



**J/22 District 5
2023 Southwest Championship
Circuit Series
Notice of Circuit**

You are cordially invited to participate in the United States J/22 Class Association (USJ22CA) District 5, 2023 Southwest Championship Circuit Series. The series shall consist of seven regattas held throughout District 5. The USJ22CA District 5 and the Fleets therein with their local affiliated racing clubs are the organizers and hosts.

1 Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 - 2024 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), International J22 Class Association Rules (IJ22CA), each regatta's *Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions* and this Notice of Circuit.

1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.

1.3 RRS Rule 87 will be modified to read as follows: The sailing instructions may modify a class rule.

1.4 Class Rule B.1.1 (b), Boat shall have a valid Measurement Form to be eligible for racing, will be waived for entry and participation in a regatta; however, a *boat without a valid Measurement Form will incur a scoring penalty in the series if not submitted to the Class by October 1, 2023. (see Section 9.4).*

1.5 Class Rule C.2.1 Crew Limitations of the IJ22CA Class Rules shall not apply. There shall be no limit on total crew weight to participate in each regatta or the series.

1.6 Appendix A is modified below in section 9.

1.7 Each regatta's race committee and protest committee shall have authority on all matters within their respective jurisdiction. A committee consisting of USJ22CA Southwest District Fleet Captains of record and chaired by the USJ22CA District 5 Governor of record will resolve all matters not within the jurisdiction of the regatta race committee or protest committee or the RRS (e.g., seriesscoring).

1.8 The District 5 Governor, with the advice of the District 5 Fleet Captains, may establish additional guidelines for the management of races, to be made available to the Regatta Chairperson and Principal Race Officers.

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The series is open to all J/22 boats as defined by the IJ22CA. Competitors must meet regatta registration requirements as stated in each event's *Notice of Race* to become participants in the series. Crewmembers, other than helmspersons, are not required to be class members, however, they are encouraged to join in support of the Class by becoming Associate Members.

2.2 A competitor will have until **October 1, 2023** to become a J/22 Class Member for series scoring purposes.

3 Fees

There are no separate entry fees for the series. Successful entry, registration and participation in a scheduled series regatta automatically enters a helmsperson or boat (one or the other) into the series.

4 Schedule

The 2023 Southwest Championship Circuit Series shall be comprised of the following regattas.

No.	Dates	Club	Event
1	March 4-5	Shreveport Yacht Club	J/22 only
2	April 15-16	Rush Creek Yacht Club	J/22 only
3	May 20-21	Lakewood Yacht Club	Shoe Regatta
4	June 24 - 25	Corpus Christi Yacht Club	Surfin' Safari
5	September 16 - 17	Houston Yacht Club	HOOD
6	October 7 - 8	Lakewood Yacht Club	J/Fest Southwest
7	November 11 - 12	Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Wurstfest II

5 Measurement

5.1 A valid Measurement Certificate is not required for entry or participation in a regatta; however, a *boat without a valid Measurement Form shall incur a scoring penalty in the series, if not submitted to the Class by October 1, 2023. (see Section 9.4).*

5.2 **Contact your Fleet Measurer or the District 5 Governor to have your J/22 measured.**

6 Sailing Instructions

There are no sailing instructions for the series. Sailing instructions will be provided at each regatta as designated in that regatta's *Notice of Race*.

7 Venue

Each regatta venue will be described in its respective *Notice of Race*.

8 Courses

Racing will take place on Windward/Leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.

9 Series Scoring

9.1 Four (4) regattas shall be required to make a circuit series and only those regattas for which at least five (5) competitors compete and where two (2) races are completed will be scored in the circuit series.

9.1.1 When four (4) regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her circuit regatta scores. (no throw-outs)

9.1.2 When five (5) or six (6) regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her circuit regatta scores, excluding her worst score.

9.1.3 When seven (7) or more regattas are scored, a boat's overall score will be the total of her circuit regatta scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

9.1.4 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and all others shall be ranked accordingly.

9.2 Each competitor will be awarded series points based upon their overall finish in a completed regatta as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Points</i>
First	1
Second	2
Third	3
Fourth	4
Fifth	5
Sixth	6
Seventh	7
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

9.3 A competitor that did not enter or did not come to the starting area, with the intent to race, for any of the races in a regatta shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of boats entered in the circuit series.

9.4 When the helmsperson does not meet the class membership requirement or when a boat lacks a measurement certificate as specified in IJ22CA Class Rules the competitor shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of entrants in that regatta; and, the scoring of the other competitors for that regatta with a worse finishing position shall be moved up one place. However, if the membership and/or measurement certificate requirements are met prior to October 1, 2023 the competitor's score will be reinstated, and the scores of other boats/competitors will be adjusted to reflect the previously non-qualifying competitor's new scores

9.5 At registration for each regatta in which a competitor competes, an election shall be made whether to score the boat or helmsman as the competitor for purposes of series scoring. Thus, a helmsman may compete on multiple boats throughout the series with individual regatta scores being contributed to the helmsperson regardless of the boat being sailed. Alternately, the individual regatta scores may be attributed to the boat and not to the helmsperson; allowing a boat to compete utilizing multiple helmspersons. Regatta scores shall be attributed to one or the other.

10 Prizes

Awards for the series will be presented to the final overall top three (3) competitors (helmsman or boat). Optional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the District 5 Governor.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in a regatta and the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Hosts, IJ/22CA, District 5 and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after a regatta.

12 Bow Numbers

12.1 To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, unique two (2) digit bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing boat hull. These numbers must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:

12.1.1 The leading edge of the forward number shall be 10" aft of the stem.

12.1.2 The leading edge of the aft number shall be 4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.

12.1.3 The top edge of both numbers shall be between 4" and 8" from the rail.

12.1.4 All numbers must contrast with the hull color and be at least 12" in height and a minimum thickness of 1.7".

12.2 Bow numbers will be assigned to each participating boat for the duration of the series. Bow numbers 01 through 10 are reserved for the top ten competitors from the 2020 series.

Bow #	Name	Sail #	Boat Name
01	Alex Schwinn	918	TILT
02	Doug Weakly	24	HNL
03	Kevin Orff	919	Troublemaker
04	Colin Feik	814	Stampede
05	Eric Simonson	1546	Folka
06	Steven Pracht	0000	Bon Brief
07	Josh Richline	830	Veloce v2.2
08	James Freedman	752	Miss Conduct
09	Karl Bradley	206	Why Knot
10	Jon Larson	863	Let The Wookie Win

12.3 Competitors listed above with reserved bow numbers must choose to use either their reserved bow number or their standard bow number for the duration of the 2023 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 11 through 99 will be assigned out of the then open pool of unassigned numbers by the USJ22CA District 5 Governor. Issues relating to bow numbers (e.g. assignment, placement, size, etc.) will be resolved solely by the USJ22CA Southwest District Governor of record.

12.4 It shall be the responsibility of each participating competitor to obtain and affix the assigned bow numbers to their boat. The Fleets, host Yacht Clubs and the Southwest District are not responsible to provide numerals for bow numbers.

13 Additional Information

The most up to date series information may be found at the USJ22CA Southwest District web site at <http://www.j22southwest.org>. For more information on the series, contact USJ22CA District 5 (Southwest) Governor, Eric Simonson, at <mailto:ECSimonson79@gmail.com>. For information relating to the individual circuit regattas, please contact the local fleet or host club stated in that event's NOR.