



# MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

23-26 February 2012

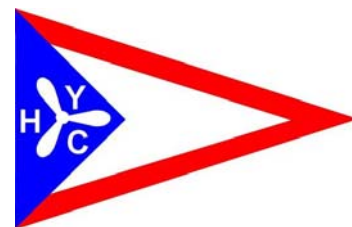
Hosted by

Houston Yacht Club

J22 FLEET #6

AND

UNITED STATES J/22 CLASS



## NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority for this regatta is USJ22CA. Houston Yacht Club and J/22 Fleet 6 are the event hosts.

- RULES** - This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*. 1.1 U.S Sailing Prescriptions 60 will apply.
- ELIGIBILITY** - This event is open to all J/22 Class boats with a valid measurement certificate and meeting the eligibility requirements of CR 2.8. Entrants shall meet all IJ22CA requirements including but not limited to: IJ22CA membership, National Authority membership, and boat and sail measurement. A boat shall be considered entered when the above requirements are met, a complete entry form is submitted, and all entry fees are paid.
- ENTRIES** - Entry fee is \$250.00 for entries completed through January 10th; \$325.00 starting January 11th. All entries must be received by 1000 hours on 23 February. The entry fee includes storage, launching and racing, and tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Additional social packages for additional crew members and non-competitors are available for a price of \$50.00 per person. Registration Forms will be made available online through [www.j22mw.com](http://www.j22mw.com).
- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** – Nine (9) races are planned. Three races are required to constitute a series.

Time	Thursday Feb 23rd	Time	Saturday Feb 25th
0800-1800	Registration and weigh-in	0955	Warning gun for first race of the day
1400	Practice starts and practice race		(up to 4 races per day)
1700	All boats must be afloat		Social event
1800	Skipper meeting and reception		
	Friday Feb 24th		Sunday Feb 26th
0730-0800	Crew weigh-in	0955	Warning gun for first race of the day
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	(up to 4 races per day)		If more than 3 races are completed then no race will start after 1400
	Social event		Awards as soon as practical

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- 5 MEASUREMENT, EQUIPMENT CHECKS and CREW WEIGHING** - First-time measurement at the regatta is strongly discouraged, and will only be provided on Monday 21 February with advanced reservation. Contact Chris Howell: [j22@roadrunner.com](mailto:j22@roadrunner.com) or 440-796-3100. All competitors will be required to have a valid measurement certificate, registered with the IJ22CA. All boats should be prepared to be weighed. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJ22CA rules and the sailing instructions. Competitors will be weighed at registration. Skippers and crews will be required to comply with USJ22CA Rule 8.9 (total crew weight) and 8.10 (substitution).
- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 7 REGATTA SITE** - Regatta headquarters, registration and crew weigh-in will be in the Ballroom on the second floor at HYC. Boats may be stored at HYC and launched from the club hoists. Safe berthing will also be provided within the protected basin.
- 8 RACING AREA** - Racing will take place on Upper Galveston Bay.
- 9 SCORING** - The regatta will be scored in accordance with the low point system of RRS A2 except a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score only if 6 or more races have been completed This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 10 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the breezeway at HYC.
- 11 HAUL OUT** –Except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury the following restrictions apply: All boats shall be afloat before 1700 hours on Thursday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta. Rudders shall remain affixed
- 12 PRIZES** - Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth and daily winners.
- 13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 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.
- 14 INSURANCE** – Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.
- 15 FURTHER INFORMATION** – For further information contact Christopher Howell: [j22@roadrunner.com](mailto:j22@roadrunner.com)/ 440-796-3100 or Terry Flynn at [tflynn@quantumsails.com](mailto:tflynn@quantumsails.com) or 281-474-4168

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Camping is not allowed on HYC property.**

**Link to event page [www.j22mw.com](http://www.j22mw.com)**

**Link to HYC homepage [www.houstonyachtclub.com/index.html](http://www.houstonyachtclub.com/index.html)**