

# Notice of Race

## J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta, May 13-15, 2016

Austin Yacht Club  
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Austin, TX, 78734

Austin Yacht Club and J/22 Fleet 11 cordially invite you to attend the J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta to be held May 13-15, 2016. This is a five race Regatta with the option for a sixth race for J/22 Sailboats. This is the 3rd Regatta in the 2016 J/22 Southwest Circuit.

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), J/22 Southwest District Notice of Circuit and the International J/22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA).
- 1.2 RRS Rule 87 will be changed as follows: *The sailing instructions may change a class rule.*
- 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 others shall be ranked accordingly.*
- 1.4 Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in this event. However, Class Rules 2.8 and 2.9 will affect scoring in the J/22 Southwest Circuit, see **Scoring** below. *Basically, this means that the class membership requirement, boat measurement requirement and the crew weight limitation **do not apply** for eligibility to participate and will not affect scoring in this individual Circuit Regatta. However, Yachts lacking a measurement certificate or whose competitor does not meet the class membership requirement will be scored according to the Notice of Circuit.*

### 2 Advertising

Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 as modified by the International J/22 Class Association (IJ22CA) Class Rule 2.9.8(a).

### 3 Eligibility

J/22 Class yachts in compliance with IJ22CA Rules will be scored. In accordance with the J/22 Southwest District Notice of Circuit, skippers who are not class members, boats without a valid measurement certificate or do not meet the class crew weight limit may participate, be scored and receive appropriate trophies in this Regatta. However, the lack of class membership or a measurement certificate will affect that boat's scoring in the J/22 Southwest Circuit, see the Notice of Circuit for additional information.

### 4 Entry and Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee is **\$75.00** pre-registered and **\$85.00** at registration. To be eligible for pre-registration, a completed registration form must be completed online before **Sunday, May 8th**. Online registration is available on the Southwest District website at [www.j22southwest.org](http://www.j22southwest.org). All registration fees are payable prior to the close of registration on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to AYC.

4.2 Entry fee will include **continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday Lunch and Dinner. Beer, Wine, and Snacks will be served during Friday evening check in. Burgers will be available for purchase from our University of Texas Sailing Club group on Sunday after the races (Cash preferred).**

## 5 Schedule

5.1	Registration	Friday	<b>May 13th</b>	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	<b>May 14th</b>	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
5.2	Skipper's Meeting	Saturday	<b>May 14th</b>	9:30 a.m.
5.3	Days of Racing	Saturday	<b>May 14th</b>	10:30 a.m. First Signal, up to 4 races to follow. 4 <sup>th</sup> Race option must be agreed upon by the Regatta PRO and Local Fleet Representative.
		Sunday	<b>May 15th</b>	9:30 a.m. First Signal No warning signal after 12 noon.

## 6 Measurement

It is expected that all Yachts meet the IJ22CA Class Rules. A measurement certificate is not required to enter/participate. **Not having a current measurement certificate will affect a boat's scoring in the Southwest Circuit, see Notice of Circuit on the J/22 Southwest District website at [www.j22southwest.org](http://www.j22southwest.org)**

## 7 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration.

## 8 Venue

The courses will be sailed on **Lake Travis**. Directions to the hosting Yacht Club are below.

## 9 Courses

Racing will take place on Windward/Leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

## 10 Scoring

10.1 Five races are scheduled, with the option of a 6<sup>th</sup> Race, of which two shall be completed to constitute a Regatta. No race scores will be discarded, this changes Appendix A2.

10.2 At registration, a competitor shall declare to score the boat or helmsman as the competitor for purposes of scoring for the 2016 J/22 Southwest District Circuit.

## 11 Launching and Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall launch prior to 12 noon on the first day of scheduled racing. Boats (including rudders) may not be removed from the water during the Regatta without the approval of the Protest Committee or Chief Judge.

## 12 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

## 13 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.

#### **14 Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded for the top 5 finishers.

#### **15 Inspection & Measurements**

All participants are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the Regatta. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, inspect any yacht in order to confirm compliance with the prescribed class rules concerning construction and measurements, safety rules when racing, crew prohibition and restrictions when racing. Class royalty tags must be present on all sails.

#### **16 Bow Numbers**

To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for the purpose of RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3, unique bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing crew's boat hull. These numbers must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:

- a. The leading edge of the forward number shall be 250mm/10" aft of the stem.
- b. The leading edge of the aft numbers shall be 100mm/4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.
- c. The top edge of both numbers shall be 100mm/4" from the rail.
- d. All numbers must contrast with the color of the hull and be at least 305mm/12" in height.

**It shall be the responsibility of each participating competitor to obtain and affix the assigned bow numbers to their yacht. The Fleets, host Yacht Clubs and the Southwest District are not responsible to provide numerals for bow numbers.**

Bow numbers 01 through 10 are pre-assigned respectively to the top ten competitors of the 2015 J/22 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 11 through 99 will be assigned out of the then open pool of unassigned numbers by the applicable Regatta's organizing authority, who will accept on a first come basis via the registration process bow number declarations from new Circuit participants. Issues relating to bow numbers (e.g. assignment, placement, size, etc.) will be resolved solely by the USJ22CA Southwest District Governor of record.

#### **17 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

**18 Berthing: Open slips will be assigned to competitors on a first come/first serve basis. Boats not assigned a slip may tie up on dock T-Heads or along the rigging docks in the North cove. Local boats with hydro-hoists may not lift their boats per item 11 above.**

#### **19 Accommodations**

**A limited number of cabins are available at AYC, contact the AYC office for reservations and prices. 512-266-1336. Camping is allowed on club grounds.**

**Some nearby hotels:**

**(Search for more options using zip code 78734, prices drop about 50% if you are willing to stay 10-15 miles away)**

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Austin NW, Four Points (Approx 7.5 miles)**

**Hampton Inn & Suites Austin-Lakeway (Approx 5 miles)**

## **20 Directions**

From the North on Hwy 620: Turn Right onto Hudson Bend Road.

From the South on Hwy 620: Turn Left onto Hudson Bend Road.

Then: Turn right onto Beacon Drive and follow it until it ends at the club entrance. Registrants will be sent a regatta gate code with their registration confirmation.

## **21 Contact**

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