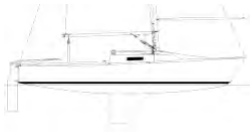
J/22 CLUB CUP



Saturday, 31 October 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as detailed in Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR or the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73 while on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.

4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 61.1 and 61.4(b).

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the "J/22" flag, with blue letting on a white background.

6 COURSES

6.1 The diagrams in Figure 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

6.2 No later than the Warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the RC Signal Vessel opposite the start line.

6.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the RC Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

6.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

7 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	Green Tetrahedron with “EYC” in black block letters, or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Cylinder with “EYC” in black block letters
1a	3-foot Red Cylinder
2p / 2s	5-foot Orange Cylinder with “EYC” in black block letters
Change	Yellow Tetrahedron with EYC in black block letters
Finishing	Green Tetrahedron with EYC in black block letters

8 THE START

8.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an on-station RC mark vessel or the course side of a green tetrahedron at the port end.

8.2 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to identify her on VHF channel 73. Boats may not request redress based on the failure to hail their identifier, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

8.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

10.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below for each class.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	60 minutes	10 minutes

11.2 The race will be abandoned if no boat passes Mark 1 within the time limit.

11.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the finishing place of the last boat in her class that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
- a. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
- b. Scoring inquiries may be resolved in person, via teleconference, or via video conference.

12.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be brought to the hearing.

12.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form, or all of the information from the form, can be submitted in-person at the EYC RC Office.

12.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit.

12.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had sufficient time to prepare. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board; if a hearing will be held virtually, the link will be provided via email to each party. For virtual hearings, parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the *Online Hearing Procedure Guidelines*, available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 73, or the EYC cell phone [(410) 271-7193], or email [race.committee@eastportyc.org]. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number.

13.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

13.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
- (b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
- (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

13.4 [NP] A Committee may protest a boat for SIs 13.2 and/or 13.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.3(b).

14 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.

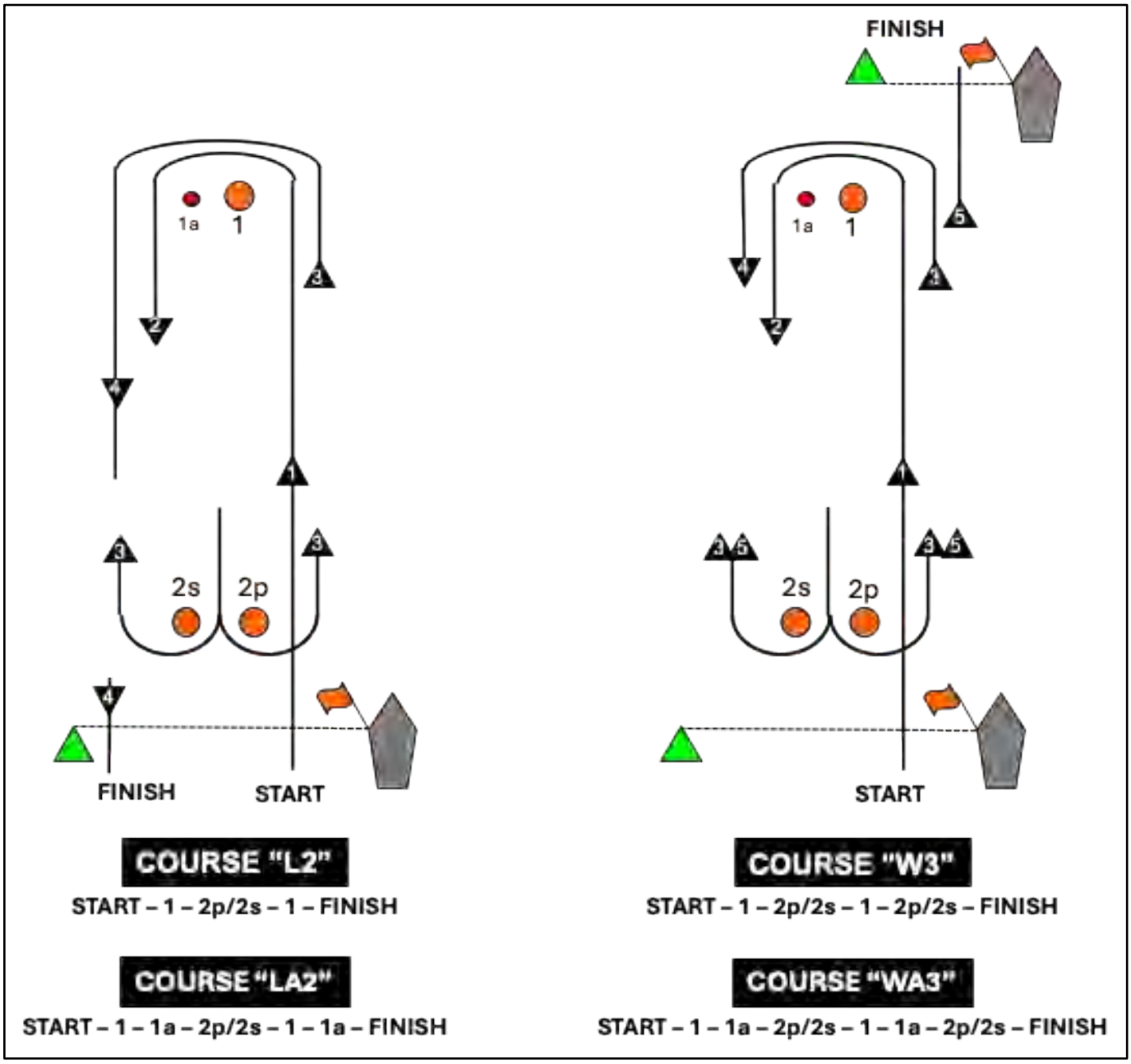


Figure 1. J/22 Club Cup Course Diagrams