



**Sailing Instructions**  
**2021 Heritage Cup Regatta**  
**October 30 & 31, 2021**  
**Organizing Authority Houston Yacht Club**  
**J/22 Fleet 6 and District 5**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US SAILING Prescriptions will apply except the prescription to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3 Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows: *These sailing instructions may change a class rule.*
- 1.4 Class Rule 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 will not apply for eligibility to participate in this regatta.
- 1.5 Appendix A Changes: A1 is changed so that two (2) races must be completed to constitute an event. A2.1 is changed so that no races shall be discarded.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. (Not Applicable for this event.)

## **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on Regatta Network.

## **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal staff on the lawn of the Houston Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS 'Race Signals'. This changes in RRS Race Signal AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

### **6.1 Dates of Racing**

#### **Friday, October 29**

No formal on-site registration check-in. All registration will be done online.

#### **Saturday, October 30**

0800 to 0900 – Registration

0900 - Competitor's Briefing – Beachcomber

1030 – Warning signal for first race of day

Lunch on the water.

After races - Winning Ways Debrief – Beachcomber

#### **Sunday, October 31**

1030 - Warning signal for first race of day

1430 - Awards Ceremony

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.

6.3 Five (5) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/22 insignia. Numeral pennant #1 may be substituted for the J/22 class flag.

7.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

## **8 RACING AREA**

8.1 The races will be in that part of the 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 La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline on the west.

8.2 The ship channels are obstructions and no boat may enter them while racing.

## **9 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 Race Committee signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's bow number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty, without a hearing, equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3(c). This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

## **10 THE COURSES**

### 10.1 Course Designations:

COURSE #4: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – 1 – 1a – Finish

COURSE #5: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – Finish

10.2 The diagram in Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.3 Mark 1 and the accompanying offset mark (1a) shall be left to port.

## **11 MARKS**

11.1 The original Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.

11.2 Offset mark (1a) will be a small orange sphere. The offset mark (1a) will lay to port of Mark 1.

11.3 A gate will be used and the original gate marks (2P, 2S) will orange tetrahedrons.

11.4 When changing the next leg of the course (SI 13), the new mark, unless the change is for the final leg of the course, will be a yellow tetrahedron and the offset mark (1a) will be an orange sphere.

11.5 Except when there is a change of course, the gate (2P 2S) will be located to windward of the start line. Gate mark(s) (2P 2S) may be set after the start signal.

11.6 If a gate mark is missing, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

11.7 A Race Committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the Race Committee boat, and the Race Committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange sphere.

12.3 *Individual Recalls:* Race Committee will attempt to hail (and may announce via radio) boats identified as on the course side of the starting line (OCS) by announcing her bow or sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure or delay to make or hear such hails or announcements, timeliness of broadcast, or the order of numbers announced, will NOT be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 If the change is for Mark 1, the new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 5, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.

- 13.2 If the change is for a gate mark(s) (2P and/or 2S), the new marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 4, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.
- 13.3 For minor course alterations less than 5 degrees, a change of course may not be signaled.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 *Course 4 Finish:* The finish line for Course 4 will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee signal boat from the start line. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of an inflatable mark. While sailing the last leg of Course 4 to the finish line, gate marks (2P and 2S) are not marks of the course and may be passed on either side.
- 14.2 *Course 5 Finish:* The finish line for Course 5 will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of an inflatable mark to port of the Race Committee boat, or between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat.
- 14.3 Race Committee will attempt to signal its intent to start another race that day by displaying Flag L (yellow and black checkered flag) at the finish of a race. The Race Committee may also attempt to hail competitors of another race to follow via loud hailer or VHF radio after they complete a race. Once the Race Committee signal boat is in position to start the next race, it will sound multiple short horn blast approximately one minute before the 5-minute warning signal.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The penalty system described in 2021-2024 RRS and added as a US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 A race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes after the starting signal.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS 35, time limit for a race will be 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. A TLE score will be one (1) more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet any time limit(s) in this section 16 will NOT be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available in the HYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or its representative within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board.

- 17.3 The Race Committee will endeavor to post a list of Race Committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Technical Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the Protest Committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the HYC clubhouse.
- 17.6 U S Sailing Prescription to Rule 63.2 does not apply.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 18.2 Two (2) races shall be completed to constitute the regatta and the circuit.
- 18.3 There are no throw outs for this event.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All boats are recommended to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio.
- 19.2 A boat that leaves the racing area, retires from a race, or experience an emergency shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. In case of emergency, this approval may be granted retroactively.
- 20.2 Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment, and only one suit of sails for the entire regatta unless the item is so severely damaged as to make it unusable. All requests to replace equipment must be submitted to the Race Committee or the Protest Committee in writing and all such equipment must pass measurement.

## **21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. Rudders shall remain affixed during the time after launching.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 22.1 The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 68.
- 22.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Boats may use mobile phones to record races while racing; however, must not upload data while racing.

## **23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from the time of launching and the end of the regatta.

## **24 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors.

## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SOLELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. *SEE RRS RULE 3, DECISION TO RACE.* TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZERS, DEFINED BELOW, WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER THE REGATTA.

## **26 INSURANCE.**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage) with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

**ADDENDUM A  
COURSE DIAGRAM**

