



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2018 SPRING SERIES

- 1. Rules** - The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) Part 1, Part 2, and Appendix A, and these Rules.
- 2. Notices to Competitors** will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.
  - 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, no later than 60 minutes before the first signal of the day, with code flag L on the AYC flagpole.
- 3. Signals Made Ashore**
  - 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.
  - 3.2. When a signal is displayed over a Fleet flag it applies to that Fleet only.
  - 3.3. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in Race Signals AP.
- 4. Schedule of Races** - Dates of Races for all Fleets are listed in the Series Notice Of Regatta (NOR). The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 13:30.
  - 4.1. The completion of one race constitutes a Series.
  - 4.2. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used, as defined in the NOR.
- 5. Check in by Competitors – This is an AYC Requirement.**
  - 5.1. All competitors are required to register “On-the-Water”, by checking in with RC. Boats not properly checking in may be scored DNS.
    - 5.1.1. Competitors shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on Starboard and announce:
      - Fleet
      - Sail Number
      - Boat type
      - Spinnaker or non-spinnaker (for PHRF fleets)
    - 5.1.2. Boats must check-in prior to the first signal of the day, or only during their own start sequence and before their Preparatory flag is dropped in the sequence.
- 6. Start Flags** - Start Flag designations will be numeral pennants. The order of starts is posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7. Courses**
  - 7.1 Pre-defined Long Distance (LD) courses are shown on the 2018 LD Course Card, which are available just outside the Race Committee room, and on AYC website under “Race Documents”. When using pre-defined LD courses, the course number will be shown on the course ladder at the stern of the RC boat.

7.2. When there is not an appropriate Long Distance course on the Course Card, RC may choose to post a course made of any combination of AYC permanent marks, marks 3 through 12, and a temporary inflatable mark (“W” or “L”).

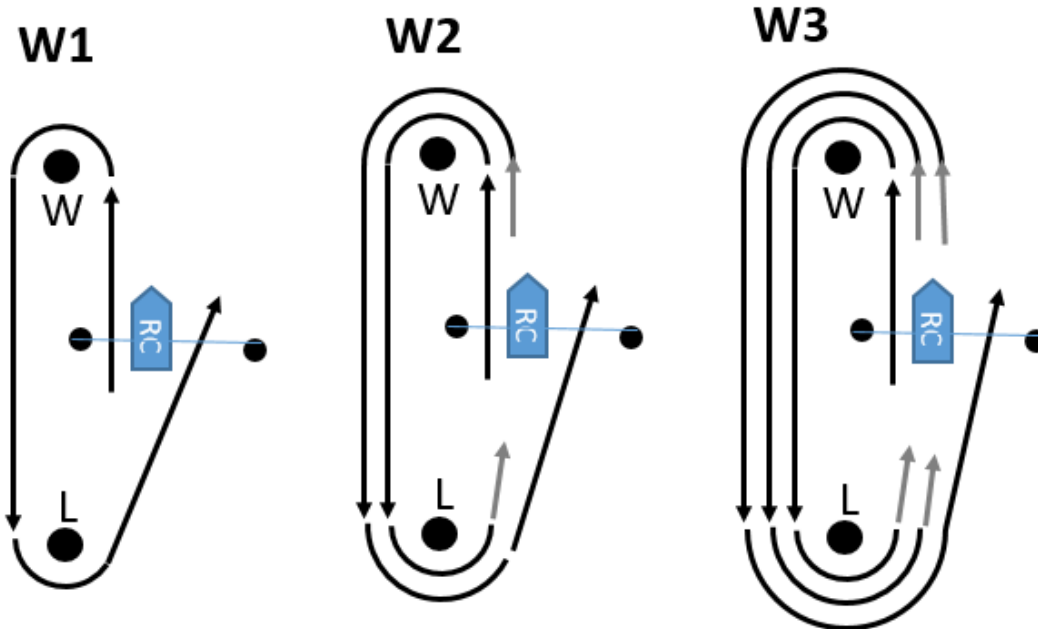
7.2.1 Code Flag C is flown at the warning signal, to indicate that a course not on the Long Distance Course Card will be used.

7.2.2 The course will be shown on a white marker board, at the preparatory flag. Plain letters (not underlined) indicate marks to be rounded to port, and underlined letters indicate marks to be rounded to starboard. “W” or “L” will indicate a temporary Windward or Leeward mark, if used.

7.3. For the Multihulls, RC will provide two courses: a longer course for the Multihull-A Fleet, and a shorter course for the Multihull-B Fleet.

7.4. Round the Buoys (RTB) courses are shown in the diagram and will be designated on the stern of the RC boat as W1, W2 or W3.

**RTB Courses**    **W1: W-L-f**    **W2: W-L-W-L-f**    **W3: W-L-W-L-W-L-f**



## 8. Marks

8.1. Marks for the Round-The-Buoys Courses will be yellow tetrahedrons. Marks for the Long Distance course include permanent numbered marks or AYC permanent letter marks, which are shown on the current AYC Long Distance Course Card, or yellow tetrahedron inflatable marks used as a temporary Windward (W) or Leeward (L) mark. The Start Line and the Finish Line will be White Ball buoys.

## 9. Time Limits

9.1. For Round-the-Buoys (RTB) courses, the time limit for each race will be one and a half (1.5) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.

9.2 For Long Distance (LD) courses, the time limit for each race will be three (3) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), which is the same points as DNF.

9.3 Boats may be finished in place, if their finishing position can be correctly determined, or if a boat agrees to be finished in place. Her finish time will be adjusted so as not to finish in front of any boats in her fleet who finish within the time limit.

## **10. Obstructions**

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

10.2 After the start, the Finish Line is an obstruction, except when on the last leg of the course. Boats that sail through this obstruction will immediately be scored points equal to DNF.

10.3. A boat may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not finished. This modifies RRS 28.1

10.4. All marked swim areas and dive areas are out of bounds. If “X” mark is present, all boats are not to sail between “X” mark and Windy Point.

## **11. The Start**

11.1 The Race Committee may alert the competitors prior to the first start sequence, and prior to the second race of the day, with a series of short blasts (more than 6) at least 1 minute prior to the starting sequence for the first start in that sequence.

11.2 The starting line will be between an orange line flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat and a white ball buoy on the port side.

11.3 The start sequence may be broadcast on the Primary VHF Race Committee Channel 78.

11.4 The Starting Signal will be as described in RRS 26.

## **12. Recalls**

12.1 The RC may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel 78. The following shall NOT be grounds for redress:

12.1.1 Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.

12.1.2 Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.

12.1.3 A boat’s position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

12.2 A start that has a General Recall will go to the end of the starting sequence for its re-start. This modifies RRS 29.2.

**13 Change of Course** - For Long Distance (LD) courses; the Race Committee may not change the direction or length of any leg of the course after the start. This modifies RRS 33.

## **14 The Finish**

14.1 The finish line will be between an orange line flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat and a white ball buoy on the starboard side.

14.2 If a Course must be shortened, the finish line will be at a mark to be rounded.

14.2.1 The finish line will be between an Orange Flag on a Chase Boat and the mark to be rounded.

14.2.2 The Chase boat will set up at a mark on the side that the boats must round. The “S” flag and orange flag must be posted prior to the first boat of that Fleet rounding the mark, with

two sound signals.

14.2.3 A course board will show which Fleet is having their course shortened.

14.2.4 Fleets not being shortened at that mark, will continue to sail their designated course.

**15. Scoring** – The scoring is defined in the NOR.

**16. Protests** - 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 docking after the race. Protests will be heard in the approximate the order of receipt, as soon as possible on the day of the race, or as soon as reasonably possible.

**17. Mediation**

17.1. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, a mediation meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing that involves only two boats. This modifies RRS 63.1.

17.2. After a written protest form is delivered, one designated representative, in compliance with RRS 63.3(a), for each party will appear with a mediator. No witnesses are permitted during mediation.

17.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative the mediator shall reach one of the following conclusions:

17.3.1. 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.

17.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boats(s) have the option of accepting a 40 percent alternative penalty (calculated as in 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.

17.3.3. The matter should go to the protest committee for a hearing.

17.4. When the protest is referred to the protest committee, the mediator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest, but will be allowed to observe the evidence presented and to provide testimony.

**18. Safety**

18.1. The level of Lake Travis fluctuates, so beware of shallow spots.

18.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.

18.3. For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the RC by VHF radio on the primary or alternate operating channel posted on the Official Notice Board.

**19. Disclaimer of Liability** - By participating in the Series, 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 organization 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.