



NOTICE OF RACE 2016 DOG DAYS SERIES RACES

1. **RULES** - The Dog Days Series Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 \(RRS\) Part 1, Part 2, and Appendix A](#), and these rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1. Austin Yacht Club ("AYC") members and guests are cordially invited to participate in AYC's 2016 Dog Days Series Races. AYC is both the Host and the Organizing Authority of the Series, any boat with an AYC member on board or which has been invited or approved by the Race Commander, is eligible to participate.
 - 2.2. The series is open to all mono-hull keelboats and multihull boats (including 'beach cats')
 - 2.3. All competitors are required to register by On-the-Water check in prior to first start of the day. Competitors shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on Starboard and announce sail number and class.
3. **FEES** - There are no entry fees for the Series.
4. **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1. Races shall be held on the following dates: June 25, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2016.
 - 4.2. Competitor Briefing will be held at 1530 on June 25 at the AYC Clubhouse.
 - 4.3. First Signal 1700.
 - 4.4. No more than two (2) races will be held per day. Selected classes will run no more than one (1) race per day as announced at the Competitor's Briefing. Any races not sailed on their schedule day will not be rescheduled.
 - 4.5. Subsequent races for each class scheduled for multiple races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the first race.
5. **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – See club web site for the after race activities planned by the Social Committee.
6. **MEASUREMENTS** - No measurement of boats is required. Any boats competing in a PHRF handicap fleet shall have a valid handicap-rating certificate on file with AYC or have submitted a PHRF request to the AYC PHRF Committee.
7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions are available on the AYC website and will be available in the AYC Clubhouse (in the bins at the South East corner of the AYC Clubhouse at the start of the Competitor's Briefing).
8. **SCORING**
 - 8.1. Each boat will be scored using her sail number. A boat will be scored in only one class for the entire series. That class will be the class the boat first designates in the series.
 - 8.2. The Keel Handicap and Multi-Hull fleets will be scored using the "Time on Time" variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with the Lake Travis PHRF handicap values
 - 8.3. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the rules will be used with the following modifications:

- 8.3.1. A boat will not be scored in a race during which her class has the Race Committee assignment. This modifies rule A4.1.
- 8.3.2. Rule A9 will apply with the following modification: a boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored two more points of the number of boats that competed in that race.
- 8.4. Excluded scores shall be determined as follows and modifies rule A2.
 - 8.4.1. No throw out when 4 or less races have been completed.
 - 8.4.2. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION - 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.

10. PRIZES – Trophies will be awarded to owner based upon the average class attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its officers, committee persons, members, or any associates thereof will not accept any liability for and are in no way liable for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – For additional information contact **AYC at 512-266-1336** or email ed.taylor@taylor-products.com . Additional information may also be posted on the AYC website under the **Events page at www.austinyachtclub.net**.