

**2024 J22 Michigan Championship
September 07, 2024**

Hosted by - Gull Lake Yacht Club – Richland, Michigan

Sailing Instructions

1– Rules

- 1.1 The regatta(s) will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Rules of the International J22 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 International J22 class rule 8.9 (Crew Weight) will not be enforced for this event.

2 – Notice To

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Quarter Deck.

3- Changes To The Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day.

4- Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat (RC Signal Boat), while docked.
- 4.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP.

5- Schedule Of Races (Four races are scheduled)

- 5.1 08:00-10:30 Registration
10:30 Competitors Meeting
12:00 1st Warning Signal (Remaining races to follow in succession without a break)
- 5.2 No warning signals past 16:00

6- Class Flag

- 6.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the J22 insignia appearing thereon.

7- Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Gull Lake.

8- The Course

- 8.1 The course will be Windward/Leeward.
- 8.2 The posting board on the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat will display the number of laps and approximate compass bearing of the first mark for each race.

8.3 One (1) lap shall consist of two (2) legs. For example a 2 ½ on the posting board would mean a course with five (5) legs... two laps windward/leeward with a finish to windward.

8.4 The length of the course will ideally be not less than 0.5 miles; however, the course length is left to the sole discretion of the race committee.

8.5 There may be an offset mark located approximately 90 feet from the windward mark and must be rounded after rounding the windward mark.

8.6 Marks will be rounded to port.

8.7 The RC Signal Boat may deploy a “keep off” mark from the stern. Any boat or buoy attached to the RC signal boat shall be considered part of the RC boat. If a yacht touches either the keep-off mark or passes between the keep-off mark and the RC Boat, she shall for the purposes of Rule 31, treat herself as having touched the RC Boat.

9- Marks

9.1 The primary turning marks will be large ORANGE inflatables.

9.2 Change of course marks will be large YELLOW inflatables.

9.3 The Offset mark will be a smaller ORANGE inflatable.

10- The Start

10.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the RC Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and a mark on the port side of the committee boat.

10.2 A yacht starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS).

10.3 The race committee will attempt to notify On Course Side (OCS) boats verbally or on Channel 72; however, lack of communication will not be grounds for redress.

11- Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 To change the next leg of a course, the RC will lay a new Mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12- The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the RC Signal boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby mark.

13- Time Limits

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes.

13.2 If no yacht has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

13.3 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

14- Protests And Requests For Redress

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms available at the RC Signal Boat.
- 14.2 Protests shall be delivered to the RC PRO within one hour of the harbor gun (When the RC Signal Boat returns to the dock). A long horn blast will signal the beginning of this time.
- 14.3 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 along with the location of hearings.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of Sailing Instruction #'s 17 and 18 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15- Scoring – Scoring will be done per the RRS

- 15.1 Scoring will be applied per the RRS.
- 15.2 Four races are scheduled, of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.3 All races will be scored (no throw-outs)

16- Safety Regulations

- 16.1 **Boats must check-in with the RC Signal Boat before the first warning signal of each day.** Boats will check-in by sailing past the stern of the RC Boat in single file on starboard tack and hailing their sail number until acknowledged by RC personnel. A boat that fails to check-in may be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC either before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to notify the Race Committee in a timely manner may result in disqualification for that day's racing.
- 16.3 A boat that retires must check-in with the RC Boat before resuming racing.

17- Support Boats

- 17.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18- Radio Communication-

- 18.1 The RC may provide courtesy communications with competitors on channel 72 for alerts re. warning signals and attempt notification of boats that have started prematurely. However, it is ultimately each competitor's sole responsibility to know if they were OCS or not. The RC will also attempt to communicate any emergent situation on channel 72. A boat shall neither make nor receive any radio communications not also available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to the use of cellular telephones and all other electronic communication devices

- 19- Prizes-** Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. The highest placing “Michigan” boat will receive the annual J22 Michigan Championship Trophy.
- 20- Disclaimer of Liability-** Competitors are participating in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 21- Insurance-** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or equivalent.

