



**J/22 North American Championships
 July 20-23, 2017
 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 US SAILING prescriptions as listed in the Notice of Race as attachment A will apply.

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

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

Thursday	July 20	Practice Race	Warning signal at 1300
Friday	July 21	Racing- Day 1	Warning signal at 1000 Racing continues
Saturday	July 22	Racing- Day 2	Warning signal at 1000 Racing continues
Sunday	July 23	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 approximately 2 miles southwest of the R2 buoy.

8 The Courses

8.1 Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate (2P 2S) - 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 signal boat will display the following information on white boards.

Example:

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).

8.9 Approximate course diagrams:



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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.

9.4 The finishing marks are described in SI 12.1 and 12.2.

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be the luff of an orange flag on the signal boat and the luff of an orange flag on a R/C boat.
- 10.2 The Signal Boat may deploy a standoff buoy and shall be considered an extension of the Signal Boat.
- 10.3 The race committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their bow or 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).
- 10.4 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 will be broadcast using bow or sail numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
- 10.5 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 the luff of an orange flag on the finishing line boat and either a nearby inflatable mark or the luff on 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 the luff of an orange flag on the finishing line boat and either a nearby inflatable mark or the luff of 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 to 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 that the RC boat docks. The RC docking time will be posted on the official notice board. 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.
- 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;
 - (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 eleven (11) races are scheduled.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 A boat that leaves the racing area between races or retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 16.2 Boats shall check- in, before the warning signal of the first race of each by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing her bow number until acknowledged by the RC.

17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 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.

18 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.

19 Official Boats

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Signal Boat	Blue Race Committee flag
Port-end line boat	Blue Race Committee flag
Pin 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'

20 Berthing, Haul-out and Other Restrictions

- 20.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbor.
- 20.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 20.3 Dehumidifiers or heaters shall not be used on boats after 2100 on July 20, 2017.
- 20.4 Boats that are in the water as of 1600 hours on Wed. July 19, 2017 shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

21 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.

22 Electronic Communications

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 The RC will use VHF radio, Channel 79 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the warning and preparatory signals and OCS bow or 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.
- 22.3 It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving channels 16 and 79.

23 Prizes

- 22.4 Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and a prize for the lowest scoring youth and masters boat as defined in the notice of race.

23 Disclaimer of Liability

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 Skippers and crew will be required to sign waiver of liability during registration.

24 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.

25 Bow Numbers, Event Bow Stickers and Advertising

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 Event Bow stickers shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing.
- 25.3 Boats shall display advertising as supplied and directed by the organizing authority.

26 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.

27 Trash Disposal

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

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