after Race Week.

It is possible to ocean freight a J/24 for Race Week. Cost estimates for this are around USD $3,500 round trip from New Jersey. Any overseas boats used in the regatta must conform to the local class rules - contact the Bermuda J/24 Class for more details.

Sails
Participants must bring their own sails and are strongly advised to accompany them rather than ship them ahead. Triangle Rigging (http://www.rigging.bm), a full service boatyard and sail loft, and distributor of North Sails on the island, can assist with shipping and repairs if required. It is expected that the Regatta will be category C as regards advertising for 2010; this will be confirmed in due course by RBYC.

Racing
The courses are set in the Great Sound, a body of water enclosed except from the North. Alpha course has historically been used by the keelboats, and is typically a long windward leeward course, with races lasting 90 minutes or more. Being a small island in mid-ocean, the weather is dictated by conditions in the Atlantic and individual clouds. Light chop and 10-15 knots is considered average sailing conditions although anything is possible. The race course is shared with Etchells, International One Designs, and J105s. Note that in 2008 the J24s sailed on the Bravo course with the Laser fleet. We are unsure yet which course will be sailed in 2010.

Note that crews will have to weigh in for the regatta, and that ***foul weather gear is advised***.

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Social Programme
Both the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and the Bermuda J/24 Class Association organise social programmes. Off the water activities are as important as the racing itself. Your fee is for both social programmes including:

- RBYC Welcome drinks
- J/24 Class cocktail party
- J/24 Class dock party
- RBYC Bacardi Gras Party
- J/24 Race Week Happy Hour
- RBYC Prize Giving Cocktail Party
- J/24 Class Dinner

Cost & Fees
Every effort is taken to keep the costs down for the participants, and the Class takes advantage of discounts and sponsorship where possible. The fee is currently estimated at USD $1,750 (the fee will be finalised early 2010) and includes the following:

- R.B.Y.C. entry fee for a skipper, boat and 4 crewmembers
- 5 x social tickets (see social programme above)
- 5 x event branded shirts
- Boat insurance
- BJCA Event Management

Note that costs in Bermuda reflect its isolation in the Atlantic and the high standard of living enjoyed by its inhabitants - please plan accordingly. Overseas skippers and crews must also be able to demonstrate membership of the IJCA (directly or through their local class).

A damage deposit (credit card) of USD $500 is taken for crews requiring a J/24. This deposit is returned less breakages after Race Week. Additional non-sailing members of your party are charged USD $250 per person – this includes tickets for the full social programme and an event branded shirt.

Entry
To be proposed for invitation a USD $500 deposit is required before December 31st, 2009. Should an invitation not be issued by The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, your deposit shall be returned forthwith. Withdrawal after March 30th, 2010 will result in the loss of your deposit.

The balance of your fee plus the USD $500 damage deposit is due on arrival in Bermuda. Payment of the fees is the responsibility of the skipper. Payment of social fees for the entire crew, including any local participants, is also the responsibility of the skipper.

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Accommodation
The Bermuda J/24 Class is supported by the Fairmont Hamilton Princess. The hotel is within walking distance of the yacht club, so we would recommend staying there. To find out more about the hotel visit http://www.fairmont.com/hamilton.

There are also other accommodation options, including guesthouses and B&Bs. On request, the Class will also attempt to house crews with local families. Availability is limited and is restricted to participants only. Early request is advisable to avoid disappointment.

More Information
For more information:

- Race Week Team - email **race.week@j24bermuda.com**
- J/24 Class in Bermuda - visit the web site http://www.bermudaj24.com
- Royal Bermuda Yacht Club – visit the web site www.rbyc.bm

THE BERMUDA J24 CLASS ASSOCIATION

http://www.j24bermuda.com

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PROPOSAL FORM

Please complete this form and return to:

The Bermuda J/24 Class Association
Email: **race.week@j24bermuda.com**
Fax: (866) 632-5481

Name: _____ : _____

Postal Address: _____ : _____

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Telephone: _____ : _____

Fax: _____ : _____

e-mail address: _____ : _____

Credit Card Type : VISA / MasterCard

Credit Card Number : _____

Name on Credit card : _____

Expiry date (mm/yy) : _____

Acceptance:

I wish the Bermuda J/24 Class Association to propose my name for an invitation to the Bermuda International Invitational Race Week, 2010, as hosted by The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. I include a deposit of US$500.

I understand that the deposit will be returned to me, forthwith, should I not be invited by The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club to compete in the Bermuda International Invitational Race Week 2010, or should I decide to withdraw prior to February 28th, 2010. I understand that the deposit will not be refunded after March 30th, 2010, that the balance of the entry fees plus a $500 damage deposit is due on arrival in Bermuda, and that payment of all fees is my responsibility.

Signed: _____ Date: _____