



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2015 J/22 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**September 30 – October 4, 2015**  
**Organizing Authority**  
**Houston Yacht Club**  
**J/22 Fleet 6**  
**and**  
**International J/22 Class Association**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.3 Racing Rule A2, Series Scores will be changed as follows: "If 5 or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores." The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

**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 2. These items will be chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 This event is open to all J/22 Class boats with a valid measurement certificate and meeting the eligibility requirements of IJ/22CR 2.8.
- 3.2 Entrants shall meet all J/22CA requirements including but not limited to IJ/22CA membership, National Authority membership, and boat and sail measurement. A boat shall be considered entered when the above requirements are met, a complete entry form is submitted and all entry fees paid.
- 3.3 Entries shall be submitted at [www.j22na.com](http://www.j22na.com) and must be received by the Houston Yacht Club (with the payment of the registration fee) no later than September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to avoid a late fee. Entries will be accepted up to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 with payment of the late fee.

#### **4. FEES**

- 4.1** The regatta entry fee is \$360 for entries received through September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The entry fee includes storage, launching, racing, and 3 tickets for all social events. Social passes for additional crew and guests will be available for purchase at the event. The early entry fee of \$360 must be paid in full by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 4.2** Entry fees for entries received after September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will be \$460.
- 4.3** Entry fees are non-refundable.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

##### **Wednesday September 30**

1200 – 1800 Registration, Inspection, and Weigh-ins

##### **Thursday October 1**

1000 – 1800 Registration, Inspection, and Weigh-ins

1400 – 1600 Practice Race

1900 - Competitors Meeting and Opening Ceremony

##### **Friday October 2**

1100 - Warning Signal for First Race of the Day with additional races to follow

1800 – Competitors' Social

##### **Saturday October 3**

1100 - Warning Signal for First Race of the Day with additional races to follow

1900 – Competitors' Banquet

##### **Sunday October 4**

1100 -- Warning Signal for First Race of the Day with additional races to follow  
After Racing - Awards Ceremony

**5.1** Nine races are scheduled. The Race Committee will attempt to run a minimum of 3 races per day. Four (4) races will constitute a championship.

**5.2** No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### **6. MEASUREMENT, EQUIPMENT CHECKS and CREW WEIGHING**

**6.1** All boats will be required to have a current valid measurement certificate registered with the IJ/22CA.

**6.2** Skippers and crews will be required to comply with IJ/22CA Rule 8.9 (total crew weight) and 8.10 (substitution). Competitors will be weighed during registration hours listed in paragraph 5.

**6.3** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJ/22CA rules and the sailing instructions.

**6.4** Sails shall be dropped off for measurement in the HYC Ballroom during registration hours.

**6.5** 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.

**6.6** 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.

**6.7** All claims of damage to measured-in equipment requiring replacement shall be made in writing to the jury. Replacement of equipment will only be permitted after

written approval of the jury. Replaced equipment will be required to pass a measurement check.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

## **8. VENUE**

8.1 Races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.

9.2 Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

## **10. SCORING**

10.1 If 5 or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes Racing Rule A2.

10.2 Nine races are scheduled.

## **11. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

11.1 Accommodations can be made for early arrivals and storage by contacting the Houston Yacht Club office, 281-471-1255. Launching cranes, ramps, and trailer storage are available at no charge during the event. Exercise caution when lifting boats with a crane. Always have three or more people working with the boat and crane. Club regulations prohibit the parking of campers and buses on Club grounds. Please, no dogs allowed on club grounds during the regatta.

11.2 Berthing will be assigned within the Houston Yacht Club harbor.

## **12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

12.1 Except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee the following restrictions apply: All boats shall be afloat by 1800 hrs CDT on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta.

12.2 Rudders shall remain affixed during the time afloat.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

13.1 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.

13.2 A boat may contact the Race Committee on the VHF radio in the case of an emergency or if retiring from and/or not intending to sail a race.

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 skippers and crew.

14.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the hosts will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall provide a certificate of valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 at or before registration.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact:

Houston Yacht Club office, 281-471-1255

Julie Goetschius, Event Co-Chair:  
[jbgsails@verizon.net](mailto:jbgsails@verizon.net) or 281-460-6414

Marie Wise, Event Co-Chair  
[sailmom@gmail.com](mailto:sailmom@gmail.com) or 713-219-5329

## Attachment A

### US Sailing Prescriptions

The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply:

1.1 After RRS 67 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 APPENDIX R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

***This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.***

*See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by the International Sailing Federation for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. 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 R7.1 (a).*

*Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.*

## **R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST**

**R1.1** 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](mailto:RaceAdmin@ussailing.org).

**R1.2** Except as provided in rule R1.4, 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.

**R1.3** 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.

**R1.4** 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.

## **R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST**

**R2.1** To appeal,

(a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect;

(b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a *protest* or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal with a copy of

the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or

(c) when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence.

If a copy of the *protest* or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.

**R2.2** The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, all of the following documents and information 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 and the appeal to the association appeals 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.

**R2.3** To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall send to US Sailing a copy of its decision and all relevant documents and comments (see rule R2.2).

**R2.4** To request an interpretation of the *rules*, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing.

### **R3 FEES**

**R3.1** If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see rule R1.2), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which 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.

**R3.2** If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see rules R1.3 and R1.4) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25.

The fee is \$75 for all others.

**R3.3** A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for such 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.

**R3.4** If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to “US Sailing” or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.

#### **R4 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 R2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

#### **R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **R5.1 Protest Committee**

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule R4 and any facts or other information requested under rule R5.4. 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.

##### **R5.2 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, comments and clarifications 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.

##### **R5.3 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, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

##### **R5.4 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.

#### **R6 COMMENTS**

The *parties* to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in rule R2.2, and on any clarifications received under rule R7.2(d). 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 or comments on comments.

#### **R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RULES 70 AND 71**

##### **R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction**

(a) A *party* to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee’s decision.

(b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule R2.3).

**R7.2 Other Provisions**

(a) 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.

(b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats.

(c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.

(d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of rules governing the event from organizations that are not *parties* to the hearing.

**R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS**

An expedited appeals system, which can only be used at US Sailing Protected Competitions (see US Sailing Regulation 12.03), can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the 'Expedited Appeals' link.