



2024 Wednesday Night J22 Racing Series

COMBINED Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions FOR ALL SERIES

The Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) cordially invites you to the 2024 Wednesday Night Club J22 Racing Series on beautiful Eagle Mountain Lake.

1. Rules

- 1.1. All series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2. A boat may take a One (1)-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing both outside the Mark Zone and Inside the Mark Zone . This changes RRS 44.1

2. Class

- 2.1. These series' will be sailed in the FWBC Club J/22s.
- 2.2. Privately owned J/22s are welcome to participate.

3. Eligibility & Entry.

- 3.1. All series are open to FWBC members who have a sign-out card for the Club J/22s on file with the FWBC Harbor Master.
- 3.2. Eligible members may register as skipper by completing the online registration form at Regatta Networks via www.fortworthboatclub.com/clubracing
- 3.3. Eligible members who are registered and wishing to race that week, may request a boat as skipper by completing the online registration form at <https://j22.connerfullerton.com> before 1800 on the Monday before the race.
- 3.4. Skippers will be assigned to the available boats in a random manner by the registration website.
- 3.5. The boat assignments for the week's racing will be sent to registered skippers by 1800 on the Tuesday before racing and communicated on the FWBC Slack App J22 page.
- 3.6. If a skipper has to relinquish an allocated boat notice must be sent to j22@fwbc.com and any members who have drawn out that week.
- 3.7. If there are more skippers than boats available at the end of registration each week, skippers that registered and did not get a boat for that week ("draw out") will be notified by the club. If there are fewer skippers than boats available at the end of registration each week, the remaining boats will be available on a first come first served basis.
- 3.8. Skippers that draw out shall not be drawn out of subsequent races unless all other skippers in that drawing have drawn out as many times as the skipper in question. Skippers in any given draw shall have priority over skippers who have drawn out less times. This shall reset at the beginning of each series.



3.9 Depending on Race Committee personnel availability, skippers may need to serve as Race Committee.

4. Fees

4.1 Skippers' FWBC club accounts will be charged a single entry fee of \$225.00 which will cover all series. The Skipper will automatically be entered for all series in Regatta Networks, no further action is required as in 3.2.

5. Schedule

5.1 The schedule of racing will be as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Orientation and Work Day | March 6 @1700 |
| Spring Series | March 13, 20, 27 April 3,10, 17, 24 |
| Late Spring Series | May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 12 |
| Heatstroke Series | June 19, 26 July 3,10 17,24 31 |
| Fall Series | August 7, 14, 22, 28 September 4, 11, 18 |

5.2 There may be as many as two (2) races held per day.

5.3 First Warning Signal:

5.3.1 The first warning signal will be at 1800 for race days though April 3

5.3.2 The first warning signal will be at 1830 for race days from April 10 through August 28.

5.3.3 The first warning signal will be 1800 for race days beginning September 4 to September 18.

6. Notices to Competitors

6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website Regatta Networks on the url below.

<https://www.fortworthboatclub.com/club-racing>

6.2 FWBC Slack J22 Fleet will also carry information on racing and general communications.

7. Class Flag

7.1 No Class Flag will be displayed under Appendix U and 14.11 .

8. Scoring

- 8.1 As this event involves random boat assignment and boat rotation, scoring will be assigned to the skipper registered for that race series, instead of to the boat as is generally referenced in the RRS. All references, in RRS Appendix A and herein, to boat are to be interpreted as to refer to the skipper assigned to that boat for that day.
- 8.2 One race is required is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3 A series may consist of as many as 14 races.
- 8.4 Scoring and allocation of worst score discards will be as follows

| Number of Races raced in that series | Worst Scores excluded |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - 6 | None (0) |
| 7 | One (1) |
| 8 - 10 | Three (3) |
| 11 - 14 | Four (4) |

8.5 Rule A5.3 will apply, changing Rule A5.2.

8.7 If a Skipper registers and is not assigned a boat (i.e. "draws out"), that skipper shall be scored one more point than the total possible number of boats available that day.

8.6 When a skipper registers for a boat, and is assigned a boat and is a no show or fails to give sufficient notice for the boat to be re-allocated, that skipper will be scored 2 points more than the number of boats registered for the series and be excluded from the draw to race the next week.

9. Trophies

- 9.1 Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place boats for each series.
- 9.2 Prize giving will be held on the first race day of the following series.

10. Racing Area

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

11. The Courses

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses of approximately 0.5nm in length per leg.
- 11.2 The course to be sailed will be posted on the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal.

12. Marks

- 12.1 Marks will be permanent and or temporary buoys.
- 12.2 Permanent buoys will be orange or white cylinders with a letter designation as shown in Attachment A.
- 12.3 Temporary buoys will be orange tetrahedrons or orange buoys and will be designated numbers as follows: 1 - Windward Mark; 3 - Leeward Mark
- 12.4 The race committee may change a leg of the course as per RRS 33: however, all visual signaling requirements of RRS 33 are optional, and the race committee need only signal the change using repetitive sounds. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.5 The starting and finishing marks will be marks of the course as described above.

13. Areas that are obstructions.

- 13.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: The Azle Pump Station and the restricted area surrounding the pump station designated by white navigational buoys.

14. The Start

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- 14.1 Races will be started using Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System, of the US Sailing Prescriptions, as modified below:
 - 14.1.1 Amended Appendix U3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times. These signals shall be timed from their commencement. There will be no supporting visual signals.

| Signal | Sound | Time Before Start |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Attention | Series of short sounds | Before the warning |
| Warning | <u>1 long</u> | 5 minutes |
| Preparatory | <u>1 long</u> | 4 minutes |
| | <u>1 long</u> | 1 minute |
| Starting | <u>1 long</u> | 0 |

- 14.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 14.3 U4 Individual recalls shall be signaled by hailing the sail number of each recalled boat. Flag X will be displayed until early starts have been cleared.

15. The Finish

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available upon request at the FWBC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS61.1 (b).
- 16.5. If a boat breaches RRS 44.1.b, as judged by the Protest Committee, and if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages.
- 16.6. If a boat found by the Protest Committee to have broken RRS 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS43 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages. There will be zero tolerance on collisions.
- 16.7 FWBC may immediately revoke the usage rights if any action by the charterer is deemed to be unsafe, un-seaman like, or endangers the boat or crew including the charterer failing to follow instructions provided by FWBC.
- 16.8 Breaches of SIs 13.1, 14.3, 17.2, 17.3 shall not be grounds for redress.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) shall be worn by all competitors on boats with less than three (3) crew aboard at all times while afloat
- 17.3 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) shall be worn by all competitors on boats when the race committee boat is displaying the Y (Yankee) flag.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1 Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19. Collisions

19.1 Charges for damage repair to all affected boats will be sent to the skipper deemed at fault by withdrawal or protest outcome. Appeal to the Board of Governors may be sought in egregious circumstances.

19.2 Maximum liability for such damage charges will be \$2000.00 per boat involved in the incident.

20. Sign-out Cards

20.1 Sign-out cards shall be kept by the Harbor Master, who shall allow only those persons with valid cards to sign-out sailboats for which they have qualified. The Harbor Master is also required to deny the signing-out of club owned sailboats When:

20.1.1 Winds are a steady 25 mph or greater.

20.1.2 When gusts are greater than 30 mph.

20.1.3 Spinnakers - The American National Bank and Trust spinnakers are not to be used in sustained winds of 15 mph or more or gusts of up to 19 mph., the Audi spinnakers may be used in sustained winds upto 19 mph. All Spinnakers are prohibited when the winds are steady 20 mph or greater or when gusts are greater than 25 mph.

20.1.4 When lightning storms are imminent.

20.1.5 or when in the Harbor Master's opinion conditions are such as to cause probable damage to a sailboat or its gear.

20.1.6 Based on weather conditions the choice of sails to be used will be posted on a white board in the Bosuns Shed Sail Locker prior to racing.

20. Sustainability Statement

20.1 This is a Clean Regatta, all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. See RRS 47.

21. Further Information

21.1 It is the responsibility of the Skipper to report any damage, missing items or maintenance issues to the checked out boat to the harbor master office via the sign out sheet and by using j22@fwbc.com after racing.

21.2 Skippers and crews are requested to leave the allocated boat in a clean and shipshape state after racing, removing all trash and hanging up lifejackets inside the boat to dry.

21.3 Sails to be returned to the sail store after racing and if wet, spinnakers hung up to dry.

21.4 For further information please contact the FWBC Office or the Race Committee. The FWBC office phone number is (817) 236-8393.

22. Amendments

22.1 Amendments to this document are indicated in **underscore and italics.**

ATTACHMENT A

Racing Area

