



Sailing Instructions

2022 OPENING DAY REGATTA

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitors’ Briefing.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. The number of races scheduled for all classes is one (1)

5.2. The Competitor’s Briefing will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 1215. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 1330 (1:30pm).

6. Check in by Competitors – This is an AYC Requirement.

6.1 All competitors are required to announce their intent to race by checking in “On-the-Water” with the Race Committee. Boats not properly checking in may be scored DNS.

6.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display Code Flag L when on-station and ready to accept check-ins by competitors.

6.3 Competitors must check-in only while Code Flag L is displayed by the Signal Boat, or only during the first four minutes of their start sequence, before their Preparatory flag is dropped.

6.4 In order to check in, competitors shall sail by the stern of the Signal Boat on Starboard and announce in this order: Fleet / Sail Number / Boat type (only for Handicap fleets).

7. Class Flags, Order of Starts and Splits

7.1. Class flags will be numerical pennants.

7.2. Fleet splits, order of starts, and assigned numerical pennants will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board at AYC.

8. The Courses

8.1. 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.

9. Marks and Obstructions

9.1. Marks will be a combination of AYC Permanent Marks, Permanent Channel Marks as shown on the AYC Lake Travis Map and Starting/Finishing Marks.

9.2 For all Classes, the areas between Low Water Hazard buoys in the vicinity of Travis Landing, Arkansas Bend, and Anderson Bend and the corresponding nearby shoreline shall be considered Obstructions. Boats sailing in these areas will be scored DNF.

9.3. The location of the Marks described in Section 7 and 8 are approximate and should not be used for Navigation.

10. The Start

10.1. For all races the starting line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white ball on its port side in the vicinity of AYC.

10.2. The starting area is the area within 100 yards of the starting line; within this area, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the line and clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.3. Order of starts

1. Multihull
2. PHRF A
3. J 80
4. Ensign
5. Pearson 26
6. PHRF B

11. Shorten Course

11.1. The Race Committee may shorten a course at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS. If the code flag "S" is displayed at a mark over the Class designation (flag or whiteboard) it applies only to those Classes.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finish line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white ball on its port side in the vicinity of AYC.

12.2. The time limit for the first finisher in each Class shall be two and a half (2.5) hours. If no boats in the class have completed the course prior to expiration of the respective time limit, the race for that class shall be abandoned.

12.3. Each boat finishing more than one (1) hour after the first finishing boat in her respective Class, shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13. Protests

13.1. A boat intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention to protest, indicating the sail number of the boat(s) being

protested and receive oral acknowledgment from the Race Committee. This instruction modifies RRS 61.1(a).

13.2. Written protests shall be filed with a Race Committee representative in the AYC office. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's docking signal. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as reasonably possible.

14. Arbitration

14.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

15. Scoring

15.1. One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.

15.2. Scoring for all Classes shall be as described in the NOR.

15.3. Trophies will be awarded accordingly:

≥ 2 participants 1 trophy

≥ 4 participants 2 trophies

≥ 7 participants 3 trophies

16. Safety

16.1. The level of Lake Travis is still below normal levels. Competitors should exercise caution to avoid shallow water.

16.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC, in person or on VHF channel 78, before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible. Chase boats monitor VHF 78 for race control and general assistance.

16.3. The sheriff department may monitor VHF channel 16 and can be reached by telephone at 911 for emergencies.

17. Radio Communications

17.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1. Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. This includes, among other risks, those associated with COVID-19, such as the risk of being exposed to or infected by COVID-19, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races. 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, illness, death or property damage incurred in connection with the event.