



# 2014 J/22 North American Championship May 15-18, 2014

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,  
The International J/22 Class Association &  
J/22 Fleet 19  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
Event Website: [www.j22na.com](http://www.j22na.com)



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*For instructions marked [DP] or [NP] see sailing instruction (SI) 16.7.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply are stated in full in Notice of Race (NoR) Attachment A.
- 1.3 Boats shall display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority in accordance with instructions provided with the numbers.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event web site, [www.j22na.com](http://www.j22na.com). All notices will also be posted outside the lower deck lobby of the AYC Clubhouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the AYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing schedule is as follows:

Racing Day	Time	Scheduled Event
Wednesday, May 14th	1200 - 1800	Registration, Inspection, & Weigh In
Thursday, May 15th	1000 - 1800	Registration, Inspection, & Weigh In
Thursday, May 15th	1400 - 1600	Practice Race
Thursday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	1800-1930	Skipper's Meeting – Welcome Cocktail Party
Friday, May 16th	1030	First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled
Friday May 16th	1830-2030	Competitor's Banquet
Saturday, May 17th	1030	First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled
Sunday, May 18th	1030	First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled
Sunday, May 18th	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

- 5.2 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.3 A total of 9 races are scheduled. Four (4) races completed will constitute a championship.
- 5.4 The race committee will rendezvous with the fleet near Severn River R"2" at 0945. The committee will display flag L and proceed to the starting area.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

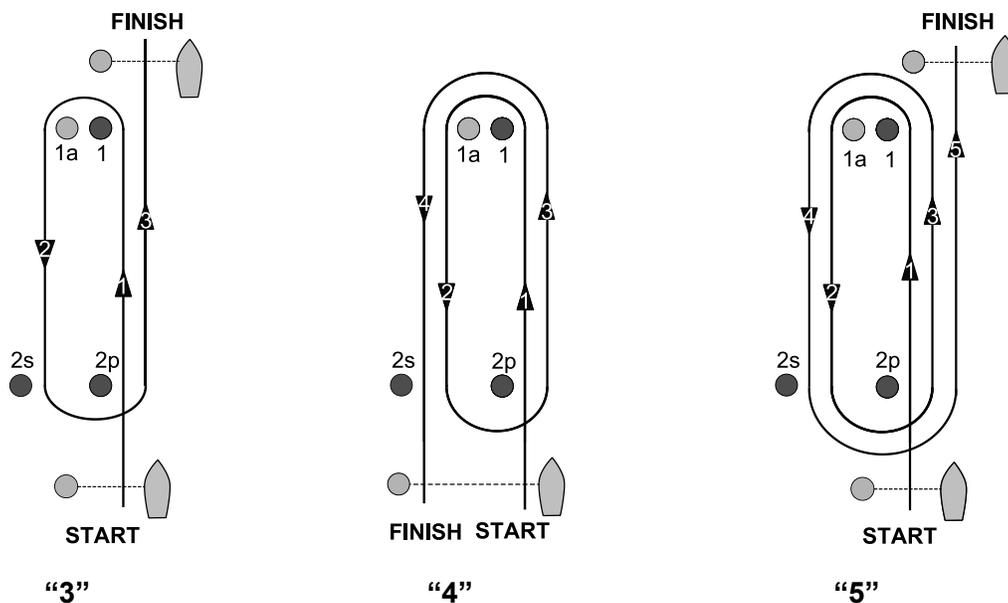
- 6.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/22 insignia.
- 6.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

**7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. See Attachment 1, Race Area.

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale) and description below:



Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind

Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.
- 8.3 The windward mark and offset mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 For all courses an offset mark will be set approximately 6 – 10 boat lengths to port of the weather mark.

- 8.5 The leeward gate will be located above the starting area. Boats shall pass between marks 2s and 2p and round one of them before going to the next mark of the course.
- 8.6 For courses 3 and 5, marks 1 and 1a are not marks of the course on the last leg when sailing to the finish line and may be passed on either side. For course 4, marks 2s and 2p are not marks of the course on the final leg while sailing to the finish line and may be passed on either side.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Starting, finishing marks and mark 1a will be lime green cylinders. Marks 1, 2p, and 2s will be orange cylinders. New marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.
- 9.2 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.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## **11 RECALLS**

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting bow or sail numbers over VHF Channel 72. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will apply.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes after the start.
- 15.2 The time limit is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 Boats scored TLE will be given a race score of points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boats docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.

- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 RRS/US Appendix T, Section D, (Arbitration) will apply.
- 16.6 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 AYC Clubhouse.
- 16.7 Boats may not protest other boats for breaking SI marked [NP]. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking SI marked [DP] or for breaking RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 17.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16 and 72.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3 [NP] A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 18.4 Boats shall not enter US Coast Guard "Exclusion Zones". These zones rank as "obstructions".
- 18.5 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for this SI 18 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. In case of emergency, this approval may be granted retroactively.
- 19.2 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 in writing and all such equipment must pass measurement.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Once afloat, boats may not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the race committee.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

**22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

**23 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 skippers and crew.

**24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

**25 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$US 300,000 per event or the equivalent.

**ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA**

