

International J/22 Class Association World Championship

Southern Yacht Club

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Monday-Saturday 5-10 October, 2026

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is Southern Yacht Club. In conjunction with the International J/22 Class Association and J/22 Fleet 46, we are pleased to invite all eligible sailors to attend the 2026 J/22 World Championship event.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the prescriptions of US SAILING as listed in Appendix 1; and the rules of the International J/22 Class Association (IJ22CA).
- 1.2 The RRS are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1 42 PROPULSION and 49 CREW POSITION are changed by IJ22CA rules C1.1(b), C1.1(c), and C2.2.
 - 1.2.2 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with the following: “2. if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not observe, the incident, or”
 - 1.2.3 62.1 is changed by NOR 16.2 and 16.3.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 **[DP]** From 1900 on Tuesday 6 October 2026 through the end of the event, no appliances or devices (including but not limited to dehumidifiers) that require connection to external electrical power shall be used aboard a boat, whether the boat is ashore or afloat. Exceptions for handheld power tools needed for repair require the prior written permission of the Technical Committee.
- 1.5 **[DP]** The Organizing Authority may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. If so, each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the OA for an additional rental fee. Instructions for use will be provided.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

- 2.2 **[DP]** Boats may be required to display bow numbers and sponsors advertising the event in accordance with WS Regulation 20. These items will be chosen by and supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to any J/22 boat and crew that comply with the IJ22CA Rules. The Owner and Skipper shall be a member in good standing of the IJ22CA.
- 3.2 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility code (WS Regulation 19) which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members of US SAILING or their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.
- 3.3 Only boats having completed all registration requirements, including payment of all fees, will be allowed to compete.
- 3.4 The number of crew shall not change during the event. Any substitution to the crew list submitted at registration requires prior written approval by the Technical Committee. Substitution will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, and replacement crew will be weighed before participating. 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 Entry shall be made online at the event website (see link below) or in person at the event registration desk no later than 1800 on Tuesday 6 October 2026.
- 3.6 The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
- 3.6.1 A copy of a valid IJ22CA measurement certificate.
- 3.6.2 Copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
- 3.6.3 Proof of class membership as per NOR 3.1.

4 Fees

- 4.1 **\$600.00 USD** for entries received and paid by 5 September, 2026.
- 4.2 **\$675.00 USD** for entries received and paid after 5 September, 2026.
- 4.3 Vakaros Atlas 2 rental fees are TBD.
- 4.4 Each boat will receive one (1) social pass per registered crew person. Additional social passes will be available for purchase at registration (cost TBD).
- 4.5 Fees may not be refundable in full, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

5 Event Format

- 5.1 A minimum of three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a Championship series.

5.2 Eleven (11) total races are scheduled over four days. Three (3) races per day are planned, with the option for a fourth race per day depending on series progress and weather, at the race committee's discretion.

5.3 On the final scheduled day of racing, no more than two (2) races will be sailed, except as required to complete a Championship series, and no races will start after 1700.

6 Schedule

Monday 5 October

Registration and inspection 1000-1800

Tuesday 6 October

Registration 1000-1800

Inspection 1000-1400

Practice Race 1500

Competitor's meeting and welcome reception 1900

All boats must be launched by 1900 hours.

Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat 7-10 October

Competitor's briefing and breakfast 0815

Earliest warning signal 0955

Races continue back-to-back with a lunch break on the water.

Saturday 10 October

No race will start after 1700 hours.

Awards Ceremony to follow racing.

7 Inspection and Crew Weighing

7.1 All competing boats must be available at the Southern Yacht Club by 6 October 2026 for verification of conformity with class rules during the Inspection hours.

7.2 As provided in RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.

7.3 During the event, checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements, may be performed at any time.

7.4 **[DP]** Only one set of sails may be used during event. The sails for each boat shall be inspected and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.

7.5 **[DP]** All claims of damage to inspected equipment requiring replacement shall be made in writing to the Technical Committee (TC). Replacement of equipment will only be permitted after written approval of the TC. Replaced equipment shall be required to pass an inspection.

7.6 All competitors will be required to weigh in at registration or in the case of crew substitutions as directed by the TC.

8 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online at the event web site.

9 Venue

The event site will be Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA. The racing area will be located on Lake Pontchartrain, North of the SYC clubhouse.

10 The Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward, triangle, or a variation thereof. Offset marks and gates will be used as necessary.

11 Penalty System

11.1 An International Jury will be appointed as provided in RRS 91(b) and decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

11.2 RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION shall apply.

12 Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's worst score will only be excluded from the total of her scores when five (5) or more races have been completed.

13 Support Vessels

13.1 Support vessels shall register at the registration desk.

13.2 **[DP]** Support vessels shall fly a yellow pennant and be located at least 150 meters from the racecourse, from the preparatory signal until the last competitor finishes the race.

13.3 **[DP]** Support boats shall follow all reasonable requests from the race committee.

14 Berthing and Haul-out Restrictions

14.1 Boats shall be prepared to raft up during the event, fenders and mooring lines will be required.

14.2 **[DP]** Except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee, the following restrictions apply: All boats shall be afloat before 1900 hours on Tuesday 6 October 2026 and shall not be hauled out during the event. Rudders shall remain affixed.

15 Diving equipment and plastic pools

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between 1900 hours on Tuesday 6 October 2026 and the end of the event.

16 Communications

- 16.1 **[DP]** While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 The race committee will attempt to use VHF radio channel 72 to communicate with the fleet. This may include, but is not limited to: countdown to signals, OCS numbers, General Recalls, and Postponements. Any failure by the race committee to communicate with the fleet via radio or hail shall not be grounds for redress; this changes RRS 62.1.
- 16.3 The RC may attempt to hail OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails shall not be grounds for redress; this changes RRS 62.1.
- 16.4 It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio onboard capable of receiving channels 9, 16, 68, 72, and 78

17 Prizes

- 17.1 The overall winning boat and crew will acquire the title “World Champion International J/22 Class 2026” and will be awarded the International Class Trophy.
- 17.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top ten (10) skippers and crew.
- 17.3 The Masters prize will be awarded to the highest placing boat entered with a Master’s designation. To be eligible, the skipper shall be age 55 or older and the average age of skipper and crew shall be greater than 40 on 7 October 2026.
- 17.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18 Disclaimer of Liability and Safety

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, exposure, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.
- 18.2 Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

19 Insurance

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 USD per event, or the equivalent, prior to participating in this event.
- 19.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the boat’s owner, and if applicable, owners’ representative.

20 Media Rights

Competitors give absolute right and permission to allow photographs, audio, or video of themselves or their boat, recorded during the event, to be published, in perpetuity, in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

21 Contacts and Event Website

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Event Website & Online Entry: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30892>



Appendix 1 - Applicable US SAILING Prescriptions for 2025-2028

(See attached)

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APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR 2025-2028

Add to the preamble to Part 5:

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Add to rule 65.1:

US Sailing prescribes that

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

Add to rule 70.3(b):

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/rules and click the ‘No Appeal’ link for more information or to obtain approval.

Add to rule 76.1:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under ‘Exclusion’ at ussailing.org/rules.

Add to rule 88.2:

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1.