

# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES

### Laser Fleet Sailing Instructions

#### 1. Rules

This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Rules of each Class, and Austin Yacht Club Race Commander, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. Eligibility

This event is open to any Class legal Laser. Sailors may be AYC club members or non-club members. Non-club members are asked to sign a event wavier for participation at AYC and submit it to the office.

#### 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be given verbally and usually in the vicinity of the lower clubhouse level.

#### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the AYC Laser fleet website.

#### 5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be made verbally and all effort will be made to communicate information to all sailors.

5.2 The races are considered to be "Postponed" if the Race Committee boat does not leave the harbor by 5:45 pm.

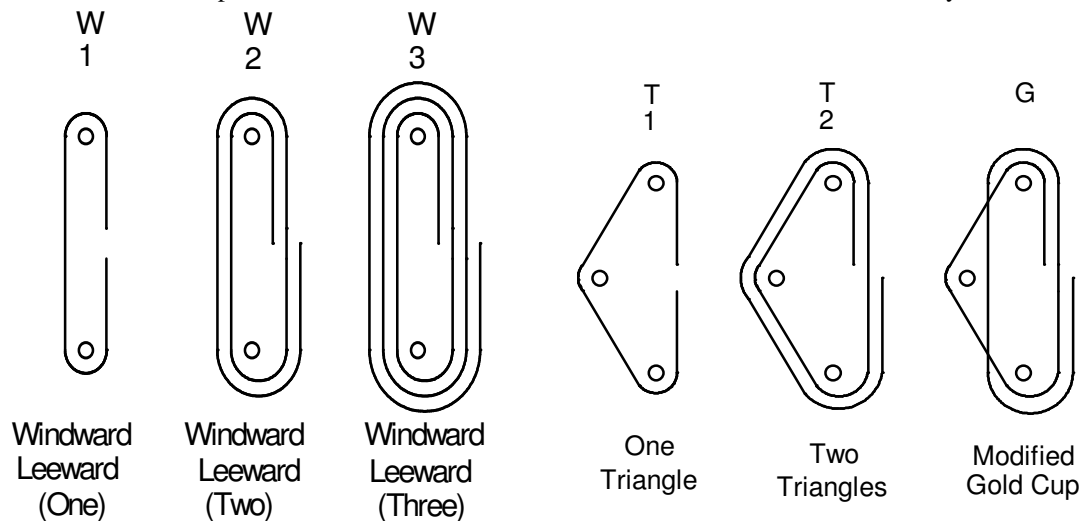
#### 6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Races are scheduled every Wednesday night beginning the first Wednesday in May, and continuing through the last Wednesday in September. The first race of each evening will begin at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practicable.

6.2 The Laser Championship Night Regatta series will be sailed on the fourth Wednesday of each month from May through September.

#### 7. The Course

7.1 The following course diagrams show the approximate courses including the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be left and the course symbol for each.



7.2 The course will be displayed or announced from the Race Committee boat.

#### 8. Marks

8.1 Marks of the course will be tetrahedrons or any appropriate mark used or declared by the Race Committee.

8.2 The start-finish mark will be any appropriate mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat.

## **9. The Start**

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with US SAILING Prescriptions Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System.

9.2 The starting line will be between the Race Committee boat and the mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat.

## **10. The Finish**

The finish line shall be between the Race Committee boat and the mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat. The finish line is restricted and shall be passed through only to finish any given race.

## **11. Time Limit**

11.1 The time limit for the last race of each Wednesday will be 15 minutes before sunset.

11.2 When boats in a class are considerably behind the bulk of the fleet, at the Race Committee's discretion, they may be scored in place and a new starting sequence may be begun. This modifies Racing Rule 35.

## **12. Alternative Penalties**

The alternative penalties Racing Rule 44 is in effect, except that only one (1) tack and one gybe will be required to cure an offense, this modifies Racing Rule 44.2.

## **13. Protests**

13.1 A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of her intention to protest, and receive oral acknowledgment, immediately upon finishing or as soon as reasonably possible. This instruction modifies Racing Rule 61.1a.

## **14. Safety**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Austin Yacht Club 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 Austin Yacht Club from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

A boat that withdraws from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee by any practical means either before leaving the course or as soon as is reasonable under the circumstances.

A minimum of two people are required on race committee and the driver must be an AYC member.

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## **15. Scoring**

15.1 Each Wednesday night will be scored using Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

15.2 The fourth Wednesday of each month will be considered the Laser Championship Night Regatta. A minimum of one race shall constitute a Championship Night Regatta.

15.3 Each Championship Night Regatta will be scored using the low point scoring system per Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

15.4 The Season Championship series will be scored based on the results of each Championship Night Regatta. The Season Championship will be scored using the low point scoring system per Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Appendix A is modified to use the words "Championship Night Regatta" for the word "race."

15.5 The Laser sailor with the highest ranking in the Season Championship, and is a AYC club member, will be nominated for the AYC Single-Handed perpetual trophy; which is awarded by the Vice Commodore.

## **16 General rules:**

16.1 You must have a sail number on your sail and it must be readable (according to race committee) to be scored.

16.2 A minimum of two people are required on race committee and the driver must be an AYC member.

16.3 Only AYC Members over 16 years old or those who have completed a Texas Boater Safety Course may drive the AYC Chase or Committee Boat