



2006 J/80 Southern Circuit

Circuit Regatta #1

March 11-12, 2006

Hosted by

Houston Yacht Club & Galveston Bay Cruising Association
La Porte, Texas



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2. The US SAILING Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Association (IJCA) Class Rules (CR) in effect at the time of the regatta will apply.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the CR.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for this regatta is J/80 Class Association USA Fleet #2. The event is being hosted by Houston Yacht Club and GBCA.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. This event is classified as Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 3.2. CR C.7.1 Restrictions on Category C Advertising apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. This event is open to any J/80 boat with a valid IJCA Measurement Certificate and in compliance with CR B.1.1.
- 4.2. This event is a "Member" event and Helmsperson eligibility shall be determined in accordance with CR C.2.

5. BOATS

The regatta will be sailed on a bring-your-own-boat basis.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat must possess a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 6.2. Boats and sails shall be subject to inspection measurement to ensure compliance with the CR as provided by RRS 78.

7. ENTRIES

- 7.1. Entries are to be made via the online registration website or on the supplied form and mailed to **J/80 USA Fleet #2**, c/o Chris Morlan, 1243 Coleman Boylan Drive, League City, TX 77573 (see entry form for details).
- 7.2. The fee for entries is \$65.00 per boat. Cut off for entries is 19:00 March 10, 2006. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority and may be subject to an additional \$25 late fee.

8. SCHEDULE

Friday, March 10

1500-1900 hrs	Registration and Measurement
1500-1900 hrs	Crew Weigh-In
1900	Registration Closes

Saturday, March 11

0800-0830	Crew Weigh-In
0830	SKIPPERS' MEETING
1000	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	Additional races to follow
	Lunch on the water
1800	Pizza Party – HYC Porthole

Sunday, March 12

1000	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	Additional races to follow
	NO START AFTER 1230 HRS
Following racing	Awards Presentation

8.1. This event will have no maximum number of races.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and thereafter will be available at the club office. The official message board will be located outside the lobby at Houston Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

Windward Leeward courses will be sailed on upper Galveston Bay in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club. Leeward gates and offset marks will be used.

11. ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, each yacht's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- 12.3. When five or more races have been completed, each yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. CREW

Each yacht's crew shall not be changed during the regatta, except with a written request for crew substitution and prior written approval by the race committee. Substitution after the skippers meeting will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Overall prizes will be awarded for first through fifth place.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2 The Signal boat will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.

18. 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.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

By entering this event, competitors give absolute right and permission to the Lakewood Yacht Club, to the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Association, and to J/80 Class Association USA Fleet#2 for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event to be published in any media worldwide whatsoever for any editorial, promotional, and advertising purposes and to be used in press information.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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J/80 USA Fleet #2
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ENTRY FORM

Yacht Name _____ Sail Number _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____

Helmsman _____

USSA Member # _____ Yacht Club Affiliation _____

J/80 USA Fleet # _____

OWNER INFO: Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Office Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / 2006

Register Online at www.gbca.org and pay on arrival

Or

Mail Form and Payment to:

J/80 USA Fleet #2

c/o Chris Morlan

1243 Coleman Boylan Drive

League City, TX 77573

281-948-7629

**Please make checks payable to:
Chris Morlan
(Put J/80 Fleet #2 on memo line)**

REGISTRATION FEE \$65