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J/22 Class North American Championship

August 18-21, 2010

Organizing Authority:

Fleet 73 and the Buffalo Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply, see attachment A:

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and sponsors advertising of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be chosen and supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

3 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all J/22 boats as defined by the Class rules and possess an IJ22CA valid measurement certificate. Membership in the Class Association and participants National Sailing Organization (US SAILING in the United States) is required for all owners and skippers. Measurements can be made on a prearranged prescheduled basis.
- 3.2 Entries shall be submitted at www.j22na.com and must be received by the Buffalo Yacht Club (with payment of the registration fee) no later than July 20, 2010 to avoid a late entry fee. Entries will be accepted up to the close of the check-in period with the payment of the late entry fee.
- 3.3 Regatta Entry Fee is \$325.00 prior to July 21, 2010.
When the primary helmsman is less than 25 years old (prior to August 20, 2010) the entry fee will be \$250.00
- 3.4 Late Entry Fee: \$375.00 entry fee after July 20, 2010 (\$300.00 for less than 25 year old helmsman).
Entry fee includes: registration, launching and retrieval, docking and trailer parking.
- 3.5 The entry fee will include 3 social tickets for Breakfasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well as beverages and food as listed in the schedule at 4.1. Additional social tickets will be available at \$60 per ticket.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	15 August	Registration, Inspection and Weigh-ins	1400-1800
Monday	16 August	Registration, Inspection and Weigh-ins	1700-1900
Tuesday	17 August	Registration, Inspection and Weigh-ins	1300-1700
Wednesday	18 August	Registration, Inspection and Weigh-ins Practice Race Warning Signal Beverages and BBQ Opening Ceremonies/Competitors' Briefing All Boats Afloat	1000-2100 1300 1800-1930 1830 2100
Thursday	19 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal Beverages, Beef on wick and Wings, Daily Awards	0815 1000 1800
Friday	20 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal Beverages, Chicken dinner (seafood raw bar @\$25 extra) Daily Awards	0815 1000 1800
Saturday	21 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal No warning signal after Closing Ceremonies Awards with Beverages and Appetizers	0815 1000 1430 After racing

- 4.2 The Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club (BHSC) offers J/22 racing on Tuesday nights. All J/22s are welcome to join in on an informal basis. Generally there are three races per night. Sailing instructions may be found at Sailbhsc.org.

5 MEASUREMENTS and CREW WEIGH INS

- 5.1 All boats shall be in possession of a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate. First-time measurements will be available prior to August 17, 2010 by appointment only. Contact Chris Doyle at (716) 479-3295 (Email: J221026@roadrunner.com) or Paul Grenauer at (716) 440-3034 (Email: paul@excuriaspa.com)
- 5.2 Skipper and crew weigh ins will be conducted during the registration hours listed in paragraph 4.1 and other times at the discretion of the Regatta Organizers.
- 5.3 All competing boats must be available during inspection hours at the Buffalo Yacht Club prior to 1900, August 18, 2010 for verification of conformity with class rules.
- 5.4 Sails shall be dropped off for measurement at the BYC clubhouse during inspection hours.
- 5.5 In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 5.6 During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements, may be performed at any time.
- 5.7 Only one suit of sails may be used for the entire regatta. The sails for each boat shall be measured and stamped by the regatta organizers.
- 5.8 All claims of damage to measured-in equipment requiring replacement shall be made in writing to the race committee. Replacement of equipment will only be permitted after written approval of the race committee. Replaced equipment will be required to pass a measurement check.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be available at the time of registration and will also available at www.j22na.com.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Racing Area, Racing will take place on Lake Erie; Buffalo, New York

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
8.2 Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For penalties in Part 2 of the RRS, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.
10.3 When from six or more races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
10.4 A maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Support boats shall be marked with a yellow pendant as supplied by the OA at registration.

12 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 12.1 All boats that enter the hoist area parking lot must launch within 1.5 hours of entering the area (subject to the hoists being available for use); failure to comply will be grounds for rejecting the boats registration.
12.2 All boats are to be afloat by 2100 hours on 18 August 2010.
12.3 Boats shall be kept in the assigned spaces in the harbor. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
12.4 Bow numbers will establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items, at the discretion of the OA.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats that are in the water as of 1600 hours on Tuesday August 17, 2010 shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1 Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 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.
15.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 79.

Attachment A: US SAILING Prescriptions

A1 The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply:

1.1 After RRS 68 add:

”US SAILING prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find fact and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee of US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.”

1.2 After RRS 76.1 add:

”US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.”

1.3 Add RRS 76.3:

”US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.”

1.4 APPENDIX F – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix F as adopted by the International Sailing Federation. The US SAILING Appeals Committee acts as the national authority within the meaning of rules 70.1 and 71.

F1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST

F1.1 All appeals and requests shall be sent to the Race Administration Director at US SAILING, at either P.O. Box 1260 or 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871, or by e-mail to RaceAdmin@ussailing.org.

F1.2 Except as provided in rule F1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.

F1.3 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of rules to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

F1.4 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

F2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST

- F2.1** To appeal the decision of a protest committee or association appeals committee a party to the hearing shall, no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, send an appeal and a copy of the decision to the US SAILING Race Administration Director. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.
- F2.2** The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, all of the following documents that are available:
- (a) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
 - (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee;
 - (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows
 - (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
 - (2) the course to the next mark and its required side;
 - (3) the speed and direction of the wind;
 - (4) any relevant mark, obstruction or zone; and
 - (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;
 - (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them;
 - (e) the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and
 - (f) any other relevant documents.
- F2.3** To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall send to the US SAILING Race Administration Director a copy of its decision and all relevant documents and comments.
- F2.4** To request an interpretation of the rules, a club or other organization affiliated to US SAILING shall send to the US SAILING Race Administration Director its request, which shall include assumed facts. A US SAILING committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US SAILING.

F3 FEES

- F3.1** If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered.
- F3.2** US SAILING charges no fee for forwarding an appeal or request to an association appeals committee. However, the association appeals committee may charge a fee. In that case, the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.
- F3.3** US SAILING charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal made to the US SAILING Appeals Committee (see rules F1.3 and F1.4) by a member of US SAILING or another national authority. The fee is \$75 for all others. A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for a request from a US SAILING committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision.

F4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule F2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

F5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

F5.1 Protest Committee

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule F4 and any facts or other information requested under rule F6. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the protest or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

F5.2 Association Appeals Committee

- (a) The association appeals committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.
- (b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all parties to the hearing and the protest committee.
- (c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

F5.3 US SAILING Appeals Committee

The US SAILING Appeals Committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

F6 INADEQUATE FACTS; REOPENING

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

F7 COMMENTS

The parties to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request or on any of the documents listed in rule F2.2. Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the party or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time.

F8 OTHER PROVISIONS

These provisions are in addition to those of rule 71.

- (a) An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule F1.3.
- (b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rules F1.3 and F2.3).
- (c) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other party to the hearing.
- (d) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.
- (e) The US SAILING Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.



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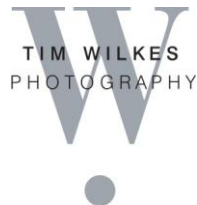
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