



J/22 East Coast Championship

Saturday-Sunday, 09-10 September 2017

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International J/22 Class Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in these SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 ENTRIES

The regatta is open to all J/22 class competitors who register with the Organizing Authority and pay the entry fee prior to 1200 hours on Friday, 08 September 2017.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside, near the ground floor rear entryway doors and “Sparky’s Shed” on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the SIs will be posted before 0800 hours on the day of the race, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule of events is:

Sat, 09 Sep	1000	Rendezvous
	1100	Warning signal for first race of the day
		Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee (RC)
		Competitors social with complimentary keg of beer and pizza at EYC after racing
Sun, 10 Sep	0900	Rendezvous
	1000	Warning signal for first race of the day
		Subsequent races as signaled by the RC
		NO Warning signal after 1400 hours
		Awards party at EYC after racing

6.2 A maximum of six (6) races are scheduled.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be a flag displaying the “J/22” logo.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Competitors shall rendezvous at 1000 hours in the vicinity of R2 (FI R, 2.5s) (CBYRA “X”).
- 8.2 The racing area will be on Chesapeake Bay.

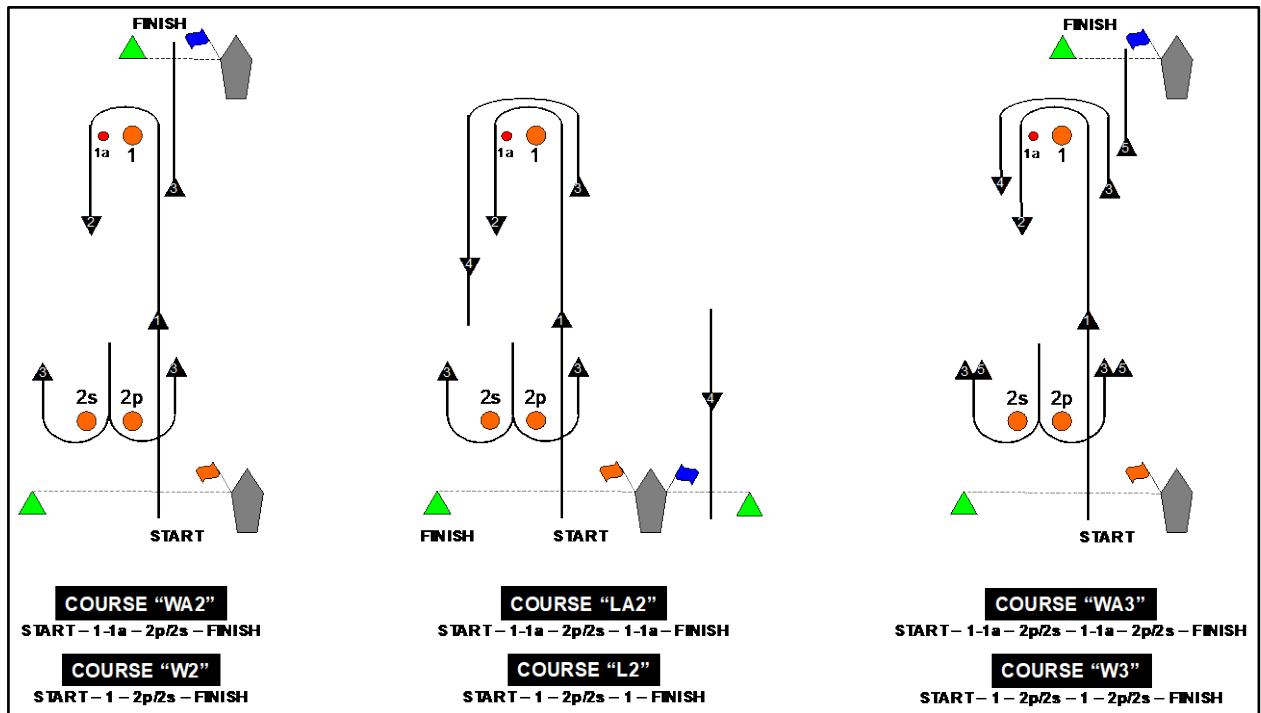


9 CHECK IN

[DP] [NP] Prior to starting, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack, hail the sail number, and be acknowledged by the RC.

10 COURSES

10.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



10.2 The course to be sailed, approximate heading and distance to the first mark will be designated by placards on the side of the Signal Vessel away from the start line.

10.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the RC Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

10.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

11 MARKS

11.1 The start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons. Leeward and windward marks will be 5-foot orange cylinders. The windward mark may have an offset mark, which shall be a 3-foot red cylinder. All marks display "EYC" in black block lettering, except the offset mark, which notes "VALIANT."

11.2 The first change mark shall be a yellow tetrahedron. Subsequent change marks will revert to the previous type of mark. All change marks display "EYC" in black block lettering.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

13 RECALLS

The RC intends to hail on the VHF channel 73 the sail number(s) of boats that are OCS. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timeliness of the hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).

14 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between the staff or halyard on the RC Signal Vessel displaying a blue flag and the course side of the finishing mark.



15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 When a rule of Part 2 is broken outside the zone at a mark, and there is no injury or damage, and no significant advantage is gained, the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 15.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall apply.
- 15.3 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the J/22 Class Rules, or other rules in Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 If no boat reaches the first windward mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 If no boat in a class sails the course and finishes within ninety (90) minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats still racing twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

17 REPORT OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Race Committee regarding incidents on the water shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Signal Vessel docks. The report shall include scoring-related actions (DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNF, DNE) and the Signal Vessel dock time.

18 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat intending to protest an incident in the racing area shall inform the RC when they finish, or via VHF channel 73 when leaving the racecourse without finishing, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 18.2 A boat requesting clarification about the Report of the Race Committee must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form within the protest time limit and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. A boat requesting clarification about her score(s), based on posted results must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the posting and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. If after going through the scoring inquiry process, the competitor wishes to file for redress, the request must be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the outcome of the scoring inquiry hearing.
- 18.3 Scoring Inquiries and Protest Forms are available at, and shall be filed with the RC Office (first floor, on the waterside of the building). For each class, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1b and 63.2. The time limit for a request for redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.4 Notices of hearing shall be posted no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at EYC beginning approximately thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt by the Protest Secretary. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room.
- 18.5 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board and the Protest Board before the end of the protest time limit.
- 18.6 On the last day of the regatta, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SAFETY

- 19.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73.
- 19.2 **[DP] [NP]** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.



- 19.3 **[NP]** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
(a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
(b) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
(c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 19.4 **[NP]** The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 19 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and RRS 61.3.

20 SCORING

- 20.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
20.2 One (1) scored race is required to constitute a series.
20.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
20.4 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, A11.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
21.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73.
21.3 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.

22 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.



23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the J/22 East Coast Championship entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4. The Organizing Authority will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

24 INSURANCE

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

25 SOCIAL

- 25.1 EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to all participants and guests during the event.
25.2 Overall awards for 1st through 3rd places will be presented at EYC on Sunday, 10 September 2017, after the conclusion of racing.
25.3 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.



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