



Notice of Race
J/22 Class Association
Midwinter Championship Regatta

Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, FL
March 16-19, 2023

Invitation: On behalf of the J/22 Class Association, Fort Walton Yacht Club is pleased to invite all J22 sailors to the 2023 Midwinters. The organizing authority for this regatta is the USJ22CA and the Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. Advertising [DP][NP]

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

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to J/22 class boats. Skippers must be current members of the J/22 Class Association.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee late entry fee will apply after March 10. All fees must be paid prior to the Competitors Meeting.

3.3 Class Dues for 2023 are payable prior to registration.

3.4 The entry fee includes tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Social packages for additional crew members and non-competitors are available for purchase.

3.5 Competitors shall submit a crew list at registration. Substitution of competitors allowed only with prior written approval of the Race Committee. 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.

3.6 The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

4. Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Early entry Fee prior to 3/10/21 - \$250. Late Entry Fee on or after above date -\$300.

4.2 Register and pay fees online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com>

5. Schedule

5.1 Thursday:

Registration 1000 - 1900
Practice Race First Warning Signal 1455
Competitors Meeting & Welcome Reception 1900. All boats must be launched by 2200 hours.

5.2 Friday:

Races begin, lunch on the water.

5.3 Saturday:

Races continue, lunch on the water.

5.4 Sunday:

Races continue, lunch on the water.
Nine (9) races are scheduled.

5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the

first race of each day is 1100.

5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6. Measurement

6.1 Each boat shall submit a valid J22CA Measurement Certificate prior to the Competitors Meeting. 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.

6.2 Boats may be inspected or measured during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.3 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.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available Thursday morning at the registration desk. Sailing Instructions will also be posted online on the Regatta Network site.

8. Venue

The racing area will be located on Choctawhatchee Bay directly east of the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

9. The Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward courses using dropped marks. Offset marks and gates may also be used.

10. Penalty System

The penalty system described in US Sailing 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.

11.3 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.

12. Support Boats

Competitors shall 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 [DP]

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 [DP]

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.

15. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels

16. Prizes will be given to the top five (5) boats of the regatta.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

18. Insurance

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

19. Further Information

For further information please contact any of the following:

Registration, Fee Payment, Who's Registered, Race Documents, Results are on Regatta Network at:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com>

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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).