

J/22 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
NOTICE OF RACE

Thursday- Sunday, October 2 - 5, 2025



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Rochester Yacht Club and the
International J/22 Class Association



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All times presented are local time.

The notation "[NP]" in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The term "Technical Committee" (TC) in this Notice of Race (NoR) refers to a committee appointed by the OA and acting in accordance with RRS 92.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International J/22 Class Rules (IJ22CR) shall apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply are identified in NoR Attachment A.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.5 [DP] From 1700 on Thursday 2 October, 2025, through the end of the regatta, no appliances or devices (including but not limited to dehumidifiers) that require connection to external electrical power shall be used aboard a boat, whether the boat is ashore or afloat, except for handheld tools needed for repair or maintenance, or according to the terms of prior written permission of the TC.
- 1.6 The Organizing Authority (OA) may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on Friday, 19 September 2025 at the event website.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising will conform to World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20 and the IJ22CR.
- 3.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA). See WS Regulation 20 and J22CR 2.9.8.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all owners or skippers who are members in good standing with the International J/224Class Association (IJ22CA).
- 4.2 Competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code).
- 4.3 Boats wishing to enter shall register online on the event website at the event website.
- 4.4 The entry fees are as follows:
 - \$500 USD for paid entries received by 23 August 2025.
 - \$600 USD for paid entries received after 23 August 2025.
- 4.5 The entry fee is payable in full upon registering. The entry fee will be refundable provided a written request is received prior to 2359 on Sunday, 23 August 2025. After that time, the entry fee is non-refundable.

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- 4.6 The number of boats will be capped at eighty (80) paid entries, on a first-come basis. Boats that attempt to enter after the cap is met will be added to a waitlist; no entry fee will be collected from boats on the waitlist. A boat on the waitlist will be offered entry if a previously entered boat withdraws or cancels, based on the order they were added to the waitlist.
- 4.7 Additional social tickets are available.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration, measurement, and inspection steps, and pay all fees.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule of events is:

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	2 October	0900 – 1800	Check-in, weigh-in, measurement
		1300	Practice Race
		1700	All Boats Afloat
		1800	Opening Ceremony
Friday	3 October	1100	Warning for First Race of the Day
		After racing	Debrief and post-race social activities
Saturday	4 October	1100	Warning for First Race of the Day
		After racing	Debrief and post-race social activities
Sunday	5 October	1100	Warning for First Race of the Day
		1530	No warning signal after this
		After racing	Awards

- 5.2 Up to ten (10) races are planned. A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed per race day, except that a maximum of four (4) races may be sailed if the schedule falls behind.

6 ONSITE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 6.1 Directions for the measurement process will be posted to the Official Notice Board by 0900 on Thursday 2 October 2025.
- 6.2 Prior to racing, every crew member shall sign an electronic liability waiver available at the event website.
- 6.3 Prior to the end of onsite check in, each boat shall provide:
- (a) A valid J/22 measurement certificate (this changes RRS 78.2);
 - (b) proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD \$300,000; and
 - (c) proof of membership for owners and skippers in the IJ22CA.
- 6.4 During onsite inspection:
- (a) All sails will be measured and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.
 - (b) Additional inspections may be performed to verify compliance with the IJ22CR as noted in NoR 6.1
 - (c) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta to verify compliance with the IJ22CR.
- 6.5 [DP] RRS Appendix G3 applies. Chartered or loaned boats shall carry the same sail number on all sails required to carry numbers by IJ22CR 4.6.
- 6.6 [DP] Replacement of equipment will not be permitted without written approval of the TC. In the event of an emergency, approval may be granted retroactively.
- 6.7 [DP] Substitution of crew will not be permitted without written approval of the TC, and will be permitted only in case of illness, accident, or other exceptional circumstances. In the case of an emergency, approval may be granted retroactively. Known crew substitutions should be requested prior to 2 October 2025. All substitute crew shall be weighed for compliance with IJ22CR 8.9, prior to the substitution. When a substitute crew is requested, the TC reserves the right to re-weigh all crew to ensure compliance with IJ22CR 8.9.
- 6.8 [DP] Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment, and only one (1) suit of sails throughout the entire regatta, unless an item is so severely damaged as to render it unusable. All

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requests to replace damaged equipment must be submitted to the TC in writing, and all replacement items shall be required to pass measurement.

6.9 Skippers who are not members of RYC will be offered a guest card at registration.

7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be on Lake Ontario, in the vicinity of the mouth of the Genesee River.

7.2 The event venue will be RYC, 5555 St Paul Blvd, Rochester NY 14627. RYC extends the courtesy of its bar, recreational facilities and restaurant to race participants.

8 COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

9.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final, as provided in RRS 70.5.

10 SCORING

10.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled, with three (3) scored races required to constitute a series.

10.2 If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

11 BERTHING

11.1 While berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the marina.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the TC.

12.2 Rudders shall remain affixed during the time afloat.

12.3 [DP] [NP] A boat may not launch until she completes onsite inspection as described in NoR 6.4.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between 1700 on Thursday, 2 October 2025 and the end of the regatta.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 The online Official Notice Board can be accessed at the event website. Complimentary wi-fi will be available at the venue.

14.2 On the water, Race Committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

14.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.

14.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, except on equipment provided by the OA.

14.5 In order to communicate with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. QR code will be available at Check-In.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at RYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 5 October 2025.

15.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top ten (10) skippers and crew.

15.3 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

16 MEDIA RIGHTS

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- 16.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boats to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.
- 16.2 Boats may be required to carry onboard cameras or tracking devices provided by the OA.

17 RISK STATEMENT

Boats participate in the J/22 North American Championship entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

18 INFORMATION

For more information, contact regatta chair *Travis Odenbach* travisosailing@gmail.com
For housing requests use Clubspot.

ATTACHMENT A

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY

After RRS 60.3, add:

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

- (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;

After RRS 67, DAMAGES, add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (d) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (e) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the *rules*. No protest committee or US Sailing appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (f) A basic purpose of the *rules* is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the *rules* a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the *rules* shall be based on fault as determined by application of the *rules*, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

After RRS 76.1, EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS, add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.