



Sailing Instructions

2015 TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Rule 77 is replaced with the following: Each boat must carry her sail number on her mainsail. Boats with spinnakers should carry the same sail number on their spinnaker and mainsail.

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 or 30 minutes before the race on Saturday May 23.

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. Three (3) races are scheduled for the Regatta.
- 5.2. Race One and Two will be sailed on Saturday, May 23, 2015. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 10:30 am.
- 5.3. Race Three will be sailed on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 10:00 am.
- 5.4. The Competitors’ Briefing is Saturday at 09:30 a.m. at the AYC clubhouse.

6. Class Flags and Splits

- 6.1. Class flags will be numerical pennants.
- 6.2. Fleet splits and assigned numerical pennants will be announced at the Competitors’ Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board at AYC.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. For Race One all fleets except Multi-Hull A, PHRF A, and J/22 & J/24 will start heading towards Channel Mark 7. PHRF A, and J/22 & J/24 fleets will start heading towards Channel Mark 4.
 - 7.1.1. Multi-Hull A will start heading towards Mark D and then proceed towards Channel Mark 4.
- 7.2. For Race One all fleets (except Multi-Hull A, PHRF A, and J/22 & J/24) the course will be sailed up the lake to a point where the race committee sets a finish line.
- 7.3. For Race One PHRF A, and J/22 & J/24 first mark will be Channel Mark 4. Mark 4 will be rounded to port. After Mark 4 these fleets will sail up the lake to a point where the RC sets a finish line.
 - 7.3.1. Multi-Hull A the first mark will be Mark D, second Channel Mark 4. Mark D and 4 will be rounded to port. After Mark 4 this fleet will sail up the lake to a point where the RC sets a finish line.
- 7.4. For Race Two all fleets will sail back down the lake to a point where the race committee sets a finish line.
- 7.5. For Race Three, (All Fleets) the course will be Long Distance courses selected from the latest **AYC Long Distance Race Course Card**, or a course posted on a board displayed on the back of the signal boat.

8. Marks and Obstructions

- 8.1. Marks will be a combination of AYC Permanent Marks and LCRA Channel Marks as shown on the AYC Lake Travis Map and Marks. See Appendix "A".
- 8.2. The location of the Marks described in Section 7 and 8 are approximate and should not be used for Navigation.

9. The Start

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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. Shorten Course

- 10.1. The Race Committee may shorten a course at any mark of the course by displaying code flag "S". If the code flag "S" is displayed over the class designation (flag or whiteboard) it applies only to those classes.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. For Saturday, May 23 (Race 1 & 2) the finish line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange flag on an RC boat and any LCRA channel marker or a Yellow Tetrahedron.
- 11.2. For Sunday, May 24, (Race 3) the finish will be between a flagstaff flying an orange flag on an RC boat and a white ball set to the port side of the RC boat. The finish line will be set in the vicinity of the AYC.
- 11.3. The time limit for the first finisher in each class shall be four (4) hours. If no boats in the class have completed the course prior to expiration of the time limit, the race for that class shall be abandoned.
- 11.4. Each boat finishing more than one (1) hour after the first finishing boat in her class, shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

12. Protests

- 12.1. 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).

- 12.2. 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 after the return race day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Arbitration

- 13.1. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of the rules in Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing pertaining to only two boats. This modifies RRS 63.1.
- 13.2. After a written protest form is delivered, one designated representative, in compliance with RRS 63.3(a), for each party will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted. The duration of each arbitration meeting is limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
- 13.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 13.3.1. There was no breach of a rule or the protest is invalid. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees the matter goes to the protest committee for a hearing.
 - 13.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40 percent alternative penalty (calculated in compliance with RRS 44.3(c)) or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.
 - 13.3.3. The matter should go before the protest committee for a hearing.
- 13.4. When the protest is referred to the protest committee, the arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, but will be allowed to observe the evidence presented and to provide testimony.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.2. No scores shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.
- 14.3. All PHRF classes will be scored using the Time-on-Time variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with the Lake Travis PHRF handicap values.
- 14.4. The Bill Levens, Sr. Memorial Trophy is awarded to the keelboat boat with the best corrected time in Race Two.
- 14.5. Trophies will be awarded accordingly.

3 participants	1 trophy
4-6 participants	2 trophies
7-9 participants	3 trophies
10+ participants	4 trophies

15. Safety

- 15.1. The level of Lake Travis is on the rise but, still below normal levels. Competitors should exercise caution to avoid shallow water.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. The sheriff department monitors VHF channel 16 and telephone 911 for emergencies.

16. Radio Communications

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

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.