



**2016 J22 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**GYA US ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

March 17-20, 2016

Hosted by  
**FORT WALTON YACHT CLUB**  
 Fort Walton Beach, Florida



&  
**UNITED STATES J/22 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**AMMENDED 03/03/2016**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

The organizing authority for this regatta is the USJ22CA and the Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Rd NE, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548, [fwyc.org](http://fwyc.org).

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 U.S Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 U.S. Sailing Prescriptions T-1, T-2, T-3 and T-4 apply.

**2. US ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP**

This regatta will constitute the qualification series for the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) applicant to the 2016 US Adult Sailing Championship. The top GYA team will qualify to apply via resume to the Adult Sailing Championship Finals and will receive the Norton Brooker Trophy.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 This event is open to all J/22 Class boats with a valid measurement certificate and meeting the eligibility requirements of CR 2.8.
- 3.2 Except as provided in 6.2 below, entrants must comply with all IJ22CA rules and requirements including but not limited to IJ22CA membership and National Authority membership.
- 3.3 A boat shall be considered entered when the above requirements are met, a complete entry form is submitted, and all entry fees are paid.

**4. FEES**

Entry fee is \$300 for entries completed through February 29, 2016; and \$350 starting March 1, 2016 through 1700 hours March 17, 2016.

- 4.1 The entry fee includes storage, launching and racing, and tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Additional social packages are available for a price of \$50.00 per person.
- 4.2 Registration Forms will be made available online through [www.j22mw.com](http://www.j22mw.com).

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Nine (9) races will be attempted.
- 5.2 Events:

Thursday, March 17	0900-1700	Registration
		Lunch at FWYC (Dutch-Treat)
	1500	Practice Race
	1700	St Patrick's Day Party
	1800	Competitor's Meeting/Welcoming Reception

Friday, March 18	1200	Warning Signal for first race of the day Lunch on the Water (pick up between 9:30 – 10:30 in the Castaway Room)
	Daily Awards 1700 - 1900	Following Last Race of the Day Taco Buffet & Beer Sock Burning Party
Saturday, March 19	1200	Warning Signal for first race of the day Lunch on the Water (pick up between 9:30 – 10:30 in the Castaway Room)
	Daily Awards 1700 - 1900	Following Last Race of the Day BBQ on Back Lawn
Sunday, March 20	0900 – 1300 1200	Brunch (Dutch Treat) Warning Signal for first race of the day Lunch on the Water (pick up between 9:30 – 10:30 in the Castaway Room)
	Following Final Race ASAP After Final Race	No races will be started after 1400 Complimentary Beverages Awards Sea Scout Cookout

## 6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 First-time measurement at the regatta will not be allowed. All competitors will be required to have a valid measurement certificate, registered with the IJ22CA. Unmeasured boats wishing to compete should contact [j22@roadrunner.com](mailto:j22@roadrunner.com) before February 15 to discuss where a boat may be measured prior to the event. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJ22CA rules and the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 Competitors will NOT be required to comply with CR 8.9 (Total Crew Weight). Competitors will be requested to provide their total crew weight at registration for use in analysis of crew weight on race scoring only. This is at the request of the Technical Committee to help determine if this rule should be changed in the future.
- 6.3 Competitors will be required to comply with CR 8.10 (Substitution). Crew list must be completed at registration.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after March 17, 2016 online and at Check-In.

## 8. VENUE

Regatta headquarters and final registration will be held in the Castaway Room at the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

## 9. THE COURSES

The racing area will be located on the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay, east of the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS A2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if five (5) or more races have been completed.

## **11. BEARTHING**

Boat and trailer storage, hoist launching, sheltered rafting and berthing will be provided by FWYC. Ramp launching is also available.

## **12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee, the following restrictions apply: All boats shall be afloat before 2200 hours on Thursday, March 17, 2016, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta. Rudders shall remain affixed **after launching**.

## **13. 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. Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF radio on board.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth and daily winners.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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