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J/22 North American Championships

August 18-21, 2010

**Organizing Authority:
Fleet 73 and the Buffalo Yacht Club**

Sailing Instructions

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 SI attachment A:

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 The official notice board will be located in the Northern most window on the Westside, lower deck of the Buffalo Yacht Club Porter Avenue Facility.
- 2.3 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Office. Forms to submit inquiries are available there. All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day the change will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Buffalo Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

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| Wednesday | August 18 | Practice Race | Warning at 1300 |
| Thursday | August 19 | Racing- Day 1 | Warning signal at 1000 Racing continues |
| Friday | August 20 | Racing- Day 2 | Warning signal at 1000 Racing continues |
| Saturday | August 21 | Racing-Day 3 | Warning signal at 1000 Racing continues No Warning after 1530 |

6 Class Flag

The J/22 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS 26.

7 Racing Areas

Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of the Buffalo Departure buoy.

8 The Courses

- 8.1 Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
- 8.2 Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee mid-line signal boat will display the following information on white boards.

Example:

| | | |
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| 5 | | <i>Course</i> |
| 300 | | <i>Approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1</i> |
| 1.5 | | <i>Approximate distance to Mark 1. (nautical miles)</i> |

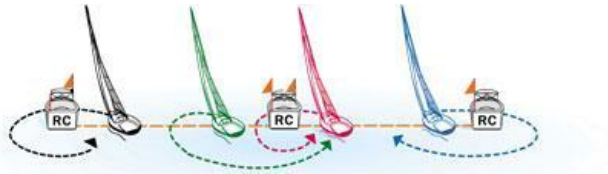
- 8.4 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
- 8.5 Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
- 8.6 The Gate may be set after the starting signal.
 - 8.6.1 If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.
- 8.7 Except for when there is a change of course:
 - 8.7.1 the finish for course 4 will be to leeward of the Gate; and
 - 8.7.2 the finish for course 5 will be to windward of Mark 1.
- 8.8 The RC will broadcast the course, bearing and distance information before the Warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a and Gate marks will be green inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 The starting marks are described in SI 10.1.1
- 9.4 The finishing marks are described in SI 12.1 and 12.2.

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will consist of three committee boats: port end line boat, mid-line signal boat, and starboard end line boat.
 - 10.1.1 The starting line will be two line segments: One between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid line signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat, the other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end line boat.
 - 10.1.2 When RRS 30.1 Round-an-End Rule is in effect, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either:
 - (a) sail from the course side across an extension of the starting line beyond either the port-end or starboard-end line boat the pre-course side before starting, or
 - (b) round the mid-line signal boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see diagram below)



- 10.2 The race committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their bow/sail numbers on VHF Channel 79. Failure to hear or receive such transmissions or hails, or the order of bow numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 8 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 10.4 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 will be broadcast using bow/sail numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
- 10.5 The Individual Recall flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies, but no later than eight (8) minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1
- 10.6 The RC will broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.

11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and either a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat. The finishing line will be located to leeward of the leeward gate.
- 12.2 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and either a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat.
- 12.3 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (no sound signal) while boats are finishing.
- 12.3.1 Boats should remain in the vicinity of the finishing area if finishing under SI 12.1.
- 12.3.2 Boats should sail downwind in the vicinity of the leeward gate if finishing under SI 12.2.

13 Penalty System

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

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 Time limits are as follows:

| Race time limit | Mark 1 time limit |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 90 Minutes | 45 Minutes |

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

- 14.2 Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race shall be scored "TLE" (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A "TLE" score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A 4.1, A 4.2, A5 and A11.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the time at which the RC boat docks. The RC docking time will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of a protest or request for redress being filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at Buffalo Yacht Club, on the second floor in the club library.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of SI 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, and 30 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

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- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 A maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 A boat that leaves the racing area between races or retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Check-in, before the warning signal of the first race of each day boats shall pass the RC signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the RC.

18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 Official Boats

Official boats will be marked as follows:

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| Signal Boat | Blue Race Committee flag |
| Port-end line boat | Blue Race Committee flag |
| Starboard-end line boat | Blue Race Committee flag |
| Windward mark/stake boat | Blue Race Committee flag |
| Jury boats | White flag with black 'J' |
| Press Boats | White flag with black 'P' |
| Measurement Boat | White flag with a black 'M' |

21 Support Boats

- 21.1 Support boats shall register at the registration desk during the registration hours.
- 21.2 Support boats shall be marked by a yellow pennant and remain no less than 150m from the race course from the Preparatory signal until the last competitor finishing the race.

- 21.3 Failure of a support boat to register, SI 21.1, or a breach of SI 21.2 shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by the boats associated with the support boat, and is subject to protest. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from their score. This changes RRS 64.1(c) and A2.

22 Berthing, Haul-out and Other Restrictions

- 22.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbor.
- 22.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 22.3 Dehumidifiers or heaters shall not be used on boats after 2100 on August 18, 2010.
- 22.4 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 RC.

23 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

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.

24 Radio Communications

- 24.1 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.
- 24.2 The RC will use VHF radio, Channel 79 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow/sail number or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 24.3 It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving channels 9, 16 and 79.

25 Prizes

- 25.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top ten skippers.
- 25.2 Additional prizes will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat with a primary helmsman less than 25 years old (prior to 8/19/2010); the lowest scoring 3 boats with a primary helmsman greater than 59 years old (subsequent to 8/18/2010) and the lowest scoring 3 boats with a woman skipper and all woman crew.

26 Disclaimer of Liability

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 26.2 Skippers and crew will be required to sign waiver of liability during registration.

27 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

28 Bow Numbers, Event Bow Stickers and Advertising

- 28.1 Boats shall display bow numbers during the event. These, and instructions as to position will be supplied by the organizing authority at registration. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.
- 28.2 Event Bow stickers shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing.
- 28.3 Boats shall display advertising as supplied and directed by the organizing authority.

29 Media Rights

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

30 Trash Disposal

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

ATTACHMENT A: US SAILING Prescriptions:

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The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply:

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.”

After RRS 70.5(a) add

US SAILING prescribes that its approval is required. See www.ussailing.org/rules/noappeal for more information or to obtain approval.

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.”

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 RRS 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.”

Add Appendix F:

APPENDIX F – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.

See RRSs 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 RRS 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 ICSEA 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 RRS 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:

The written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;

If the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee; a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks; the course to the next mark and its required side; the speed and direction of the wind; any relevant mark, obstruction or zone; and if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current; the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them; 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 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

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.

The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all parties to the hearing and the protest committee.

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 RRS 71.

An association appeals committee may act as permitted by RRS 71.2 and shall act as required by RRS 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule F1.3.

An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rules F1.3 and F2.3).

An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other party to the hearing.

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.

The US SAILING Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.

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