

**2017 J/22 & J/24 Circuit Regatta**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Lake Canyon Yacht Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

1.1 This J/22 Southwest District and J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta will be governed by the 2017 - 2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), *International J22 Class Association Rules* (IJ22CA), the Notice of Circuit for the 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit, the current International J/24 Class Rules, 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 J/22 and J/24 District Governors or designees.

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 J/22 Class Only: US Sailing Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

J/22 and J/24 Class yachts in compliance with their respective Class Rules, save and except those rules excluded in the *Notice of Race* for the J/22 Class, will be eligible and scored for this event.

**3. Notices to Competitors**

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

**4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

4.1 Approved changes will be posted not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the Competitor's briefing or 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, whichever is latest.

4.2 Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before the change is to take effect.

**5. Signals Made Ashore**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Superdock.

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 (1) 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**

6.1 For the J/22 Class Only: Five (5) 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 sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) race on Sunday, time permitting. The determination to run a sixth race will be made by the Fleet Captain or their designee.

6.2 For the J/24 Class Only: A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. If three (3) or more races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as two (2) races on Sunday. If two (2) or less races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.

## **7. Class Flag**

7.1 The Class Flag for the J/24 Class will be numeral pennant 1.

7.2 The Class Flag for the J/22 Class will be numeral pennant 2.

## **8. The Course**

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward, with a leeward gate design. The intended course will be a total of five (5) legs. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the designated 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 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 (3) 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 race 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 ten (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 boat 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 one (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 thirty (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 (For the J/22 Class Only)**

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 boat shall be hauled out, nor rudders removed during the regatta, except with prior written permission of the race committee. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

### **20. Plastic Pools, Diving Equipment and Careening Restrictions**

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched and the end of the regatta.

Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.

The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

### **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 (For the J/22 Class Only)**

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 or IJCA J/24 Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **24. Bow Numbers (For the J/22 Class Only)**

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.

### J/22 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.**

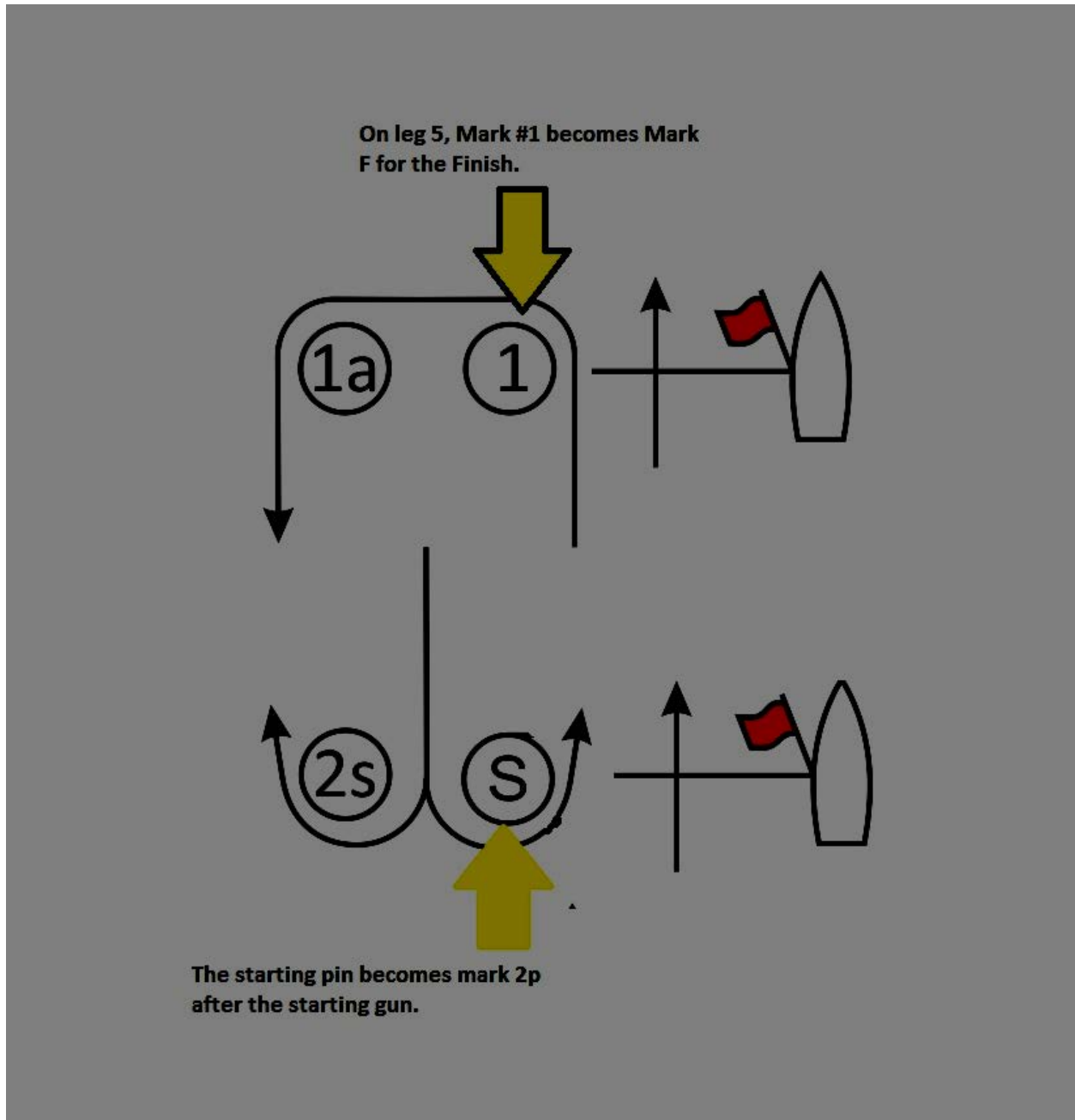
#### **25. Prizes**

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



**Addendum to Sailing Instructions**  
**J/24 Class Only**

**The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.**

**Rules**

All boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate per Class Rule A.11.1. Any boat without a valid Measurement Certificate may race with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2.

All boats must carry aboard while racing the boat's current measurement certificate (unless waived) and completed *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rule B.3. The *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* is the sole responsibility of each owner or driver and does not require a class measurer to complete.

RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:

C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."

C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.

**Scoring**

A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

**Protests**

RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

**Penalty System**

The 20% Scoring Penalty as provided in RRS 44.3, as modified herein, will apply to boats that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2. The One-turn Penalty as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.

RRS 44.3(a) is modified such that the boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I acceptable), and the flag shall have a hoist of at least than 150mm and a fly of at least than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying 20% against the number of boats competing in the regatta and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

In addition to informing the race committee at the finish line as required by RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall also submit a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the incident to the arbitrator or a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.

After-Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) as modified herein. However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) shall apply.

A boat accepting a 40% After-Race Scoring Penalty shall deliver to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee, prior to the beginning of a hearing, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the race number and where the incident occurred.

### **Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement**

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, the crew must consist of a minimum of three (3) people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400 kg (882 lbs.). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitution requires written permission of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

Pursuant to Class Rule A.10.2(b), damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. Requests for sail replacement shall be made to the District 14 Governor designated Texas Circuit Representative at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.

Any boat whose sail number does not match their hull number may race in the regatta upon prior approval of the race officials by posting a request on the Official Notice Board.

Any replies to crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

### **Texas Circuit Representative**

For this regatta, Mark W. Smith is designated to be the Texas Circuit Representative by the District 14 Governor.