

Notice of Race

Heritage Cup Regatta

J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta

October 17 – 18, 2015

Houston Yacht Club

Houston Yacht Club and J/22 Fleet 6 cordially invite you to attend the J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta to be held October 17 & 18. This is a five race Regatta with the option for a sixth race for J/22 Sailboats. This is the 6th Regatta in the 2015 J/22 Southwest Circuit.

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), J/22 Southwest District Notice of Circuit and the International J22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA).

1.2 RRS Rule 87 will be changed as follows: *The sailing instructions may change a class rule.*

1.3 RRS 90.3(a) as modified herein, will apply after substituting "Regatta" for "race", "Notice of Circuit" for "sailing instructions", and "competitor" for "boat".

1.4 RRS Appendix A2 will be changed to read as follows: *Each competitor's series scores shall be the total of their race scores, there will be no throw-outs. A race is completed if scored; see rule 90.3(a). The Competitor with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.*

1.5 Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in this event. However, Class Rules 2.8 and 2.9 will affect scoring in the J/22 Southwest Circuit, see **Scoring** below. *Basically, this means that the class membership requirement, boat measurement requirement and the crew weight limitation **do not apply** for eligibility to participate and will not affect scoring in this individual Circuit Regatta. However, Yachts lacking a measurement certificate or whose competitor does not meet the class membership requirement will be scored according to the Notice of Circuit.*

2 Eligibility

2.1 J/22 Class yachts in compliance with IJ22CA Rules will be scored. In accordance with the J/22 Southwest District Notice of Circuit, competitors who are not class members, boats without a valid measurement certificate or do not meet the class crew weight limit may participate, be scored and receive appropriate trophies in this Regatta. However, the lack of class membership or a measurement certificate will affect scoring in the J/22 Southwest Circuit, see the Notice of Circuit for additional information.

3 Entry and Fees

3.1 The entry fee is \$50.00 pre-registered and \$60.00 at registration. To be eligible for pre-registration, a completed registration form must be completed online before October 14, 2015 at 11:59 pm. Online registration is available on the Southwest District website at www.j22southwest.org. All registration fees are payable prior to October 17, 2015 at 9:30 am.

3.2 Entry fee will include keg of beer after racing on Saturday and trophies.

4 Schedule

4.1	Registration	Friday	October 16	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	October 17	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
5.2	Skipper's Meeting	Saturday	October 17	9:30 a.m.
5.3	Days of Racing	Saturday	October 17	10:30 a.m. First Signal, up to 4 races to follow. 4 th Race option must be agreed upon by the Regatta PRO and Local Fleet Representative.
		Sunday	October 18	9:30 a.m. First Signal No warning signal after 12 noon.

5 Measurement

It is expected that all Yachts meet the IJ22CA Class Rules. A measurement certificate is not required to enter/participate. **Not having a current measurement certificate will affect a boat's scoring in the Southwest Circuit, see Notice of Circuit on the J/22 Southwest District website at www.j22southwest.org**

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration.

7 Venue

The courses will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay. Directions to the hosting Yacht Club are below.

8 Courses

Racing will take place on Windward/Leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 Five races are scheduled, with the option of a 6th Race, of which two shall be completed to constitute a Regatta. No races will be discarded, this changes Appendix A2.
- 9.2 At registration, a competitor shall declare to score the boat or helmsman as the competitor for purposes of scoring.

10 Launching and Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall launch prior to 12 noon on the first day of scheduled racing. Boats (including rudders) may not be removed from the water during the Regatta without the approval of the Protest Committee or Chief Judge.

11 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

12 Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 finishers.

14 Inspection & Measurements

All participants are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the Regatta. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, inspect any yacht in order to confirm compliance with the prescribed class rules concerning construction and measurements, safety rules when racing, crew prohibition and restrictions when racing. Class royalty tags must be present on all sails.

15 Bow Numbers

To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for the purpose of RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3, unique bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing crew's boat hull. These numbers must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:

- a. The leading edge of the forward number shall be 250mm/10" aft of the stem.
- b. The leading edge of the aft numbers shall be 100mm/4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.
- c. The top edge of both numbers shall be 100mm/4" from the rail.
- d. All numbers must contrast with the color of the hull and be at least 305mm/12" in height.

It shall be the responsibility of each participating competitor to obtain and affix the assigned bow numbers to their yacht. The Fleets, host Yacht Clubs and the Southwest District are not responsible to provide numerals for bow numbers.

Bow numbers 01 through 10 are pre-assigned respectively to the top ten competitors of the 2013 J/22 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 11 through 99 will be assigned out of the then open pool of unassigned numbers by the applicable Regatta's organizing authority, who will accept on a first come basis via the registration process bow number declarations from new Circuit participants. Issues relating to bow numbers (e.g. assignment, placement, size, etc.) will be resolved solely by the USJ22CA Southwest District Governor of record.

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 Berthing

Accommodations can be made for early arrivals and storage by contacting the HYC office, 281-471-1255. Launching cranes, ramps, and storage are available at no charge. Exercise caution when lifting boats with a crane. Always have three or more people working with the boat and crane. Club regulations prohibit the parking of campers and buses on Club grounds. Please, no dogs allowed on club grounds during the Regatta.

18 Accommodations

La Porte, Texas:

Garden Suites www.gardensuites.net
107 N. 8th Street – La Porte, TX - (281) 867-9944

La Quinta Inn Houston La Porte www.lq.com
1105 Hwy 146 South, La Porte, TX - (281) 470-0760

Comfort Suites La Porte www.laportehotel.com
902 S 8th St, La Porte - (281) 842-9200

Seabrook, Texas:

Quality Inn & Suites www.qualityinn.com
2720 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook, TX - (281) 326-7200

Comfort Suites Seabrook on HWY 146
www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-seabrook-texas-TXB22
5755 Bayport Blvd, Seabrook, TX - (281) 291-9090

La Quinta Inn & Suites Houston NASA Seabrook
3636 Nasa Rd 1, Seabrook, TX – (281) 326-7300

19 Directions

From Houston, take I-45 S to exit 40B.
Merge onto I-610 E toward TX-225/Pasadena
After 1.9 miles, take exit 30B for TX-225/LaPorte toward Pasadena
Merge onto TX-225 E
Go 13.8 miles and take the exit onto TX-146 S toward LaPorte
After 5.1 miles, turn left on Shoreacres Blvd.
1.5 miles later, turn right at Sunrise Dr.
Take the 2nd left onto Baywood St. to the entrance of Houston Yacht Club

20 Contact

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