

Notice of Race

2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta #6

October 14th & 15th, 2017

Houston Yacht Club

Houston Yacht Club and J/22 Fleet cordially invite you to participate in the US J/22 Class Association (USJ22CA) District 5, 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta #6 to be held from, October 14, 2017 through October 15, 2017. This is a five (5) race Regatta with the option for a sixth race for J/22 Sailboats.

1 Rules

1.1 This series of Regattas will be governed by the 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), International J22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA), this *Notice of Race*, the *Sailing Instructions* and the 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit *Notice of Circuit*.

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

1.3 The same crew and same three class sails must be used during the entire Regatta. Substitutions can only be made with the written approval of the Principal Race Officer or Chief Judge.

1.4 Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility, aka class membership), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in this Regatta.

Note: *Basically, this means that the class membership requirement, boat measurement requirement and the crew weight limitation **do not apply** for eligibility to participate in this Circuit Regatta and will not affect scoring nor prizes/awards in this Regatta. However, Boats lacking a measurement certificate or whose helmsperson does not meet the class membership requirement will suffer a scoring penalty for the 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit, see Notice of Circuit on the J/22 Southwest District website www.j22southwest.org*

2 Eligibility and Entry

J/22 Class yachts in compliance with the Class Rules, save and except, those rules excluded in this Notice of Race will be eligible and scored for this event.

3 Location

This Regatta will be held on Galveston Bay at Houston Yacht Club in Shoreacres, TX.

4 Fees

The entry fee is **\$95.00** and **\$85.00** with pre-registration. To be eligible for pre-registration, a completed registration form must be completed online before **October 11, 2017**. Online registration is available on the SW District website at www.j22southwest.org. All registration fees are payable at registration prior to **October 14, 2017 at 0900 CDT (9:00am)**. There is no option to pay registration fees online or by mail.

Entry fee will include beer for the debrief (BYOB for anything stronger) dinner for skipper and crew on Saturday night along with 3 beer tickets.

5 Scoring

Five races are scheduled, of which, two shall be completed to constitute a Regatta. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point Scoring System, will be used to score finishers. No races will be discarded this changes Appendix A2.

6 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for the top five (5) finishers.

7 Inspection & Measurement

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.

8 Schedule

Friday	Oct 13, 2017	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Registration
Saturday	Oct 14, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration
		9:30 a.m.	Skippers Meeting
		10:30 a.m.	First Signal, additional races to follow.
		30 – 40 minutes after returning	Winning Ways Debrief @ Beachcomber Hut
		5:30 p.m.	Dinner @ the Porthole ground Floor of clubhouse by the pool.
Sunday	Oct 15, 2017	9:30 a.m.	First Signal
			A Class Flag will not be made after 12:00 PM.

9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available after October 12, 2017 on the J/22 Southwest website, www.j22southwest.org. Sailing Instructions shall be provided online but at the election of Race officials may be provided at Registration or the Skipper's Meeting. It is the competitor's obligation to download and print the Sailing Instructions.

10 Courses

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

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in an individual Circuit Regatta and the 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Hosts, IJ22CA, District 5 and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after a Regatta.

12 Bow Numbers

To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for the purpose of RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, unique two digit bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing 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.

Bow numbers will be assigned to each participating crew for the duration of the 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 01 through 10 are pre-assigned respectively to the top ten competitors of the 2016 J/22 Southwest Circuit.

Reserved Bow Numbers

01 Keith Zars	06 Terry Flynn
02 Fred Lindsey	07 Stuart Lindow
03 Vincent Ruder	08 Dov Kivlovitz
04 Doug Weakly	09 Gary Thies
05 Tom Meeh	10 Jim Jay/Britt Feik

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 District 5 Governor of record.

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.

13 Accommodations:

The closest accommodations are in LaPorte, Tx. There are additional hotels in nearby Seabrook and Kemah.

14 Directions

Use the club address for directions to the event: 3620 Miramar Drive Shoreacres, TX 77571
Phone: 281.471.1255

15 Additional Information

For additional information contact:

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