



**Sailing Instructions
2024 Circuit Regatta #4
Organizing Authority Shreveport Yacht Club
J/22 Fleet 10 and District 5**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All US SAILING Prescriptions and the U S Prescription in Appendix V will apply except the prescription to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3 Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows: *These sailing instructions may change 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 an event. A2.1 is changed so that no races shall be discarded.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. (Not Applicable for this event.)

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITOR

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the downstairs bar windows on the north side of the clubhouse.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the end of the pier on the north side of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the RRS 'Race Signals'. This changes in RRS Race Signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1030 hours and on Sunday it is at 0930 hours.
- 6.2 No Warning signal will not be made after 1200 on Sunday.
- 6.3 Five (5) races are scheduled. RC may run fewer races at its discretion.
- 6.4 Flag "A" (ALPHA) displayed with no sound whilst boats are finishing means "no more racing today"

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/22 insignia. Numeral pennant #1 may be substituted for the J/22 class flag.
- 7.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Shreveport Yacht Club on Cross Lake.

9 CHECKING IN

- 9.1 Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's bow number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty, without a hearing, equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3(c). This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 Course Designations:

COURSE #4: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – 1 – 1a – Finish

COURSE #5: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – 1 – 1a – Gate (2P 2S) – Finish

10.2 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.3 Mark 1 and the accompanying offset mark (1a) shall be left to port.

11 MARKS

11.1 The original Mark 1 will be a large orange inflatable sphere mark.

11.2 Offset mark (1a) will be a small orange inflatable sphere mark. The offset mark (1a) will lay to port of Mark 1.

11.3 A gate will be used and the original gate marks (2P, 2S) will be large orange inflatable sphere marks.

11.4 When changing the next leg of the course (SI 13), the new mark, unless the change is for the final leg of the course, will be a large white inflatable sphere mark and the offset mark (1a) will be a small white inflatable sphere mark.

11.5 Gate mark 2S may be set after the start signal.

11.6 If a gate mark is missing, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

11.7 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat, and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a large orange inflatable sphere mark.

12.3 *Individual Recalls*: RC will attempt to hail (and may announce via radio) boats identified as OCS by announcing her bow or sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure or delay to make or hear such hails or announcements, timeliness of broadcast, or the order of numbers announced, will NOT be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 If the change is for Mark 1, the new mark will be a large white inflatable sphere mark, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 5, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.

13.2 If the change is for a gate mark(s) (2P and/or 2S), the new marks will be large white inflatable sphere marks, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 4, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.

13.3 For minor course alterations less than 5 degrees, a change of course may not be signaled.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 *Course 4 Finish:* The finish line for Course 4 will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee signal boat from the start line. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of an inflatable mark. While sailing the last leg of Course 4 to the finish line, gate marks (2P and 2S) are not marks of the course and may be passed on either side.
- 14.2 *Course 5 Finish:* The finish line for Course 5 will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of an inflatable mark to port of the Race Committee boat, or between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat.
- 14.3 RC will attempt to signal its intent to start another race that day by displaying Flag L (yellow and black checkered flag) at the finish of a race. The RC may also attempt to hail competitors of another race to follow via hailer or VHF radio after they complete a race. Once the RC signal boat is in position to start the next race, it will sound multiple short horn blast approximately one minute before the 5-minute warning signal.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The penalty system described in 2021-2024 RRS and added as a US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes after the start signal.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS 35, time limit for a race will be 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (“TLE”) without a hearing. A “TLE” score will be one (1) more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.
- 16.4 Failure to meet any time limit(s) in this SI #16 will NOT be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available in the Shreveport Yacht Club clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board referred to in SI 3.1 above.
- 17.3 The Race Committee will endeavor to post a list of Race Committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the SYC clubhouse.
- 17.6 U S Sailing Prescription to Rule 63.2 does not apply.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 18.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 18.3 There are no throw outs for this event.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio.
- 19.2 A boat that leaves the racing area, retires from a race, or experiences an emergency shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee. In case of emergency, this approval may be granted retroactively.
- 20.2 Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment, and only one suit of sails for the entire regatta unless the item is so severely damaged as to make it unusable. All requests to replace equipment must be submitted to the race committee or the protest committee in writing and all such equipment must pass measurement.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 All boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC. Rudders shall remain affixed during the time after launching.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 68.
- 22.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Boats may use mobile phones to record races while racing; however, must not upload data while racing.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 23.1 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools. Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from the time of launching and the end of the regatta.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SOLELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. *SEE RRS RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE.* TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZERS, DEFINED BELOW, WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR ACCEPT

LIABILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER THE REGATTA.

26 INSURANCE.

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage) with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

**Addendum A
Course Diagram**

