

2022 J/22 Midwinter Championship

March 17–20, 2022



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Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation



Notice of Race (NoR)

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The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2. The J/22CA rules, available at <http://www.j22.org> apply.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions, except for US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4(b), shall apply and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Preliminary Sailing Instructions (SIs) may be available on-line before the event at: <https://www.j22mw.com/> Final SI's will be available at registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.j22mw.com/>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. The Race Committee will declare what channel they will use at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the J/22 class. All skippers must be current members of the J/22 Class Association (<https://www.j22.com/>) and shall meet all requirements of registration before becoming official competitors.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at: <https://www.j22mw.com/>
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
Entry Fee until February 28, 2022 at 2300 hours: \$350
Late Entry Fee: \$400
- 5.2. The entry fee includes tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Additional social packages for additional crew members and non-competitors are available.
- 5.3. The entry fee does not include competitor lunches.
- 5.4. An optional lunch package is available for purchase for competitors or spectators. One lunch package includes a sandwich, snack, and cookie on each of the 3 race days. Lunches will be available for pick up at the morning briefing or prior to harbor start.
- 5.5. Other fees:
Social Package: \$60/person for all food and social events
Lunch Package: \$30/package (1 lunch package = 3 lunches: Fri, Sat, and Sun)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Competitors shall submit a crew list at registration. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident or other exceptional circumstances.
- 6.2. The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The schedule for the event is:

Thursday, March 17

1000 - 1700	Registration Check In
1455	Practice Race First Warning Signal
1900	Competitors' Meeting and Welcome Social
2200	All boats must be launched

Friday, March 18

(see 8.2)	Races begin, lunch on the water
1700	Off site Social (To be announced)

Saturday, March 19

	Races continue, lunch on the water
1800	Dinner, Lakewood Ballroom

Sunday, March 20

	Races continue, lunch on the water
1600	Awards Ceremony

- 8.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1100.
- 8.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8.4. Nine (9) races are scheduled.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. Each boat shall submit a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate before becoming an official competitor. Pre-certification before arriving at the regatta is strongly encouraged. Boats and Owners not obtaining pre-certification must make arrangements with the Chief Measurer prior to the regatta.
- 9.2. Boats may be inspected or measured during the regatta at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.3. Competitors will NOT be required to comply with CR C.2.1.a (Total Crew Weight). Competitors will be requested to provide their total crew weight at registration for use in analysis of crew weight on race scoring only. This is at the request of the Technical Committee to help determine if this rule should be changed in the future.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The racing area will be on Galveston Bay. The general boundaries of the race area will be East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2, West of the Houston Ship Channel, South of Red Bluff point, and North of Eagle Point.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses will be windward-leeward courses using dropped marks, including an offset mark and a leeward gate.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The penalty system described in RRS Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The low point system of Appendix A2 will apply.
- 13.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1. 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.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Lakewood Yacht Club harbor.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 16.2. [DP] Rudders shall remain affixed.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched for the event and the end of the event.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 18.2. [DP] [NP] All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the Competitors' Meeting.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be given to the top five (5) finishers.
- 21.2. Additional prizes may be awarded.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information please contact:
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Lakewood Yacht Club Waterfront Director: Terry Flynn waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com
- 22.2. Event website: <https://www.j22mw.com/>