

# 2016 J/22 Southwest Circuit Standardized Sailing Instructions

Austin Yacht Club, May 13-15, 2016

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 This J/22 Southwest District Circuit Regatta will be governed by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the J/22 Southwest District Notice of Circuit, the Notice of Race and the International J/22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA), except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 IJ22CA Rules 2.8 (eligibility), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) will not apply for eligibility to participate in this event.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix A2 will be changed to read as follows: *Each Competitor's series scores shall be the total of their race scores, there will be no throw-outs. A race is completed if scored; see rule 90.3(a). The Competitor with the lowest series score wins and all others shall be ranked accordingly.*
- 1.4 No changes shall be made to these Sailing Instructions without prior approval of the District Governor and/or District Secretary.
- 1.5 Any questions in regards to these sailing instructions must be submitted in writing, and any answer will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the bulletin board below the clubhouse.

## 2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board below the clubhouse.

## 4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 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 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

<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30a.m.	First Warning Signal Race 1, Races 2 – 4 to follow
		4 <sup>th</sup> Race must be agreed upon by the Current Pro and the Local J/22 Fleet Representative, based upon time of

day and current weather conditions

**May 15th**

9:30a.m.

Warning Signal

A warning signal will not be made after 12 noon on Sunday. **If two races are not completed on Saturday, the warning signal for the first race on Sunday shall be at 8:30a.m.**

## 7 Class Flag

The Warning Signal for the J/22 Class will be numeral pennant 1.

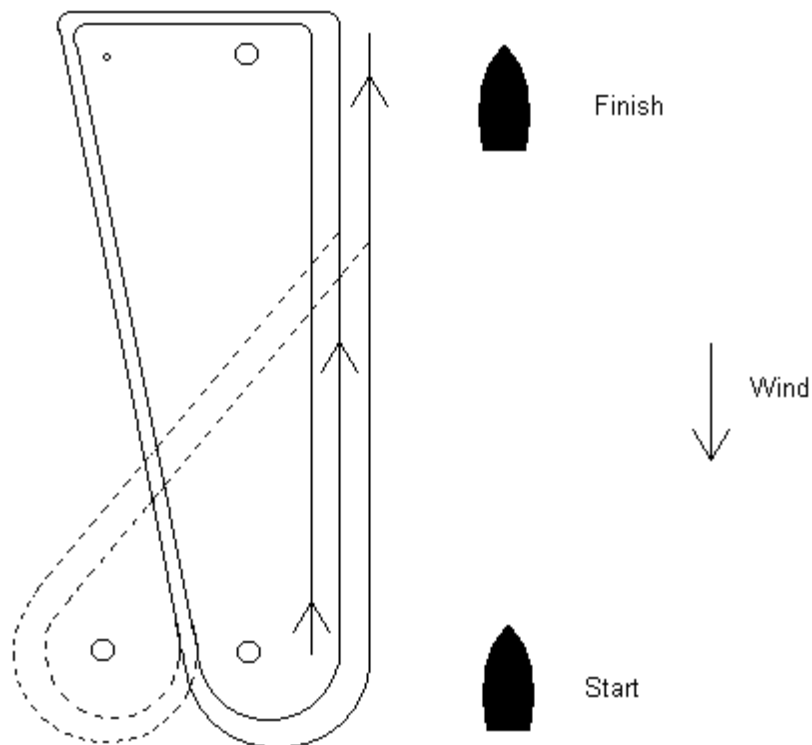
## 8 The Course

The course will be as described and diagramed below.

8.1 The Offset Mark will be placed at a right angle to the direction from Mark 1 to Mark 2 and approximately 150 feet from Mark 1. A gate mark will be placed at a right angle to the direction from Mark 1 to Mark 2 and approximately 150 feet from Mark 2.

8.2 RRS 32.2 is modified to provide that, when shortening a race the course will not be shortened to less than three legs.

8.3 The course for each race shall be Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward to Finish. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee boat. An Offset Mark will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. A gate mark will be set at the leeward mark, allowing competitors to round in either direction between these marks.



## **9 Marks**

9.1 The windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 Change marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33 and Sailing Instruction 12, will be orange tetrahedrons, then if changed again yellow tetrahedrons, then alternating.

9.3 The offset mark will be a white ball buoy.

## **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 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 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 will attempt to broadcast the bow number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 78. The following will not be grounds for redress:

- a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- b) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast numbers of recalled boats.
- c) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 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 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, which ever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This also modifies RRS A4 and A5.

## **15 Safety**

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

## **16 Protests**

16.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified to provide that a protesting boat, when displaying a red flag, 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 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 30 minutes prior to a hearing to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to or are named as witness.

## **17 Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. Five races are scheduled with the option of a sixth, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a series. No races shall be discarded; this changes RRS A2.

## **18 Haul-out Restrictions**

No yacht shall be hauled out or lifted on a hydro-hoist during the regatta except with prior written permission of the Protest Committee or Chief Judge. Rudders shall not be removed unless prior written approval is obtained from the Protest Committee or Chief Judge.

## **19 Plastic Pools and Diving Equipment**

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the Regatta.

## **20 Radio Communications**

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.

## **21 Crew Requirements**

21.1 Any substitution from the designated crew list requires prior written permission of the Protest Committee or Chief Judge, which will be given only in case of illness, accident or other special circumstances.

21.2 Any request for substitution shall be made through the Protest Committee or Chief Judge, not less than 1 ½ hours before the warning signal. In the case of emergency, it may be granted retroactively.

21.3 Unless the Protest Committee or Chief Judge otherwise specifies, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only.

21.4 Number of crew shall not change during the Regatta.

## **22 Inspection**

A random inspection may be made during the Regatta for compliance with the current IJ22CA Rules and these Sailing Instructions at the discretion of the Protest Committee or Chief Judge.

## **23 Bow Numbers**

23.1 Bow numbers will be assigned at registration as needed.

23.2 A yacht must properly display its assigned bow number. A yacht failing to do so shall be scored DNS.

23.3 Bow numbers shall be displayed on port and starboard side as follows:

- a) Bow numbers will be at least 305mm/12" in height.
- b) The leading edge of the forward number shall be 250mm/10" aft of the stem.
- c) The leading edge of the after number shall be 100mm/4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.
- d) All numbers must contrast with the color of the hull.
- e) Competitors shall not protest another boat under Sailing Instruction 23.

## **24 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers placing first through fifth in the Regatta.