

2023 J/Fest Southwest Regatta – October 7-8, 2023



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Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Notice of Race

October 7th – 8th, 2023

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1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Racing Rule A2.1 will be changed as follows: No score will be excluded. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all J/Boats. Expected classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, J/ORC(W/L), J/PHRF Non-Spinnaker (W/L), and J/Cruise (Saturday racing only).
- 2.2. Classes require a minimum of 4 boats. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3. All classes without the sufficient number of boats are invited to participate in the J/ORC (W/L), J/PHRF Non-Spinnaker (W/L) or J/Cruise classes.

3. Registration:

3.1. Early Registration deadline is 1700 hours on Sunday, August 20th, 2023, and includes:

- REGATTA T-SHIRTS FOR SKIPPER AND CREW
 - J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80 – 4 t-shirts included with early registration
 - All other J boats – 6 t-shirts included with early registration
- 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
- Boat Name will be printed on the back of the T-Shirt

3.2. Regular Registration deadline is 1700 hours on Sunday, September 24th, 2023, and includes:

- 1 Regatta T-shirt
- 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner

3.3. Late Registration deadline is 1700 hours on Saturday, September 30th, 2023, and will include an additional \$75 Late Fee. Included are:

- 1 Regatta T-shirt
- 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner

3.4. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will require an additional \$100 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access.

4. Fees

4.1. The Entry Fee are as follows:

- 4.1.1. J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80 - \$105.00
- 4.1.2. Other J Boat W/L - \$115.00
- 4.1.3. J/Cruise - \$75.00

4.1.4. A \$5.00 discount is available for US SAILING Members. The Late Entry fee is \$145 (\$95 + \$50 Late Fee) except for J/Cruise which shall be \$125. The Entry Fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. Entry fees will be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race Committee of the withdrawal prior to the Late Registration Deadline.

4.2. Additional Dinner Tickets will be available for \$25.00

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5. Schedule:

5.1. Sunday August 20, 2023

- Early Registration Deadline 1700 Hours

5.2. Sunday, September 24th, 2023

- Registration deadline 1700 hours

5.3. Saturday, September 30th, 2023

- Late Registration deadline 1700 hours

5.4. Friday, October 6th, 2023

- Check-in 1800 hours
- Skippers' meeting 1930 hours

5.5. Saturday, October 7th, 2023

- J/22 tow assistance 0815 hours
- 1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours
- J/Cruise 1st Warning 1030 hours
- Pool Party and Band 1700 hours
- Dinner (Pool Area) 1800 hours
- Band (Pool Area) 1930 hours

5.6 Sunday, October 8th, 2023

- J/22 tow assistance 0815 hours
- 1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours
- No Warning Signals after 1300 hours
- Awards Presentation 1600 hours

6. Insurance

- 6.1. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

7. Race Area

- 7.1. The racing area will be in Galveston Bay, and generally East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2 and West of the Houston Ship Channel. Multiple separate racing lines are planned.

8. Courses

- Windward/Leeward Courses: Potential classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, J/ORC, J/PHRFNon-Spinnaker, and other J/boat One-Design classes.
- Distance Course: J/Cruise.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and online at Yacht Scoring and J/Fest Southwest websites.

10. Notices to Competitors

- 10.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board posted on or near the main clubhouse glass foyer entry door facing South located near the swimming pool at Lakewood Yacht Club.

11. Scoring and Prizes:

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores and no scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2 and A4.
- 11.2. Awards will be presented to the top third of each class, up to five. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring. ORC scoring will use Triple Number W/L scoring.
- 11.3. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants by sponsors.

12. Measurement

- 12.1. In accordance with RRS 78.1, each boat racing in a PHRF fleet shall be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a current certificate. As an exception, J/Distance yachts may request a standard J/Boat class PHRF rating at registration if they do not possess a valid PHRF Certificate.
- 12.2. In accordance with RRS 78.2, each boat racing in an ORC fleet shall submit a current rating certificate (club or international) from the Offshore Racing Congress.

13. Waivers

- 13.1. No boat shall participate in this regatta unless the skipper and all crew members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability prior to the Skippers Meeting; At the discretion of the Race Committee, crew member waivers may be accepted after the Skippers Meeting but prior to the race start. Failure to submit a waiver for each crew member will result in the entry being incomplete and the boat will not be considered as participating in the event.
- 13.2. It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to check in on race day to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

14. Advertising

- 14.1. As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Lakewood Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

15. Docking/Launching

- 15.1. Competitors are welcome to leave their boats in the Inner Harbor of LYC during the Regatta and additional dockage may be allocated to select J/Classes in the West Harbor, however reservations must be made in advance by contacting the LYC Harbor Administrator, Cody Bartro, at 281-474-2540.
- 15.2. Launching crane for smaller boats (< 2 tons) and boat ramp are available at no charge.

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16. Accommodations/Lodging/Local Attractions:

- Nearby accommodations in Seabrook are available and may offer special event rates. Refer to the link below for details and contact information:

[Accommodations and Attractions](#)

17. J/22 Class Only

17.1. Towing assistance from LYC to the race area will be provided at 8:15am prompt. Specific details will be provided at the briefing.

17.2. The NOR Addendum for the J/22 Class is available at:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/16143/J22_NOR_Addendum_21-June.pdf

18. J/24 Class only

18.1. Eligibility Requirements: [2023 J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit](#)

18.2. The NOR Addendum: [2023-J24-Texas-Circuit-NOR-Addendum-Rev-10.pdf \(j24district14.com\)](#)

19. J/70 Class only

19.1.1. Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3. Support boats and operators shall register during check in. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.

19.1.2. All boats shall be afloat before 1930 on October 7, 2023. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19.1.3. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

20. **Further Information:** For further information please contact:

21. Lakewood Yacht Club: (281) 474-2511 or race@lakewoodyachtclub.com

22. Scott Spurlin, 2023 J/Fest Committee Chair: [512-423-2179](tel:512-423-2179) or scott@jboatssouthwest.com

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