

# 2004 J/80 Southern Circuit

## NOTICE OF CIRCUIT

January 28, 2004

### Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2004 J/80 Southern Circuit. The J/80 Executive Committee, and the participating fleets and/or the affiliated yacht clubs are the organizers and hosts, respectively.

### Rules

This series of regattas will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/80 Class Association (ICA), and this Notice (except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Regatta or Sailing Instructions at each event). **Class Rule C.3.1 will be enforced by weigh-ins for all events of the 2004 Southern Circuit.** The regattas are classified as Category A events per Appendix G of the RRS. The Juries will have final authority on all matters. The J/80 Southern Circuit Executive Committee will resolve all matters not within the jurisdiction of individual Juries (e.g., circuit scoring). **All yachts are to remain afloat for the duration of each event.**

### Eligibility

The J/80 Southern Circuit is open to all J/80 yachts as defined by the ICA. Competitors must meet all Class ownership and membership requirements in order to become participants. A valid class association sticker shall be affixed to the transom of the hull. The J/80 Southern Circuit is designated as a "member" event for purposes of defining the eligibility of the primary helmsperson.

### Entry

There is no separate entry form or fee for the 2004 J/80 Southern Circuit. Any yacht participating in more than half the scored regattas of the 2002 J/80 Southern Circuit will qualify to be included in the final overall circuit standings.

### Schedule

Six regattas are scheduled. **No races will be started after 12:30 pm on Sunday.** In the event that a race is started after 12:30, it will not be counted toward circuit standings.

Circuit Stop 1	Austin Yacht Club	Feb 28-29
Circuit Stop 2	FWBC	Mar 27-28
Circuit Stop 3	DCYC	May 1 -2 Dallas leukemia Cup
Circuit Stop 4	Houston LYC	June 26-27
Circuit Stop 5	Houston NOOD, LYC	Sept 25-26
Circuit Stop 6	Corpus Christi	Oct 30-31

### Racing

Racing will generally take place on Windward-Leeward courses, with an offset mark. Leeward gates may be used. VHF radio hails may be attempted for yachts failing to comply with rule 29.1 or rule 30.1.

### Scoring

Overall circuit standings will be based on each yacht's final standing in each scored regatta of the 2004

J/80 Southern Circuit. Only regattas where two or more of the scheduled races are completed will be considered scored regattas. Any yacht not participating in a scored regatta of the 2004 J/80 Southern Circuit will be assigned points for that regatta equal to one more than the total number of yachts participating in the 2002 J/80 Southern Circuit regatta with the greatest number of entrants. A yacht's overall circuit score will be the total of its lowest point standings in a number of scored regattas equal to the total number of scored regattas of the 2004 J/80 Southern Circuit less one (i.e. points for one scored regatta may be discarded). The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will be applied to the final overall circuit scores to determine each yacht's overall circuit standing (substitute the word "regatta" for "race" as appropriate in the Appendix A wording). Issues relating to the constitution of a "yacht" for overall circuit scoring purposes will be resolved by the J/80 Southern Circuit Executive Committee.

## **Prizes**

Awards will be presented to the top five circuit yachts, along with those yachts participating in all scored regattas (Road Warriors).

## **Contact**

For more information, please contact your fleet captains.