

Notice of Race
J/22 District 5
Southwest Championship Circuit Series
Heritage Cup Regatta

Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, Texas
October 30 & 31, 2021

Invitation: On behalf of the International J/22 Class Association, Houston Yacht Club is pleased to invite all J/22 sailors to the seventh 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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 - 2024 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), International J22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA), and this Notice of Regatta and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.
- 1.3 RRS Rule 87 will be modified to read as follows: The sailing instructions may modify a class rule.
- 1.4 Class Rules A.10 and B.2.1: Class Membership Requirement, B.1.1(b): Valid Measurement Certificate, B.3: Documentation to be carried aboard while Racing and C.2.1 Total Crew Weight Limitation of the IJ22CA Class Rules shall not apply for eligibility to participate in the regatta nor affect scoring or prizes/awards in this regatta. However, failure to comply with CR A.10, B.2.1 and B.1.1 shall result in a scoring penalty in the series, as specified in Section 9.4 of the NOC.
- 1.5 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.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form prior to Friday, October 29th. All fees must be paid prior to the Competitor's Meeting on Saturday at 0930 CDT.

3.3 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.

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

4 Fees

4.1 Required fees is \$70.00

5 Schedule

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

5.2 Saturday:

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Competitor's Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

Races begin, First Warning Signal at **10:30 a.m.**

Lunch on the water.

Winning Ways debrief at the club house after racing.

5.3 Sunday:

Races continue, First Warning Signal at **10:30 a.m.**

No Warning Signal after 1:00 p.m.

Awards at 2:30 p.m.

5.4 Number of races:

Five (5) races are scheduled.

6 Measurement

6.1 It is expected all boats comply the IJ22CA Class Rules; however, competitors will not be required to comply with CR B.1.1(b): Valid Measurement Certificate or CR B.3: Documentation to be carried aboard while Racing or C.2.1 Total Crew Weight Limitation to enter and participate in this regatta.

6.2 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.

7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available after October 29th, 2021. Sailing Instructions shall be provided online; and, at the election of Race officials, may be provided at Registration or the Competitor's Meeting. It is the competitor's obligation to download and print the Sailing Instructions.

8 Venue

The racing area will be located on Galveston Bay, Texas

9 Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward courses or variations thereof using dropped marks. Offset marks and gates may be used as necessary.

10 Penalty System

The Penalty system described in 2021 – 2024 US RRS prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

11 Scoring

11.1 The low point system of Appendix A2 will apply.

11.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes Appendix A2.

11.3 No races will be discarded. This changes Appendix A2.

12 Support Boats

Competitors may not have any contact or communication with support boats after reaching the starting area for the first race of the day until after they are finished racing for the day.

13 Haul-out Restrictions

13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13.2 Rudders shall remain affixed

14 Radio Communication

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

14.2 Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF radio onboard.

15 Prizes

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

16 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.

17 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.

18 Bow Numbers

18.1 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:

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

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

- 18.1.3 The top edge of both numbers shall be between 4" and 8" from the rail.
- 18.1.4 All numbers must contrast with the hull color and be at least 12" in height and a minimum thickness of 1.7".
- 18.2 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 previous year's series.

Bow #	Name	Sail #	Boat Name
01	Doug Weakly	24	HNL
02	Alex Schwinn	918	TILT
03	James Freedman	752	Miss Conduct
04	Eric Simonson	1546	Reckless
05	Mark Foster	203	Pressure Drop
06	Kevin Orff	919	Troublemaker
07	Josh Richline	830	Veloce
08	Walter Caldwell	892	Payaso
09	Guess/Pracht	206	Why Knot?
10	Tom Meeh	878	Meehem

- 18.3 Competitors listed above with reserved bow numbers must choose to use either their reserved bow number or their standard bow number for the duration of the 2021 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.
- 18.4 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.

19 Further Information

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