

2022 J22 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority:

Lakewood YC (LYC) & the US J22 Class Association

March 17-20, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

POSTED March 14, 2022

The notation [DP] in a rule in the sailing instruction 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 sailing instructions means that instruction is not grounds for protest by a boat. *This changes rule 60.1(a).*

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS), the rules of J22 International Class Association, the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply, except for the Prescriptions to RRS 63.2, 63.1(b).

1.3. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.

1.4 If there is a conflict between the NoR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. *This changes RRS 63.7.*

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.j22mw.com>.

2.2 A courtesy, on-site notice board will be located on the pool-side glass entrance to the LYC foyer.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) 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 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the crane and small boat ramp at the south end of the LYC grounds.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Date		Time
Thursday 3-17-2022	Registration and packets Practice starts and practice race Competitors Meeting and Welcome Social All boats must be launched	1000-1700 1455 1900 2200
Friday 3-18-2022	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow	1100

Saturday 3-19-2022	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow Dinner – LYC Ballroom	1100 1800
Sunday 3-20-2022	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow No initial warning signal after Awards	1100 1400 1600

5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the race committee (RC) will display the orange starting line flag with multiple sounds at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

5.3. On the last day of the regatta, no initial warning signal will be made after 1400.

5.4. Nine (9) races are scheduled for this regatta.

6.CLASS FLAGS

Class flag shall be a white flag with a blue J22 class insignia.

7.RACING AREAS

The location of the racing area will be on Galveston Bay. The general boundaries of the racing 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.

8.THE COURSES

8.1.The diagrams in **Attachment A** show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2.No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing, distance in nautical miles and course configuration for each race.

8.3.The RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, if a single leeward mark is set it shall be left to port.

9.MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable.

9.2 Mark 1a will be an orange or red ball.

9.3 Mark 2s and 2p will be orange inflatable marks.

9.4 The starting mark will be either an anchored RC vessel displaying an orange flag or a large orange ball or buoy.

9.5 The finish mark for course L2 will be a large orange ball or buoy.

9.6 The finish mark for course W2 will be between Mark 1 and a nearby RC vessel.

9.7 New marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

10.START

10.1.Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2.The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on RC boats or between the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3.If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal, and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her bow or sail number on **VHF channel 72**.

10.4 Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail or bow numbers called, or the timeliness of the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

11.CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. The RC may tweak a mark of the course during a race, no more than 10 degrees or .1nm without signaling a change of course. *This changes RRS 33.*

11.2. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the old mark as soon as practicable.

11.3. Mark 1a (offset) will be reset if the weather mark is moved.

11.4. When a subsequent change of the new mark is required it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.2 Code flag A displayed at the finish indicates "no more racing today."

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 *The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule in Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty."*

13.2 Penalties within the zone of Mark 1 or Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2.*

14.TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

14.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing. TLE will be scored as the number of finishers plus 1 (one). *This changes RRS 35, A5.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available in the foyer of the LYC main clubhouse. Protests will be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal boat docks after the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. A request for redress for an incident in the racing area shall be delivered within the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

15.3 A request for redress based on a scoring error shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the scores are posted on the official notice board each day. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

15.3 Notices will be posted no later 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the "Harbor Room" inside the main clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board. Protest hearings that do not have all parties present at its start will be moved to the end of the line.

15.4 Protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC), or the PC shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A4 shall be used.

16.2 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.

16.3 Two (2) races must be completed to constitute a Midwinter Championship.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP][NP] Check-In: All boats shall check in with the RC signal vessel displaying the "L" flag prior to the first warning signal of each day. Each boat shall sail past and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will be a 20% penalty in the first race of each day.

17.2 [DP][NP] Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 All radio communication between the RC and the competitors will be on VHF channel 72. VHF radios are allowed by the class for this event and is encouraged. Class rules regarding other electric/electronic devices will remain in place.

19.2 [NP] Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to the competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's signals which shall govern the conduct of racing.

19.3 [DP][NP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

[DP][NP] Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA as follows: Bow stickers and numbers.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Awards shall be presented to the top five (5) overall teams.

21.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority (Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsor, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with each competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

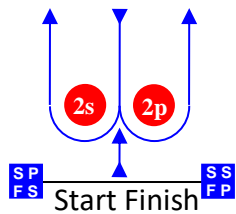
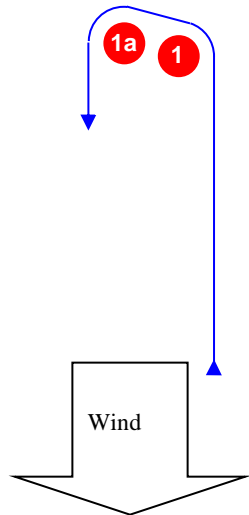
23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance \$300,000.00. It is the owner or owner representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in and adequate prior to competing in the event.

ATTACHMENT A

Course Diagrams – Windward Leeward with offset

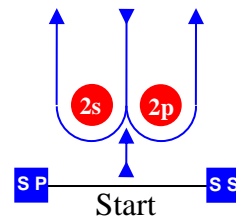
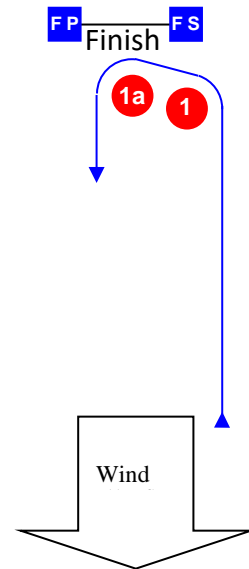
L2



Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

W2



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish