

**Notice of Race**  
**J/22 District 5**  
**Southwest Championship Circuit Series**  
**Regatta #1**

**Shreveport Yacht Club**  
**Shreveport, Louisiana**  
**March 4 & 5, 2023**

**Invitation:** On behalf of the International J/22 Class Association and J/22 Fleet 10, Shreveport Yacht Club is pleased to invite all sailors to the first regatta of the Southwest Championship Circuit Series. The organizing authority for this regatta is the IJ22CA District 5 and the Shreveport Yacht Club, 2905 Municipal Pier Road, Shreveport, LA 71119.

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 This regatta and circuit series 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), the *Notice of Race*, *Sailing Instructions* and the District's *Notice of Circuit*.
- 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 Rule B.1.1 (b), Boat shall have a valid Measurement Form to be eligible for racing, will be waived for entry and participation in a regatta; however, *a boat without a valid Measurement Form will incur a scoring penalty in the series if not submitted to the Class by October 1, 2023. (see Section 9.4).*
- 1.5 Class Rule C.2.1 Crew Limitations of the IJ22CA Class Rules shall not apply. There shall be no limit on total crew weight to participate in each regatta or the series.
- 1.6 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 and the Notice of Circuit.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form available on Regatta Network. It is recommended to register by Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to allow for greater planning purposes. All fees must be paid prior to the Competitor's Meeting on Saturday at 0900 CDT.

- 3.3 The entry fee includes tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Additional social and dinner packages for additional crew members and non-competitors are available.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 The same crew and same three class sails must be used during the entire Regatta.

## **4 Fees**

### **4.1 Required fees are as follows:**

- 4.1.1 Entry Fee - \$165
- 4.1.2 Additional social and dinner packages per person - \$40
- 4.1.3 Link to registration is available online at: [www.IJ22Southwest.org](http://www.IJ22Southwest.org).
- 4.1.4 There is no option to pay registration fees online or by mail. Please pay by cash, check, debit or credit in person at registration.
- 4.1.5 Entry Fee Includes: Keg Beer, Breakfast buffet, sandwich sack lunch on Saturday; "Cook Your Own Filet" with baked potato, veggies and salad Saturday night and a continental breakfast on Sunday (for crew of 3).

## **5 Schedule**

### **5.1 Friday**

Registration 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **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.  
Dinner at the clubhouse: 5:30 p.m.

### **5.3 Sunday:**

Races continue, First Warning Signal at **9:30 a.m.**  
No Warning Signal after 12:00 p.m.  
Awards at 2:00 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, a valid Measurement Form is not required for entry or participation in a regatta or the series; however, a boat without a valid Measurement Form shall incur a scoring penalty in the series, if not submitted to the Class by October 1, 2023. (see Section 9.4).
- 6.2 Contact your Fleet Measurer or the District 5 Governor to have your J/22 measured.
- 6.3 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 February 25, 2023 on Regatta Network. A link will be available on the J/22 Southwest website, [www.j22southwest.org](http://www.j22southwest.org). 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 Cross Lake, Shreveport, LA.

## **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	Alex Schwinn	918	TILT
02	Doug Weakly	24	HNL
03	Kevin Orff	919	Troublemaker
04	Colin Feik	814	Stampede
05	Eric Simonson	1546	Folka
06	Steven Pracht	0000	Bon Brief
07	Josh Richline	830	Veloce v2.2
08	James Freedman	752	Miss Conduct
09	Karl Bradley	206	Why Knot
10	Jon Larson	863	Let The Wookie Win

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 2023 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 Accommodations:**

The accommodations closest to SYC are in Shreveport along Interstate 20 near the 220 Interchange or at the downtown Shreveport Casinos.

**20 Further Information**

For more information or housing with SYC members, please contact the following:

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