



## 2023 Texas Yacht Club Challenge Cup

**December 9 - 10 2023**

FORT WORTH BOAT CLUB

10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, TX 76179  
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### NOTICE OF RACE

The Fort Worth Boat Club as the Organizing Authority (OA) cordially invited you to the 2023 Texas Yacht Club Challenge on beautiful Eagle Mountain Lake.

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 the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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#### 1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024).
2. Supplied charter J22s must adhere to the Fort Worth Boat Club Charter Agreement.

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#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at Regatta Network.

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#### 3. COMMUNICATION

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the FWBC Club House.
2. All boats shall bring and carry a VHF ration (not provided) capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP].
3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats. [DP].

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## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. Entry is by invitation, based on a first come, first served registration on Regatta Network for Ten (10) boats, further entries received will be placed on the reserve list and confirmed on December 3 if entries are not complete at 2300 on December 2nd, 2023.
2. All sailors, skipper and crew, representing a club must be full, dues paying members of that club in good standing for at least 6 months prior to first day of the regatta.
3. No Class Membership in the J22 Class will be required.
4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

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## 5. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

1. Boats may register by confirming the designated skipper on Regatta Network December 2, 2023 at 2300 hours.
2. The entry fee of \$450.00 per team should be paid on Regatta Network when registering..
3. Entry fee includes boat charter
4. Entry Fee includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and post race refreshments
5. All boats will be chartered from the Fort Worth Boat Club J22 Fleet.
6. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
7. \$1,000 security deposit must be provided prior to sailing. A credit card hold will be placed through the FWBC Accounting Office. A blank cheque to be returned if no damage may be provided in lieu of credit card security deposit.
8. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Fort Worth Boat Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats. The Charter Agreement can be found online at Regatta Network
9. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.

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## 6. Crew Limitations

1. The maximum number of crew will be three (3).
2. There will be no weight limit.

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## 7. ADVERTISING

1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

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## 8. SCHEDULE

1. Event Schedule

### **Friday, December 8**

1300 - 1600 Boats will be available for practice sail by appointment with FWBC Office

### **Saturday, December 9**

09:00 - 09:30 Breakfast,

9.30 Mandatory Competitors' Briefing and Boat Assignments

10:45 First Warning Signal

No warning signal after 1630

Post race Drinks and snacks post race

### **Sunday, December 10**

9:00 - 09:30 Breakfast

9:30 Mandatory Competitors' Briefing and Boat Assignments

10:45 First Warning signal  
14:00 No warning signal deadline  
Post race Awards

2. Number of Races  
Nine 9 races are scheduled.  
One race will constitute a regatta.

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## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

1. Supplied J22s will be inspected and tuned by the Fort Worth Boat Club Staff prior to charter to ensure equal equipment and rigging for all boats are complete and equally equipped.

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## 10. VENUE

1. All races will be held on Eagle Mountain Lake adjacent to Fort Worth Boat Club to maximize spectating potential.
2. Members of invited yacht clubs are invited and welcome to spectate from Fort Worth Boat Club grounds or spectator boats.

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## 11. COURSES AND MARKS

1. The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
2. The races are intended to be of approximately 40 minutes duration.
3. The mark colors and shapes will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing.

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## 12. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

1. If a boat breaches RRS 44.1.b, as judged by the Protest Committee, and if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages.
2. If a boat found by the Protest Committee to have broken RRS 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS43 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages. There will be zero tolerance on collisions!
3. FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund if any action by the charterer is deemed to be unsafe, un-seaman like, or endangers the boat or crew including the charterer failing to follow instructions provided by FWBC.
4. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag, but shall hail "protest" immediately and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1.
5. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.

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## 13. SCORING

1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
2. No race will be excluded.

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## 14. RISK STATEMENT

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
2. All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the Competitors' briefing. [DP] [NP]

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## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 (Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) 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. No boat shall participate in this race unless the skipper and all crew-members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability no later than at the Competitors' Briefing.

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## 16. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded.
2. The top finisher will be named the Texas Challenge Cup champion for 2023.

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## 17. INVITATION LIST

- Austin Yacht Club
- Corpus Christi Yacht Club
- Corinthian Sailing Club
- Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
- Fort Worth Boat Club
- Galveston Bay Cruising Association
- Lake Canyon Yacht Club
- Rush Creek Yacht Club
- Texas Corinthian Yacht Club
- Viridian Sailing Center

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## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

1. For further information please contact:  
Event Chair: Conner Fullerton  
FWBC Office at 10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, TX 76179  
Telephone 817 236 8393