



Notice of Race

**International J/22 Class Association
Midwinter Championship Regatta
Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, Texas
March 16 -19, 2018**

Invitation: On behalf of the International J/22 Class Association and J/22 Fleet 6, Houston Yacht Club is pleased to invite all sailors to the 2018 Midwinter Championship. The organizing authority for this regatta is the IJ22CA 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 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate 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 Six (6) races must be completed before a boat can exclude her worst score.

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 must be members of the J/22 Class Association and 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 1st. Thereafter, a late entry fee will apply. All fees must be paid prior to the Competitor's Meeting.

3.3 Class Dues for 2018 are payable at registration.

3.4 The entry fee includes tickets for your competing crew to all social events. Additional social packages for non-competitors are available.

3.5 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.

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

4. Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry Fee prior to 3/1/18 - \$350.00

Late Entry Fee on or after above date -\$400.00

4.2 Other optional fees:

Additional social package per person - \$50.00

4.3 Register and pay fees online at:

<http://www.j22mw.com>

5. Schedule

The scheduled time of the warning for the first race of the day beginning Friday is 0955. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400. Nine (9) races are scheduled.

5.1 Thursday:

Registration 1000 - 1900

Practice Race First Warning Signal 1455

Competitor's Meeting and Welcoming Reception 1900.

All boats must be launched by 2200 hours.

5.2 Friday:

Warning flag for first race of the day at 0955, additional racing to follow.

5.3 Saturday:

Warning flag for first race of the day at 0955, additional racing follow.

5.4 Sunday:

Warning flag for first race of the day at 0955, additional racing follow.

6. **Measurement**

6.1 Each boat shall submit a valid IJ22CA

Measurement Certificate before becoming an official competitor. Pre-certification before arriving at the regatta is strongly encouraged. Boats and Owners not obtaining pre-certification must make arrangements with the Chief Measurer prior to the regatta.

6.2 Yachts may be inspected or measured during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

7. **Sailing Instructions**

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

8. **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.

9. **The Courses**

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

10. **Penalty System**

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

11. **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.

12. **Haul-out Restrictions**

12.1 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.

12.2 Rudders shall remain affixed.

13. **Radio Communication**

13.1 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.

13.2 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.

14. **Prizes**

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
The top five (5) boats of the regatta,
Daily winners.

15. **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.

16. **Insurance**

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

17. **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.j22mw.com

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