

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Conanicut Yacht Club 2021 J/22 Series – J/22 Fleet #12 Jamestown, Rhode Island

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. US Sailing prescriptions, the International J/22 Class Rules and Regulations, and the Sailing Instructions shall also apply.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 44.1, 35, A4 and A5 and the International J/22 Class Rules are changed as follows:
 - a. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with the One-Turn Penalty
 - b. The J/22 crew weight rule is not in effect.
 - c. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Conanicut YC.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted (and/or emailed) by 1200 on the day before it will take effect. Races may be abandoned or postponed ashore due to fog or severe weather. In this case the postponement or abandonment may be posted on the official notice board any time until the Race Committee boat goes on station.

4. SCHEDULE – Racing will take place on the following days in 2021:

**June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, and
August 29**

- 3.1 The first signal will be made at 1330 on race days. No race will be started after 1600.
- 3.2 When running multiple races, the Race Committee will start the next race as soon as practical following the conclusion of the previous race. The decision to run additional races will solely be at the discretion of the Race Committee. If the Race committee intends to run another race they will display code flag R before the end of the current race.
- 3.3 A minimum of 2 boats must come to the starting area for the Race Committee to start a race.

5. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a Red J/22 flag.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 The *2021-2023 South Bay Race Chart* shows the marks to be used for racing, unless other special instructions are issued by the Race Committee. The turning marks will be displayed on the course board on the signal boat, showing the order and direction in which they shall be rounded.
- 6.2 In the case of multiple laps, the number of laps to be sailed will appear in parentheses after the course string. For example, in a designated course string of “Zp 13p (2)” the course would be: Start, Zp, 13p, Zp, 13p, Finish. If the starting line is located at a mark of the course and the committee boat is tied to the mark, the pin or other movable mark in the immediate area shall be the turning instead of the signaled mark.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Marks are government aids to navigation and special race marks as described in the *2021-2023 South Bay Race Chart*.
- 7.2 All government aids to navigation must be observed, except that when the government mark is used as a turning mark for a leg of the course, it must be observed as a turning mark, but not as an aid to navigation, on that leg only.

8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Passage under the Newport-Pell Bridge is limited the three center spans.
- 8.2 The waters between the islands and rocks of The Dumplings and Bull Point of Conanicut Island are designated as an obstruction and are off limits.

9. THE START/FINISH

- 9.1 The Start/Finish line will normally be located in the vicinity of Special Mark C (northeast of CYC).
- 9.2 Other starting areas may be selected if wind conditions dictate. If this is to be the case, the starting area will be posted at the gazebo near the CYC boat ramp and will be announced by VHF Channel 72 at 1:00 PM.
- 9.2 The Start/Finish line will normally be located between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and a pin mark on the port end.
- 9.3 An alternate Finish line will be between the end of the CYC dock and an inflatable mark set of the dock or a designating mooring ball.
- 9.3 As a courtesy, each yacht should sail by the race committee before the Warning Signal to identify by voice the yacht and sail number. All yachts must carry a marine radio and all communications will occur on Channel 72.
- 9.4 Approximately one minute before the Warning Signal there shall be a series of short sound signals to call attention to the Course Board on the Committee Boat.
- 9.5 As a courtesy the race committee will attempt to notify the boats that start early by radio. Neither the race committee to do so nor a competitor’s failure to hear notification shall be ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1a.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark is 60 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the time limit the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 In addition to the requirements of Rule 61.1, Informing the Protestee, the protesting yacht shall inform the Race Committee of the protest and the yacht being protested immediately after finishing.
- 12.2 Written protests must be filed with the chairman of the protest committee no more than 30 minutes after the RC boat arrives at the CYC dock.
- 12.3 Protests will be heard on the deck of the CYC 30 minutes after the RC arrives at the CYC dock. The winner of the first race will be the chair and arrange a committee.

- 13. **BOATS WITHDRAWING** from a race **MUST** notify the Race Committee or the CYC launch operator on VHF Channel 72. Failure to notify the Race Committee or launch operator shall be grounds for a scoring penalty as provide in section 14. The race committee shall give notice and schedule a hearing if it intends to impose the scoring penalty.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The race dates specified in Notice of Race taken together shall constitute one series.
- 14.2 A boat sailing in one race shall be scored for all races of the series.
- 14.3 Rule A9, "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta," shall be in effect.
- 14.4 Throwouts:
 - (a) When fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 9 or 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 11 or 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When 13 or 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 14.5 The boat, not the skipper, will be scored.
- 14.6 A race will be determined to be completed if at least one boat from the fleet sails the course and finishes the race within the time limit.
- 14.7 A Boat failing to provide notification that it is withdrawing from a race or all remaining races on a particular day shall be scored DNF for all races on that day and such scores may not be excluded under 14.4. If a boat was unable to notify the race committee or CYC launch operation for reasonable cause, no penalty shall be imposed.

- 15. **PRIZES** will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the season based on their series scores and will be presented after the last race of the season.