



**2009 NORTH AMERICAN
MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

17-20 February 2009

Hosted by



**DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB
AND
UNITED STATES J/22 CLASS**

NOTICE OF REGATTA

The organizing authority for this regatta is the Davis Island Yacht Club and the USJ22CA.

- 1 RULES** - This regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2013 (RRS), except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2 ELIGIBILITY** - This event is open to all J/22 Class boats with a valid measurement certificate and meeting the eligibility requirements of CR 2.8. Entrants shall meet all IJ22CA requirements including but not limited to: IJ22CA membership, National Authority membership and boat and sail measurement. A boat shall be considered entered when the above requirements are met, a complete entry form is submitted, and all entry fees are paid.
- 3 ENTRIES** - Entry fee is \$250.00 for entries completed by 15 January; \$325.00 after 15 January. All entries must be received by 2000 hours on 16 February. The entry fee includes storage, launching and racing, and tickets for three (3) competitors to all social events. Additional social packages for additional crew members and non-competitors are available for a price of \$50.00 per person. Registration Forms will be made available online through www.j22.com.
- 4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** – Nine (9) races are planned. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

| | Monday 16 February | | Thursday 19 February |
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| 0900-1800 | Registration and weigh-in | 0900 | Rendezvous and Check-in |
| | | 1000 | Warning Signal for first race of day |
| | Tuesday 17 February | | Additional races to follow |
| 0900-1300 | Registration and weigh-in | | Open night |
| 1400 | Practice race | | |
| 1600 | All boats must be in the water | | Friday 20 February |
| 1800 | Open reception & Skippers’ Meeting | 0900 | Rendezvous and Check-in |
| | | 1000 | Warning Signal for first race of day |
| | Wednesday 18 February | | Additional races to follow |
| 0730 -0800 | Crew weigh-in | | Awards Dinner Party after racing |
| 0900 | Rendezvous and Check-in | | |
| 1000 | Warning Signal for race 1 | | Saturday 21 February |
| | Additional races to follow | | Start your drive home |
| 1800 | Social Event after racing | | |

If three (3) or more races have been completed, no original warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Friday 20 February.

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- 5 MEASUREMENT, EQUIPMENT CHECKS and CREW WEIGHING** - First-time measurement at the regatta is strongly discouraged, and will only be provided on Monday 16 February with advanced reservation, Contact Chris Howell: j22@roadrunner.com or (440)796-3100. All competitors will be required to have a valid measurement certificate, registered with the IJ22CA. All boats should be prepared for weighing. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJ22CA rules and the sailing instructions. Competitors will be weighed at registration. Skippers and crews will be required to comply with CR 8.9 (total crew weight) and 8.10 (substitution).
- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 7 REGATTA SITE** - Regatta headquarters, registration and weigh in will be in the first floor regatta class room. Boats may be stored at DIYC and launched from the club hoists. Safe berthing will also be provided within the protected basin.
- 8 RACING AREA** - Racing will take place on Tampa Bay between 1 and 3 miles off Davis Island.
- 9 SCORING** - The regatta will be scored in accordance with the low point system of RRS A2 except a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score only if 6 or more races have been completed.
- 10 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at regatta headquarters.
- 11 ARBITRATION** - For protests involving the rules of RRS Part 2, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 12 HAUL OUT** – All boats must be in the water by 1600 hours on Tuesday 17 February. There will be no haul-out permitted after 1600 hours on Tuesday 17 February until the regatta has been completed.
- 13 PRIZES** - Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth and daily winners.
- 14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material Damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15 INSURANCE** – Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.
- 16 FURTHER INFORMATION** – For further information contact Christopher Howell: j22@roadrunner.com; 440-796-3100 or Davis Island Yacht Club, 1315 Severn Ave., Tampa, FL 33606 (813)251-1158, email diyc@diyc.org

OTHER INFORMATION

*Housing: Camping is permitted on the DIYC grounds. Hotel information is available online.

* The St Pete NOOD regatta will be held February 13-15 at St Pete YC. Any interested participants are welcome to leave your boat trailer at the DIYC until your return for the Midwinter Championships starting just a few days later. If interested, we ask that you provide some advance notice to diyc@diyc.org.