

2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta #6
J/22 Heritage Cup
Houston Yacht Club
October 14, 2017 thru October 15, 2017

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 This J/22 Southwest District Circuit Regatta will be governed by the *2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), *International J/22 Class Association Rules* (IJ22CA), and the *Notice of Race*; except, as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 No changes shall be made to these Sailing Instructions without prior approval of the District Governor or his designee.

1.3 Any questions in regard to these sailing instructions must be submitted, in writing, and any answer will be posted on the official notice board.

1.4 US Sailing Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

2 Eligibility and Entry

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

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the official notice board located outside and to the left of the main lobby in the breezeway.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the warning signal of the first race on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yacht club flagpole.

5.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pendant, with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after "AP" is lowered. The time of the warning signal will be posted on the official Notice Board prior to the lowering of "AP". This modifies Race Signals "AP".

6 Schedule of Races

Five races are scheduled, of which, two shall be completed to constitute a Regatta with an option for a sixth race. If four (4) races are completed on Saturday, then there will be an option to run a 6th race on Sunday, time permitting. The determination to run a sixth race will be made by the Fleet Captain or their designee.

7 Class Flag

The Class Flag for the J/22 class will be a white flag with blue J/22 logo.

8 The Course

Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward to Finish. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee boat prior to the start. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. A gate will be set at the leeward mark, allowing competitors to round in either direction. See course diagram in Appendix A.

8.1 The Windward Offset Mark (Mark 1a) will be placed at a right angle to the course from Mark 1 to Mark 2s and 2p. A leeward gate will be placed at a right angle to the course from Mark 1 to Mark 2p and Mark 2s.

8.2 RRS 32.2 is modified to provide that, when shortening a race in order to complete the race within the time limit or so that other scheduled races can be sailed, the course will not be shortened to less than three legs.

9 Marks

9.1 The marks 1, 2s and 2p will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 Change marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33 and Sailing Instruction 12, will be Orange tetrahedrons.

9.3 The offset mark will be a floating shape.

10 Checking In

Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, past the stern of the committee boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's bow number. A boat failing to check in shall receive, without a hearing, a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3(c). This adds to RRS Appendix A4.2.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the adjacent course mark at the port end.

11.3 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may broadcast the bow number of each recalled boat via VHF **Channel 68**. The following will not be grounds for redress:

- a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall hail.
- b) Failure of the Race Committee to hail numbers of recalled boats.
- c) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

11.5 A guard mark may be trailed from the race committee boat. A boat shall not sail between the guard mark and the race committee boat.

12 Change of Course after the Start

When a course is changed a second time and a new mark is to be replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark. This adds to RRS 33.

13 The Finish

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the adjacent course mark at the port end.

14 Time Limit

RRS 35 is modified to provide: *that the time limit will be 2 hours from the starting signal; that if no boat reaches Mark 1 within 45 minutes after her starting signal, the race shall be abandoned; and that boats failing to finish 45 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.* This modifies RRS A4.2.

15 Safety

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

16 Protests

16.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified to provide that a protesting boat, when displaying a red flag (Code Flag B), shall do so conspicuously from the backstay, and said red flag shall have an area of at least 176 square centimeters/27 square inches.

16.2 Protests shall be written on protest forms available at the clubhouse or on the internet and delivered to the protest committee's representative within the protest time. Protest time begins when the race committee boat enters the harbor and sounds one signal, and ends 1 hour later. The time that the race committee boat enters the harbor will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.

16.4 Protest notices will be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the hearing to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to or are named as witness.

17 Penalty System

17.1 V1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

17.2 V2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE - After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

18 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. No races shall be discarded; this changes RRS Appendix A2.

19 Haul-Out Restrictions

No yacht shall be hauled out nor rudders removed during the Regatta except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20 Plastic Pools and Diving Equipment

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

21 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio transmission not available to all boats. Boats may use mobile phones to record races while racing; however, must not upload or download data while racing. The Race Committee will monitor and may make announcements on VHF channel 68.

22 Crew Requirements

22.1 Any substitution from the designated crew list requires prior written permission of the Race Committee, which will be given only in case of illness, accident or other special circumstances.

22.2 Any request for substitution shall be made through the Race Committee, not less than 1 ½ hours before the warning signal. In the case of emergency, it may be granted retroactively after that time.

22.3 Unless the Race Committee otherwise specifies, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only.

22.4 Number of crew shall not change during the Regatta.

23 Inspection

A random inspection may be made during the regatta for compliance with the current IJ22CA Rules and these Sailing Instructions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

24 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 Dov Kivlovitz
02 Fred Lindsey	07 Terry Flynn
03 Vincent Ruder	08 Stuart Lindow
04 Doug Weakly	09 Jim Jay/Britt Feik
05 Tom Meeh	10 Eric Simson/Kevin Orff

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.**

25 Prizes

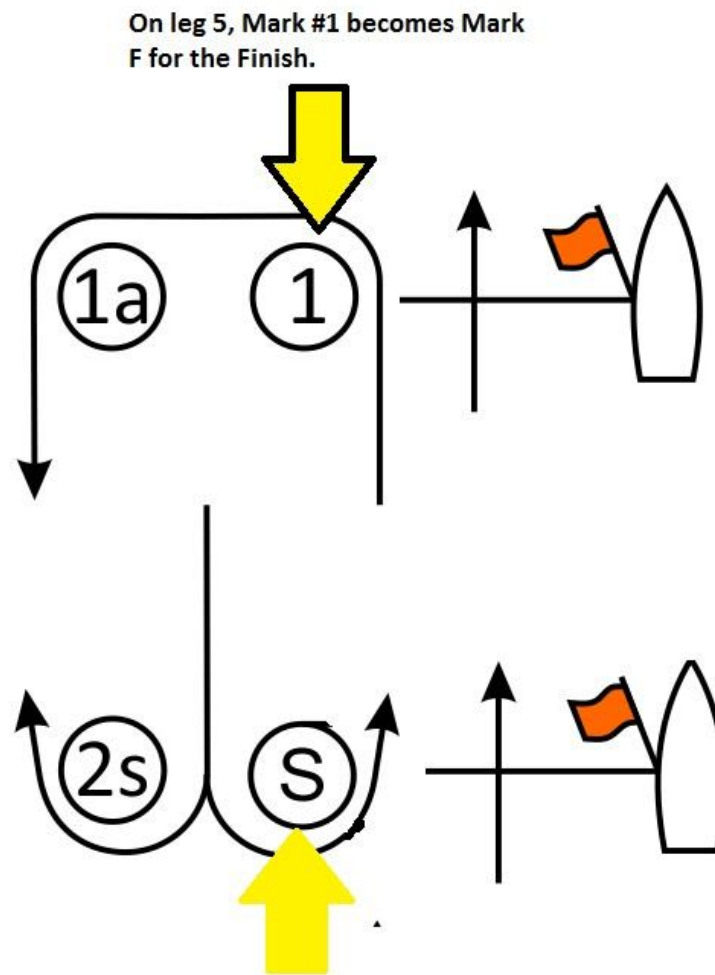
Prizes will be awarded to the Skippers placing first through fifth in the Regatta. Any other prizes awarded shall be at the discretion of the host Fleet and/or the host Yacht Club.

Appendix A

Course Diagram

Course will be windward/leeward with offset and leeward gate:

Start – 1, 1a – 2s/2p – 1, 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



The starting pin becomes mark 2p after the starting gun.