



NOTICE OF RACE 2018 Spring Series

- 1. RULES** - The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, (RRS) and these rules.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1. Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the AYC's 2018 Spring Series to be held on Lake Travis. Sunday February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, 2018. 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 will result in a boat not being scored.
 - 2.3. The series is open to all monohull keelboats, and multihull boats (including 'beach cats').
- 3. ENTRY AND FEES**
 - 3.1. All competitors are required to register "On-the-Water", by checking in with RC. Boats not properly checking in may be scored DNS. Details are provided in the S.I.s.
 - 3.2. There are no entry fees for the Series.
 - 3.3. In order to facilitate prompt and accurate scoring, competitors are encouraged to "register" any changes to their sail number or skipper name online at:
<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/>
- 4. SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Races shall be held on the following dates: Sunday February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, 2018.
 - 4.2. Competitor Briefing will be held at 12:00 on Sunday February 25 under the AYC Club house.
 - 4.3. First Warning Signal for each race day will be 13:30.
 - 4.4. No more than two (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 fleet which are scheduled for multiple races, will be held as soon as possible after the end of their first race.
- 5. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – See the 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 handicap fleet must 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 in the AYC Clubhouse (in
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the bins in the East corner of the AYC Clubhouse) prior to the start of the Competitor's Briefing, and on the AYC website as soon as practical.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Each boat will be scored using her sail number. A boat will be scored in only one Fleet for the entire series. That Fleet used for scoring, will be the Fleet that the boat first designates in the series. This restriction on scoring will also apply to designation of spinnaker or non-spinnaker for boats in PHRF fleets.
- 8.2. The Keel Handicap and Multihull fleets will be scored using the “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with the AYC PHRF handicap values.
- 8.3. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will be used with the following modifications:
 - 8.3.1. A boat will not be scored in a race during which her Fleet has the Race Committee assignment. This modifies RRS A4.1
 - 8.3.2. RRS A9 will apply with the following modifications: A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored **two** points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that raced, but was disqualified, shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- 8.4. Excluded scores shall be determined as follows, and modifies RRS 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.
 - 8.4.2 For each additional 4 races completed, one additional race score will be excluded.

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 fleet attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned by the RC as follows:

- ❖ ≥ 2 participant average : 1 trophy
- ❖ ≥ 4 participant average : 2 trophies
- ❖ ≥ 7 participant average : 3 trophies
- ❖ ≥ 10 participant average : 4 trophies, 1 additional trophy for each additional 3 participants

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 event.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – For additional information contact **AYC at 512-266-1336** or email **race_commander@austinyachtclub.net**. Additional information may also be posted on the AYC website.

No pets, fires, fireworks or drones are permitted on AYC property.

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.

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