

# 2023 J22 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority:

Fort Walton Yacht Club & the US J22 Class

Association March 16-19, 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of J22 International Class Association, the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions RRS 63.2, 63.1(b) shall not apply

1.4 If there is a conflict between the NoR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.j22mw.com>.

2.2 As a courtesy, an on-site notice board may also be located on the back porch of Fort Walton Yacht Club.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) 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 on the flag staff on the back lawn.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.'  
*This changes Race Signal AP.*

### 5. SCHEDULE

#### 5.1.

Date		Time
Thursday 3-16-2023	Thursday: Registration Practice Race First Warning Signal Competitors Meeting & Welcome Reception All boats must be launched by	1000-1900 1455 1900 2200
Friday 3-17-2023	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow	1100

Saturday 3-18-2023	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow Dinner – On Your Own	1100 1800
Sunday 3-19-2023	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow No initial warning signal after Awards	1100 1430 1600

5.2. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag shall be a J22 class insignia.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be located on Choctawhatchee Bay directly east of the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagrams in **Attachment A** show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The RC signal boat will designate the course by displaying the approximate magnetic compass bearing, distance in nautical miles and course configuration for each race.
- 8.3. The RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, if a single leeward mark is set it shall be left to port.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable.
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be an orange or red ball.
- 9.3 Mark 2s and 2p will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be either an anchored RC vessel displaying an orange flag or a large green ball or buoy.
- 9.5 The finish mark for course L2 will be a large green ball or buoy.
- 9.6 The finish mark for course W2 will be between Mark 1 and a nearby RC vessel.
- 9.7 New marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

## **10. START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on RC boats or between the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the race committee (RC) will display the orange starting line flag with multiple sounds at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 10.4. If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal, and she is identified, the RC may attempt to hail her bow or sail number on **VHF channel 72**.

**10.4** Failure to hear a broadcast, the order of sail or bow numbers called, or the timeliness of the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1.** The RC may adjust the location of a mark of the course during a race, no more than 10 degrees or .1nm without signaling a change of course. *This changes RRS 33.*

**11.2.** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the old mark as soon as practicable.

**11.3.** Mark 1a (offset) will be reset if the weather mark is moved.

**11.4.** When a subsequent change of the new mark is required, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

**12.2** Code flag A displayed at the finish indicates “no more racing today.”

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1** *The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to:* “A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule in Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than the *starting mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty.”

**13.2** Penalties within the zone of Mark 1 or Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2.*

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

**14.1** The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

**14.2** If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

**14.3** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing. TLE will be scored as the number of finishers plus 1 (one). *This changes RRS 35, A5.2*

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Hearing Request forms will be available at the Judges table in the hearing room. Hearing Requests must be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. *This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.*

**15.2** The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal boat docks after the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. A request for redress for an incident in the racing area shall be delivered within the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

**15.3** Notices will be posted no later 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the “Commodores’ Room inside the main clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board. Hearings that do not have all parties present at its start may be rescheduled.

**15.4** Protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC), or the PC shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## **16. SCORING**

**16.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A4 shall be used.

**16.2** When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

**16.3** Two (2) races must be completed to constitute a Midwinter Championship.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** [NP] Check-In: All boats shall check in with the RC signal vessel displaying the "L" flag prior to the first warning signal of each day. Each boat shall sail past and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty in the first race of each day. This changes A5.1.

**17.2** [DP][NP] Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**18.1** All radio communication between the RC and the competitors will be on VHF channel 72. VHF radios are allowed by the class for this event and is encouraged. Class rules regarding other electric/electronic devices will remain in place.

**18.2** [NP] Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to the competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's signals which shall govern the conduct of racing.

## **19 EVENT ADVERTISING**

[DP][NP] Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA as follows: Bow stickers and numbers.

## **20 PRIZES**

**20.1** Awards shall be presented to the top five (5) overall teams.

**20.2** Additional prizes may be awarded.

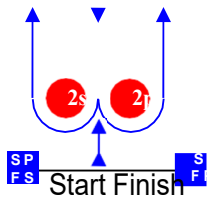
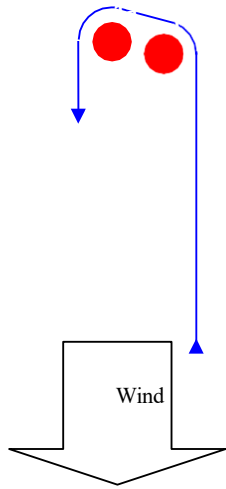
## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

# ATTACHMENT A

**Course Diagrams – Windward Leeward with offset (Please refer to mark colors noted in section 9. Marks)**

### L2 – Finish to Leeward




### W2 – Finish to Windward

