

Notice of Race
International J/22 Class Association
World Championship Regatta
Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 9-15, 2011

Invitation:

On behalf of the International J/22 Class Association and J/22 Fleet 46, Southern Yacht Club is pleased to invite all eligible sailors to the 2011 J/22 Worlds.

1. Rules:

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

1.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply:

1.2.1 **After RRS 68 add:**

"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 damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find fact and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee of US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for 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 damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the 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."

1.2.2 **After RRS 76.1 add:**

"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."

1.2.3 **Add RRS 76.3:**

"US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

1.3 The IJ22CA (International J/22 Class Association) rules shall apply.

1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

1.4.1 RRS 42 (Propulsion) and 49 (Crew Position) are changed by CR 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Advertising:

2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and sponsors advertising of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be chosen and supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

3. Eligibility and Entry:

3.1. The regatta 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 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility code (ISAF 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 will be allowed to compete.

3.4. The number of crew shall not change during the regatta. Any substitution to the crew list submitted at registration requires prior written approval by the race committee. Substitution will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, and replacement crew will be weighed before participating. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without 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.

3.5. Entries shall reach the regatta secretary no later than October 3, 2011.

3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration

3.6.1. A copy of a valid measurement certificate

3.6.2. Copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.

3.6.3. Proof of membership as per NOR 3.1

4. Fees:

4.1. \$425.00 for entries completed & paid prior to September 10, 2011 and \$575.00 for entries received and paid after September 10, 2011.

5. Event Format:

5.1. If boats sail as one fleet, there will be a maximum of 13 races.

5.2. Qualifying series and final series

5.2.1 If there are more than 60 boats registered then the Organizing Authority may decide to divide the contestants into 2 fleets with a Qualifying and Final Series.

5.2.2 If a Qualifying series and a final series are held, the following will apply:

Maximum of 4 races a day may be sailed

- 5.2.3 The regatta will consist of 1 or 2 days of qualifying races followed by a final series with a maximum of 11 races.
- 5.2.4 For the Qualifying Series, the Organizing Authority will divide the competitors into four groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations. If three qualification races are completed in Day 1 the qualification series will be complete and the fleet will be split; eleven races will be scheduled Day 2-4 for the final series. If less than three races are completed on Day 1 the Qualification Series will include up to 4 additional races to be sailed on Day 2; eight races will be scheduled for days 3-4 for the final series.
- 5.2.5 Based on the results of the Qualifying Series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the Final Series.
- 5.2.6 All competitors will be informed in which group they will sail their Qualifying series by 0800 on October 12, 2011.

6 **Schedule:**

Sunday October 9:

Registration and Measurement 1000-1900

Monday October 10:

Registration and Measurement 1000-1900

Tuesday October 11:

Registration and Measurement 1000-1900

Practice Race 1500

Competitor's Meeting and Welcoming Reception 1900

All boats must be launched by 2200 hours.

Wednesday October 12:

Competitor's daily briefing 0815

Race Day One Warning Signal 0955

Races continue back-to-back. Lunch on the water.

Thursday October 13:

Competitor's daily briefing 0815

Race Day Two Warning Signal 0955

Races continue back-to-back. Lunch on the water.

Friday October 14:

Competitor's daily briefing 0815

Race Day Three Warning Signal 0955.

Races continue back-to-back. Lunch on the water.

Saturday October 15:

Competitor's daily briefing 0815

Race Day Four Warning Signal

0955

Races continue back-to-back. Lunch on the water.

No races will be started after 1700 hours.

Awards Ceremony after racing

7 Measurements and Crew Weighing

- 7.1 Each yacht shall be in possession of a valid measurement certificate registered with the IJ22CA. Pre-certification before arriving at the regatta is strongly encouraged. Boats and Owners not obtaining pre-certification must make arrangements prior to the regatta.
- 7.2 All competing boats must be available at the Southern Yacht Club by October 11, 2011 for verification of conformity with class rules during the measurement hours.
- 7.3 In accordance with 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.
- 7.4 During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time.
- 7.5 Only one set of sails may be used for the entire regatta, the sails for each boat shall be measured and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.
- 7.6 All claims of damage to measured-in equipment requiring replacement shall be made in writing to the race committee. Replacement of equipment will only be permitted after written approval of the race committee. Replaced equipment shall be required to pass a measurement check.
- 7.7 All competitors will be required to weigh in at registration or in the case of crew substitutions as directed by the race committee.

8 Sailing Instructions:

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available during registration and also online at the event web site.

9 Venue

- 9.1 The regatta 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

- 10.1 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 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

12 Scoring:

12.1 If sailed as one fleet:

12.1.1 Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except as amended herein.

12.1.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.1.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be

the total of her race scores.

12.1.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.2 If a qualifying series is used:

12.2.1 Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except as amended herein. Qualifying series will be scored separately for the purpose of splitting the fleet into gold and silver divisions.

12.2.2 For the qualifying and Final series: When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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12.2.4 A minimum of Four (4) final series races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

12.2.5 A minimum of one race completed will constitute the Qualifying Series.

12.2.6 A Qualifying series race is not scored as complete until both racing groups have finished.

12.2.7 A boat's score for the qualifying series will be carried through to the final series.

13 Support Boats

13.1 Support boats shall register at the registration desk.

13.2 Support boats shall be marked by a yellow pennant and remain no less than 150M from the racecourse from the preparatory signal until the last competitor finishes the race.

13.3 Failure to comply may result in a penalty at the discretion of the jury.

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 Except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee the following restrictions apply: All boats shall be afloat before 2200 hours on Tuesday October 11, 2011, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta. Rudders shall remain affixed.

15 Diving equipment and plastic pools

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between 2200 hours on Tuesday October 11, 2011 and the end of the regatta.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio 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 to

the fleet, this may include but not all-inclusive: countdown to the start, OCS numbers, General Recalls, and Postponements.

16.2.1 The following shall not be grounds for redress:

16.2.1.1 Failure of a boat to receive or hear the recall.

16.2.1.2 A boat's position in the sequence of recall.

16.3 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 Provided that the regatta is valid, the overall winning boat and crew will acquire the title "World Champion International J/22 Class 2011" and will be awarded the International Class Trophy.

17.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crew in the Gold Division and the top five skippers and crew in the Silver Division if the fleet is divided.

17.3 If the fleet is not divided, prizes will be awarded to the top ten skippers and crew.

17.4 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 October 11, 2011.

17.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18 Disclaimer of Liability and Safety

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with this regatta. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

18.2 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.

18.3 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 cover 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 owner/owners' representative

20 Television & Photographers' Rights

20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

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