



2022 Opening Day Regatta Notice of Race



- 1 **RULES** – The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2021-2024, (RRS), published by World Sailing.
- 2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1 Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the AYC 2022 Opening Day Regatta. Austin Yacht Club is both the Host Club and the Organizing Authority of the Regatta. Austin Yacht Club is a private yacht club, located on Lake Travis at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734.
 - 2.2 Any boat with an AYC skipper or member on board or which has been invited by the Organizing Authority, is eligible to participate. Failure to comply with NOR 2.2 will result in a boat not being scored.
 - 2.3 The Regatta is open to all monohull keelboats and multihull boats (Trimarans and Catamarans including “beach cats”), and centerboards / dinghies.
 - 2.4 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate, taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.
 - 2.5 Any non-member-owned boat shall provide a copy of their certificate of insurance to the Race Commander, as a requirement to entry.
- 3 **REGISTRATION AND FEES**
 - 3.1 Registration is required for this regatta and is available at:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-opening-day-regatta-registration/>

Failure to comply with NOR 3.1 will result in a boat not being scored.
 - 3.2 Early registration deadline is Saturday March 5th at 4:00 PM
 - 3.3 On-site late registration may be performed at the registration table at the AYC Clubhouse from 0930 to 1100 on Sunday, March 6.
 - 3.4 There are no entry fees for the Regatta.
- 4 **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Race will be held on Sunday March 6, 2022.
 - 4.2 Competitor’s Briefing will be held at 12:15 under the AYC clubhouse.
 - 4.3 First Warning Signal will be 13:30 (1:30pm).
 - 4.4 If the regatta is not sailed on the scheduled day, it will not be rescheduled.
- 5 **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – See the club web site for the activities planned by the Social Committee.
- 6 **MEASUREMENTS** – No measurement of boats is required. All boats competing in a handicap fleet must have a valid handicap rating certificate on file with AYC or have submitted a rating request to the AYC PHRF Committee. Multihulls must have a handicap number on file with the Multihull Fleet.



- 7 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – will be available online on the AYC website prior to the start of the Competitor's Briefing, as well as in the bins next to the Official Notice Board located on the lower level of the AYC clubhouse on the northeast-facing wall.
- 8 **VENUE** – The intended racing area is Lake Travis, Hudson Bend using fixed and temporary marks.
- 9 **COURSES** – All courses will be Long Distance (LD) using the 2021 “Long Distance Course Card”, or a combination of AYC and LCRA marks posted by RC.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Each boat will be scored using her sail number, which must be unique within her assigned fleet.
- 10.2 Scoring for handicap fleets will be as follows:
- 10.2.1 The PRF-A and PRF-B fleets will be scored using the “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with current PHRF handicap values.
- 10.2.2 The Catamarans and Centerboard/dinghy boats will be scored using US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick (Non Wind-Adjusted).
- 10.2.3 The Trimarans will be scored using the “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF rating system using the PHRF handicaps (TOMA “W/L”) maintained by the Multihull Fleet.
- 10.3 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will be used.
- 10.4 All boats will be assigned to a Class for scoring purposes. Class assignments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will be announced at the Competitor Briefing.
- 10.5 Five or more boats of the same design may be grouped into a one-design class for scoring.

- 11 **RADIO COMMUNICATION** – **It is required that each boat monitor VHF channel 78 for RC announcements during the race.** For safety situations boats may contact the RC on VHF channel 78. Otherwise, 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.

- 12 **PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded to owner based upon the average fleet attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned by the RC as follows:

- ❖ ≥ 2 participants: 1 trophy
- ❖ ≥ 4 participants: 2 trophies
- ❖ ≥ 7 participants: 3 trophies

- 13 **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** – By participating in the Regatta, each boat owner, skipper and crew agree to sail and use the Austin Yacht Club facilities at his or her own risk. To the fullest extent permitted under Texas law, each boat owner, skipper and crew unconditionally and irrevocably releases and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, its Officers, Board of Directors, agents, and all other persons who assist in maintaining equipment or in organizing and/or conducting races, from all claims and legal liability for personal injury, death or property damage incurred in connection with the event.

- 14 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – For additional information contact AYC at 512-266-1336, email race_commander@austinyachtclub.net, or visit www.austinyachtclub.net.

AYC is committed to prevent the spread of invasive species, and asks all boat owners, whether sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, to clean their bilges and trailers when coming from another lake to Lake Travis, and when leaving Lake Travis headed to another lake: www.texasinvasives.org.