

Notice of Race

2003 J/80 North American Championship

Houston Yacht Club September 19-21, 2003 Shoreacres, Texas

The ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Association, Sailing World, and the Houston Yacht Club are co-organizing authorities for this regatta. Houston Yacht Club is the Host Club and will provide the race management.

- 1. Rules:** This regatta shall be governed by the 2001 – 2004 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by this Notice of Race, and by the ISAF Recognized J/80 Class Rules (Class Rules) except as they are modified by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions. The regatta is subject to the Advertising restrictions as defined in RRS Appendix 1 (Advertising).
- 2. Eligibility:** This regatta is open to those boats whose Skipper is a current member of the J/80 Class Association and the National Governing Body (US SAILING). This is a “Member” event as outlined in Rule C.2.2 of the Class Rules.
- 3. Entries:** Entries shall be submitted on the official NOOD Regatta entry form by the deadline published in the NOOD Regatta Notice of Race. Entries mailed after the deadline may be subject to a \$25 late fee. Completed entry forms, with the entry fee, shall be mailed to Sailing World NOOD REGATTA, c/o Sailing World, 5 John Clarke Road, PO Box 3400, Newport, RI 02840-0992 or fax 401/845-5180. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Sailing World and the Houston Yacht Club. **Each boat will be required to submit an additional \$50 Event Fee to the J/80 Class Association USA.**
- 4. Registration:** Each boat owner or his representative must report to the Houston Yacht Club, between 1700 and 2000 Thursday, September 18 to complete registration details. Crew lists and waiver of liability forms must be submitted at registration. Official weigh-ins will be performed at Lakewood Yacht Club between 0800 and 1700 on Thursday, September 18, and at Houston Yacht Club between 0700 and 0800 on Friday, September 19. All crew members must weigh-in. No boat may compete without a completed waiver form, measurement form, weigh-in, and submission of the above-reference \$50 Event Fee. In the event of crew substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Race Committee and must weigh-in prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

- 5. Sailing Instructions:** Sailing instructions will be available at registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at Houston Yacht Club Clubhouse. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.
- 6. Courses:** Windward-leeward drop-mark courses will be sailed on Galveston Bay in the area designated in the Sailing Instructions. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.
- 7. Schedule of races:** Eight races are scheduled with a no more than four races to be sailed each day. The warning signal for the first race each day will be sounded at 1000. No race will start later than 1200 on Sunday, September 21.
- 8. Measurements:** Measurement is required and each boat shall submit a signed Owner's Declaration as required by the class rules. Measurement will be performed at Lakewood Yacht Club between 0900 and 1600 on Wednesday, September 17, and between 0800 and 1700 on Thursday, September 18. Random measurement may also be performed, and by participating in this event each competitor agrees to allow inspection of his yacht to ensure compliance with Class Rules.
- 9. Scoring:** The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will apply. Eight races are scheduled. One race will constitute a series.
- 10. Arbitration:** For protests involving infringements of a rule contained in Part 2 of the RRS, an Arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 11. Prizes:** Daily and series prizes will be awarded (number will depend upon number of entries).