



Notice of Race

J22 Southwest District Circuit Regatta #1 Houston Yacht Club Shoreacres, Texas March 9 - 11, 2018

Invitation: On behalf of the J22 Southwest District (District 5) and J/22 Fleet 6, Houston Yacht Club is pleased to invite all sailors to the 2018 J22 Southwest District Circuit Regatta #1. The organizing authority for this regatta is the J22 Southwest District and the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive Shoreacres, TX 77571.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the IJ22CA rules.

1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.

1.3 RRS Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows:
The sailing instructions may change a class rule.

1.4 Class Rules 2.8 *eligibility (aka class membership)*, 2.8 *Measurement certificate*, 8.9 *weight limit* of the IJ22CA Class Rules is waived for participation in this Regatta.

1.5 Appendix A Changes: A1 is changed so that two (2) races must be completed to constitute an event. A2.1 is changed so that there will be no throw-outs for this event.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/22 class. All skippers shall meet all requirements of registration before becoming official competitors.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee prior to March 7th. Thereafter, a late entry fee will apply. All fees must be paid prior to the Competitor's Meeting.

3.3 Entry fee will include keg beer for the Sat. after race debrief plus dinner for skipper and crew on Saturday night with keg beer.

3.4 Competitors shall submit a crew list at registration. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident or other exceptional circumstances. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

3.5 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

4. Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry Fee prior to 3/7/18 - \$50.00

Late Entry Fee on or after above date -\$60.00

4.2 Other optional fees:

Additional dinners, per person - \$10.00

5. Register and pay fees online at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16224>

6. Schedule

Six (6) races are scheduled.

6.1 Friday:

Registration 1700-1900

6.2 Saturday:

Registration 0800 – 0900

Skipper's Meeting 0930

All boats must be launched prior to 1030.

Warning for first race of the day at 1030, additional races to follow.

Winning Ways Debrief, 30 to 40 minutes after returning to harbor.

Dinner in the Porthole, approx. 1730.

6.3 Sunday:

Warning flag for first race of the day at 0930, additional racing follow. No warning signal will be made after 1200.

Trophy Presentation approx. 1 hr after returning

to the harbor.

7. Measurement

- 7.1 There will be no measurement nor measurement certificate required to enter/participate in this Regatta. Competitors shall comply with all IJ22CA rules and regulations, except as may be modified herein or in the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 Yachts may be inspected or measured during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Saturday morning at the registration desk. Sailing Instructions will also be posted online on the Regatta Event website.

9. Venue

The racing area will be sailed in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the South, Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the LaPorte/Shoreacres shoreline to the West.

10. The Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward courses using dropped marks. Offset marks and gates may be used as necessary.

11. Penalty System

The penalty system described in 2017-2020 US Sailing RRS prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

12. Support Boats

Competitors may not have any contact or communication with support boats after reaching the starting area for the first race of the day until after they are finished racing for the day.

13. Haul-out Restrictions

- 13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the

regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee or the protest committee.

- 13.2 Rudders shall remain affixed.

14. Radio Communication

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 14.2 Competitors are required to have a working VHF radio tuned to Channel 68 as the Race Committee will make broadcasts of boats BOW Number that were identified as being OCS at a start of a race plus any information regarding general safety of the event. If a boat decides to drop out of a race they should contact the RC on 68 or notify the Harbor Master once they reach the HYC harbor.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
The top five (5) boats of the regatta.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

17. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18. Further Information

For further information please contact any of the following listed below:

Registration, Fee Payment, Who's Registered, and Race Documents are on the event website at www.regattanetwork/event/16224 .

Regatta Chairman: June Shaw - june.shaw@wellsfargoadvisors.com

Principal Race Officer: Jim Tichenor

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