



2023 Texas Yacht Club Challenge Cup

FWBC Team Selection Races

OCTOBER 21, 2023

FORT WORTH BOAT CLUB

10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, TX 76179

NOTICE OF RACE

The Fort Worth Boat Club as the Organizing Authority (OA) cordially invited you to the Fort Worth Boat Club Team selections for the 2023 Texas Yacht Club Challenge, on beautiful Eagle Mountain Lake

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions will be emailed to the registered teams and available at the Skippers Meeting.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the FWBC Club House.
2. All boats shall bring and carry a VHF radio (not provided) capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP].
3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats. [DP].

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. Entry is open to the following categories of membership, Resident, Mariner and Junior of Fort Worth Boat Club.
2. All sailors, skipper and crew, representing a club must be full, dues paying members of FWBC club in good standing for at least 6 months prior to first day of the regatta.
3. No Class Membership in the J22 Class will be required.
4. To be considered an entry in the event, the team entry must be registered with the Fort Worth Boat Club office by noon on Saturday October 14, 2023

5. FEES

1. There is no entry fee for the sail off selection

6. Crew Limitations

1. The maximum number of crew will be three (3).
2. There will be no weight limit.

7. ADVERTISING

1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14

12:01 Registration closed

Saturday October 21

9:45 am Mandatory Competitors' Briefing and Boat Assignments

10:45 am First Warning signal

2:00 No warning signal deadline

2. Number of Races
Three (3) races will be sailed.
One race will constitute a regatta.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

1. Supplied J22s will be inspected and tuned by the Fort Worth Boat Club Staff prior to charter to ensure equal equipment and rigging for all boats are complete and equally equipped.

10. VENUE

1. All races will be held on Eagle Mountain Lake adjacent to Fort Worth Boat Club to maximize spectating potential.
2. Members of invited yacht clubs are invited and welcome to spectate from Fort Worth Boat Club grounds or spectator boats.

11. COURSES AND MARKS

1. The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

1. If a boat breaches RRS 44.1.b, as judged by the Protest Committee, and if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages.
2. If a boat found by the Protest Committee to have broken RRS 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS43 then FWBC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages. There will be zero tolerance on collisions!
3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag, but shall hail “protest” immediately and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1.
4. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.

13. SCORING

1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
2. No race will be excluded.

14. RISK STATEMENT

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.
2. All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the Competitors' briefing. [DP] [NP]

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. No boat shall participate in this race unless the skipper and all crew-members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability no later than at the Competitors' Briefing.

16. PRIZES

1. No Prizes will be awarded.
2. The winner will be named the crew to represent FWBC at the Texas Challenge Cup.