



NOTICE OF RACE 2017 SPRING SERIES RACES

1. **RULES** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020*, (RRS) and these rules.
2. **INVITATION**
 - 2.1. Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the AYC's 2017 Spring Series to be held on Lake Travis March 5th, 12th, 26th and April 2nd 2017. Austin Yacht Club is both the Host Club and the Organizing Authority of the Series. 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 2.2 can result in a boat not being scored
 - 2.3. The series is open to all mono-hull keelboats and multihull boats (including 'beach cats')
3. **Entry**
 - 3.1. All competitors are required to register by On-the-Water check in prior to first start of the day.
 - 3.1.1. Competitors shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on Starboard and announce sail number and class
 - 3.2. There are no entry fees for the Series.
4. **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1. Races shall be held on the following dates: March 5th, 12th, 26th and April 2nd 2017
 - 4.2. Competitors Briefing will be held at 1200 on March 5th at the AYC Clubhouse.
 - 4.3. First Signal 1330.
 - 4.4. No more than one (2) races per day as announced at the Competitor's Briefing. Any races not sailed on their scheduled 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 will be available on the AYC website, the AYC Clubhouse (in the bins at the South East corner of the AYC Clubhouse) and/or prior to 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. When 4 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 – Awards will be awarded to owner based upon the average class attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned.

11. 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 release and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, their 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 regatta and caused by negligence.

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**.