

Sailing Instructions
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 prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply are stated in full in Notice of Race (NoR) Attachment A.
- 1.3 Boats shall display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority in accordance with instructions provided with the numbers.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event web site, www.j22na.com and on the Official Regatta Notice Board in the breezeway of the HYC Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the club lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS 'Race Signals'.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing schedule as follows:

<u>Racing Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Scheduled Event</u>
Wednesday, September 30 th	1200 - 1800	Registration, Inspection, & Weigh In
Thursday, October 1 st	1000 - 1800	Registration, Inspection, & Weigh In
Thursday, October 1 st	1400 - 1600	Practice Race
Thursday, October 1 st	1700 - 1900	“Get Your Rig Up” Social
Thursday, October 1 st	1900 - 2000	Competitors’ Meeting -- Ballroom
Friday, October 2 nd	0930 – 0945	Competitors’ Briefing -- Ballroom
Friday, October 2 nd	1100	First Warning Signal – 4 races scheduled
Friday, October 2 nd	1800	Competitors’ Social
Saturday, October 3 rd	0930 – 0945	Competitors’ Briefing -- Ballroom
Saturday, October 3 rd	1100	First Warning Signal – 4 races scheduled
Saturday, October 3 rd	1900	Competitors’ Banquet
Sunday, October 4 th	0930 – 0945	Competitors’ Briefing -- Ballroom
Sunday, October 4 th	1100	First Warning Signal – 1 races scheduled
Sunday, October 4 th	After Racing	Awards Ceremony -- Ballroom

5.2 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.

5.3 A total of 9 races are scheduled. Four (4) races completed will constitute a championship.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/22 insignia.

6.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 All 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. See Attachment 1, Race Area.

8 CHECKING IN

8.1 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 signal boat and hail her sail number or bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat’s sail or bow number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty, without a hearing, equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3(c). This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be as shown in Attachment 2 (not to scale).
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.
- 9.3 The windward mark and offset mark 1a shall be rounded to port.
- 9.4 For all courses an offset mark (1a) will be set approximately 6 – 10 boat lengths to port of the weather mark. The leeward gate will be located to weather of the starting line. Boats shall pass between marks 2s and 2p and round one of them before going to the next mark of the course.
- 9.5 For course 5, marks 1 and 1a are not marks of the course on the last leg when sailing to the finish line and may be passed on either side. For course 4, marks 2s and 2p are not marks of the course on the final leg while sailing to the finish line and may be passed on either side.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding marks 1, mark 1a, 2p, and 2s will be yellow tetrahedrons. Changed rounding marks used in accordance with SI 13 will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat, and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee boats on each end of the line.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting bow or sail numbers over VHF Channel 72. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be either between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee boats on each end of the line or a race committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of the nearby inflatable mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 15.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes after the start.
- 16.2 The time limit is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with Rule 28.1 and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3 Boats scored TLE will be given a race score of points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the HYC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boats docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board referred to in SI 2 above.
- 17.3 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the HYC Clubhouse.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.7 Any sailor who wishes to become a party to a scheduled redress hearing shall: 1) Check the daily schedule of protest and redress hearings that the protest committee will post on the Official Notice Board describing the nature of the redress request and time of the hearing, and 2) submit a written request to participate in the hearing to the protest committee before the hearing begins.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 18.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee or the HYC harbormaster at the first reasonable opportunity on VHF channel 68.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. In case of emergency, this approval may be granted retroactively.
- 20.2 Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment, and only one suit of sails for the entire regatta unless the item is so severely damaged as to make it unusable. All requests to replace equipment must be submitted to the race committee in writing and all such equipment must pass measurement.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 All boats are to be launched by 1900 HRS on Thursday, September 30 and may not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the race committee.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 23.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 skippers and crew and the skipper and crew of the mid-fleet boat.

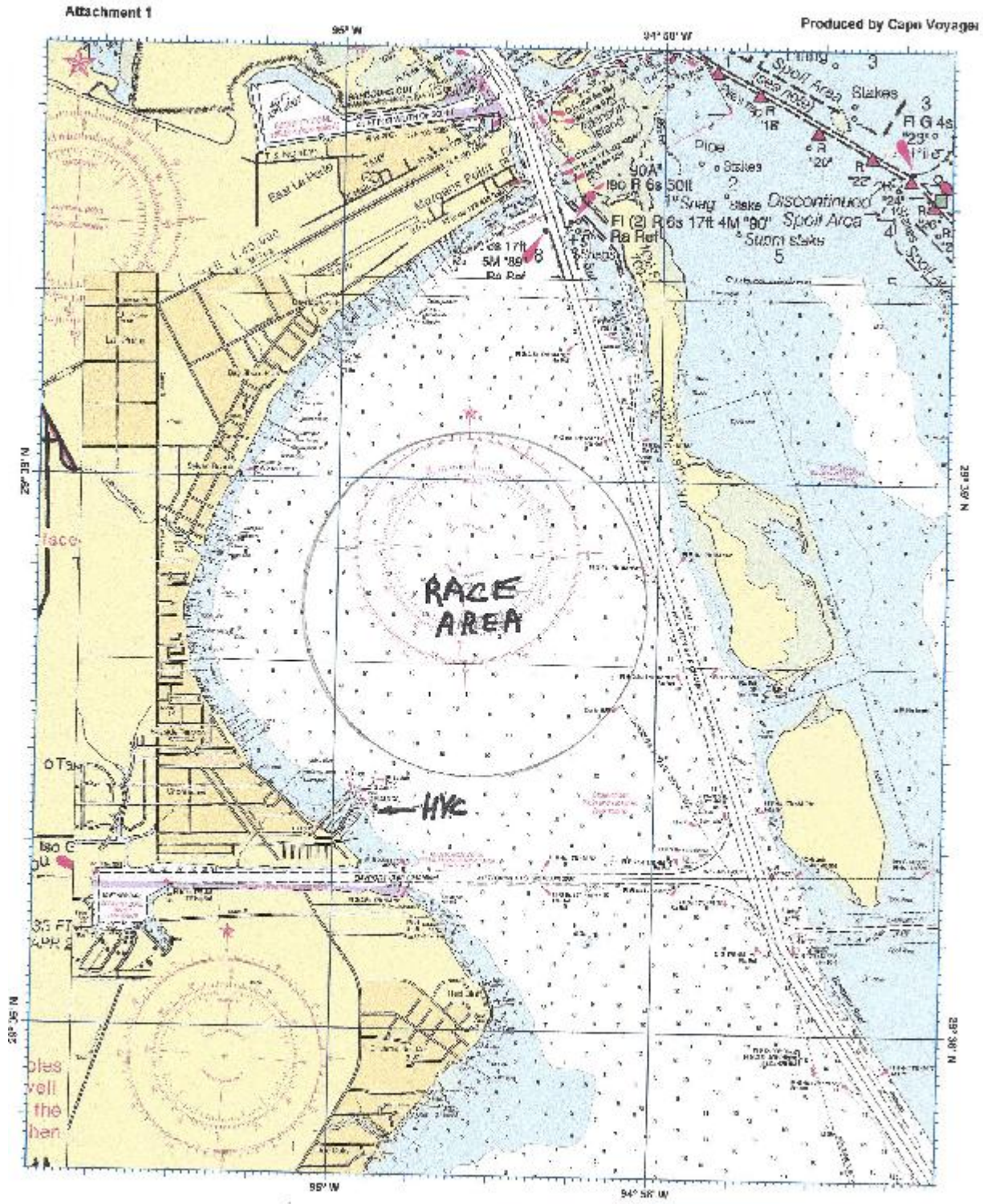
25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 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 INSURANCE

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

Attachment 1

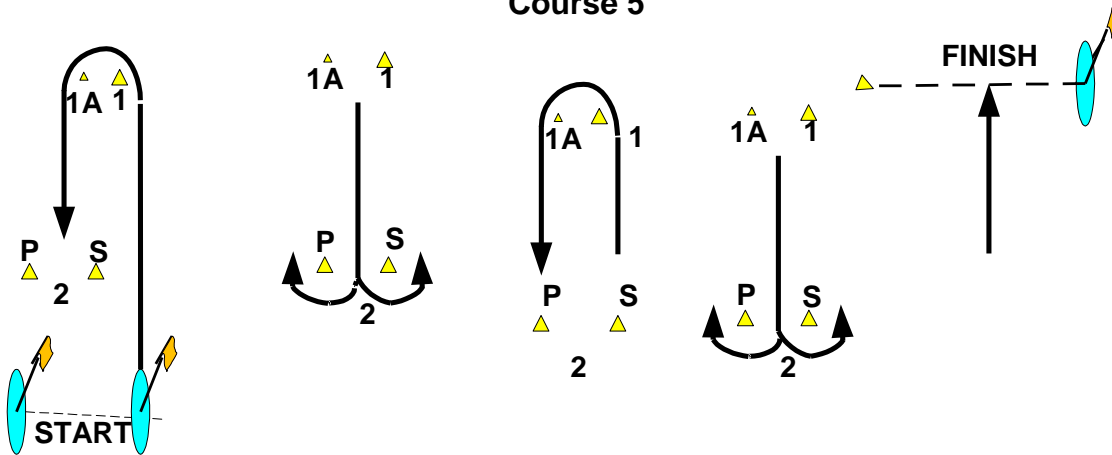


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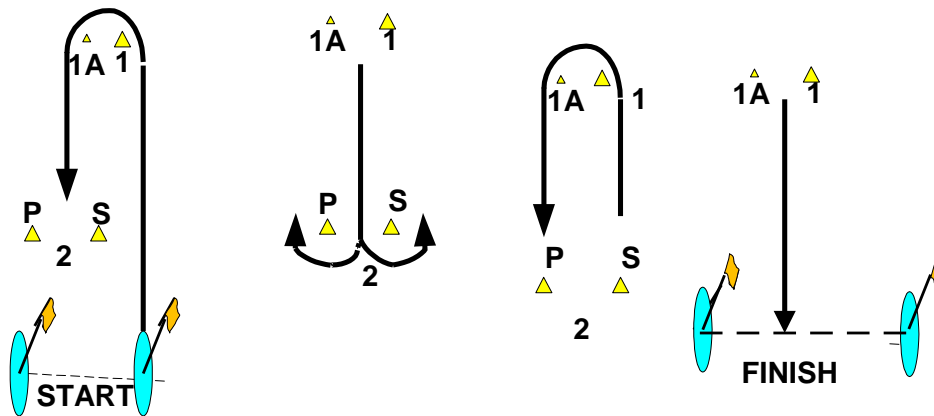
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Course 5



Start - 1 - 1A(Offset) - 2(P or S) - 1 - 1A(Offset) - 2 (P or S) - Finish

Course 4



Start - 1 - 1A(Offset) - 2(P or S) - 1 - 1A(Offset) - Finish