

Notice of Race
J/22 District 5
Southwest Championship Circuit Series
Regatta #6

Houston Yacht Club
Houston, Texas
October 24 & 25, 2020

Invitation: On behalf of the International J/22 Class Association, Houston Yacht Club is pleased to invite all J/22 sailors to the sixth regatta of the Southwest District's Championship Circuit Series. The organizing authority for this regatta is the IJ22CA District 5, Fleet 6 and the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Dr, Shoreacres, TX 77571

1 Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 - 2020 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), International J22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA), each regatta's *Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions* and this Notice of Circuit.
- 1.2 RRS Rule 87 will be modified to read as follows: The sailing instructions may modify a class rule.
- 1.3 Class Rules 2.8 Eligibility (class membership), 2.9 Measurement Certificate and 8.9 Crew Weight Limit of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in each regatta nor affect scoring or prizes/awards in this regatta. However, failure to comply with Class Rules 2.8 and 2.9 shall result in a scoring penalty in the series, as specified in Section 9.4 of the NOC.
- 1.4 Appendix A Changes: A1 is changed so that two (2) races must be completed to constitute a regatta. A2.1 is changed so that there will be no throw-outs for this event.
- 1.5 By entering as boat or crew, all participants agree to abide by any COVID-19 related measures of the Race Organizers. All participants must wear masks on the docks and grounds of the Houston Yacht Club, maintain social distance of 6 feet, and avoid group gatherings of more than 10 people. There will be no social activities on the grounds of HYC. The clubhouse will not be open to non-members.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all boats of the J/22 class in compliance with the Class Rules, except those rules excluded or amended within this Notice of Race.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form prior to 0900 Saturday, October 24rd. The registration fee must be paid before this time as well.

2.3 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer or Chief Judge. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident or other exceptional circumstances. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

2.4 The same crew and same three class sails must be used during the entire Regatta.

3 Fees

3.1 Required fee is as follows: \$70.00

4 Schedule

4.1 **Friday:** No formal on-site registration check-in. All registration will be done online.

4.2 **Saturday:**

Online Registration Ends: 9:00 a.m.

Competitor's Meeting: 9:30 a.m.

All Boat shall be launched by 10:30 a.m.

Races begin, First Warning Signal at **11:00 a.m.**

Lunch on the water.

4.3 **Sunday:**

Races continue, First Warning Signal at **10:00 a.m.**

No Races after 1:00 p.m.

Awards at 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

5 Measurement

5.1 It is expected all boats comply the IJ22CA Class Rules; however, competitors will not be required to comply with CR 2.9 (measurement certificate) or CR 8.9 (Total Crew Weight) to enter and participate in this regatta.

5.2 All participants are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the Regatta. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, inspect any yacht 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.

6 Sailing Instructions

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on-line at the HYC website at <http://houstonyachtclub.com> under Racing/Race Schedule. It is the competitor's obligation to download and print the Sailing Instructions.

6.2 All notices to competitors shall be posted on Regatta Network through the above referenced HYC website page. Notices will be sent to all competitors when information has been posted.

7 Venue

7.1 All races shall be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club and/or 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 LaPorte/Shoreacres shoreline on the west.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The course will be windward-leeward or variations thereof using dropped marks. Offset marks and gates may be used as necessary.
- 8.2 All starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 There are six (6) races scheduled. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes Appendix A2.
- 9.2 The low point system of Appendix A2 will apply, except no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.1.

10 Berthing

- 10.1 Racers may leave their boats at HYC for the week before and week after the regatta at no charge. However, upon arrival all boat owners must complete a registration form available at the outdoor check-in station.
- 10.2 Visiting competitors' boats are required to remain in the water during the regatta. Competitors may dock alongside the visitor pier on a "first come, first served" basis, or shall contact the HYC Harbor Manager for guest slip availability.

11 Prizes

Trophies will be presented to the top three boats of the regatta.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Hosts, IJ/22CA, District 5 and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a regatta.

13 Insurance

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

14 Bow Numbers

- 14.1 To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, unique two (2) digit bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing boat hull. These numbers must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:

- 14.1.1 The leading edge of the forward number shall be 10" aft of the stem.

- 14.1.2 The leading edge of the aft number shall be 4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.

- 14.1.3 The top edge of both numbers shall be between 4" and 8" from the rail.

- 14.1.4 All numbers must contrast with the hull color and be at least 12" in height and a minimum thickness of 1.7".

14.2 Bow numbers will be assigned to each participating boat for the duration of the series. Bow numbers 01 through 10 are reserved for the top ten competitors from the 2019 series.

Bow #	Name	Sail #	Boat Name
01	Doug Weakly	24	HNL
02	Colin Feik	814	Stampede
03	Tom Hadel	206	Why Knot?
04	Vincent Ruder	365	USA 365
05	Dov Kivlovitz	951	USA 951
06	Orff / Simonson	919	Troublemaker
07	Walter Caldwell	892	Payaso
08	Keith Zars	1646	VooDoo Baby
09	Josh Richline	830	Veloce
10	Tom Meeh	878	Meehem

14.3 Competitors listed above with reserved bow numbers *may* choose to use either their reserved bow number or their standard bow number for the duration of the 2020 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 11 through 99 will be assigned out of the then open pool of unassigned numbers by the USJ22CA District 5 Governor. Issues relating to bow numbers (e.g. assignment, placement, size, etc.) will be resolved solely by the USJ22CA Southwest District Governor of record.

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

15 Further information

15.1 For further information please contact the Principle Race Officer, Madonna Breen, mbreen77346@gmail.com.