

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

CENTERBOARD REGATTA 2019

Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive Austin, Texas 78734

October 26 & 27, 2019

1. **RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and these sailing instructions.
 - 1.2 The Rules for all classes are changed so that membership in a class organization is not required.
 - 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form and are identifiable and readable from both sides of the sail. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.
2. A junior sailor is someone who won't turn 19 or older during the 2019 calendar year.
3. Finn Class rule modification affecting pumping, rocking and ooching shall apply only to the Finn Class as follows.

3.1 (1) RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: Pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted when the wind is 10 mph or above prior to the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This also changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c). See RRS Appendix P5 for use of Oscar and Romeo flags.

4. **ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to all centerboard boats and beach catamarans.

5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board below the AYC Clubhouse at least one hour before the first race of each day.

6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the harbour at the end of the docks.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

- 7.1 Subject to the discretion of the Race Committee, a maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 7.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute the Regatta.
- 7.3 Schedule:

Saturday Oct 26th 2019

0830-0930

Registration at the AYC Clubhouse

1000

Competitor's Meeting at the AYC Clubhouse

1130

Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

Sunday Oct 27th 2019

1030

Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 7.4 No warning signal will be given after 1400 on Sunday.

8. **CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF START OF FIRST RACE:** Class flags [Numerical pennants] will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting. The order of starts will be in numerical order for the first race of each day, and then at the discretion of the Race Committee thereafter.

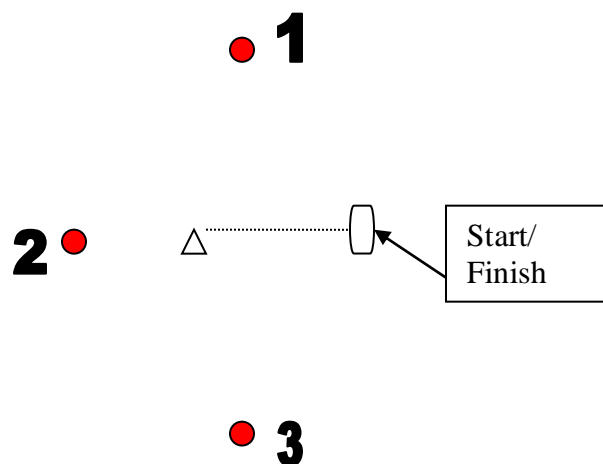
9. **RACING AREAS:** The racing area will be in the main body of Lake Travis in the vicinity of AYC. The Opti's are on a separate course near the South Cove area, while the Catamaran's and Centerboard Boat's starting area will be in the main body of Lake Travis near the AYC Point.

10. **THE COURSES:**

10.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 **Opti Course**

The course for the Opti's boats, will be displayed on the course board at the back of the Chase Boat. A number **W - 1, 2, 3** or **T - 1, 2, 3**, or an "**O**" will be displayed to indicate the course and order of marks to be rounded.



10.2.1 **Windward / Leeward Course - W - 1, 2, or 3**

The course symbol "**W**" will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat. A number 1, 2 or 3 will be displayed to indicate the number of windward legs to be completed before the finishing windward leg.

W1: Start – 1 – 3 – f ("f" for Finish)

W2: Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – f

W3: Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – f

10.2.2 **Triangle Course - T - 1, 2, or 3**

The course symbol "**T**" will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat. A number 1, 2 or 3 will be displayed to indicate the number of windward legs to be completed before the finishing windward leg.

T1: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – f

T2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – f

T3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – f

10.2.3 Olympic Course - O

The course symbol “O” will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat.

O: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – f

10.3 Catamaran Long Distance Course

Catamarans will sail a Long Distance course using Numbered Channel Markers 4, 5, 6 & 7. The course symbol “M” for Multi Hull boats will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat. The marks to be rounded and the order to be rounded will be displayed with "M" either on the course ladder or on a marker board. The finish line will be in the vicinity of the Windward mark for the Centerboard Course. All marks are to be rounded to port.

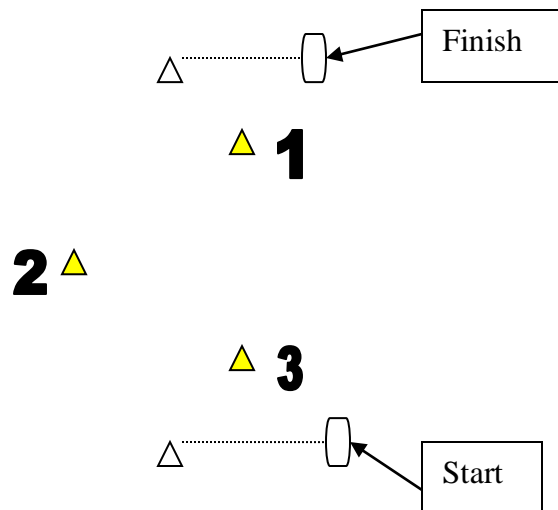
10.4 Centerboard Course

The course symbol and designation for all Centerboard Boats, will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat.

The leeward mark will be a gate mark. [not illustrated]

The windward mark will have an accompanying off-set mark. [not illustrated]

The preferred course will be W/L, but other formats may be set as conditions allow.



10.5.1 Windward / Leeward Course - W-1, 2, or 3

The course symbol “W” will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat. A number 1, 2 or 3 will be displayed to indicate the number of windward legs to be completed before the finishing windward leg.

W1: Start – 1– 3 – Finish

W2: Start – 1– 3 – 1– 3 – Finish

W3: Start – 1– 3 – 1– 3 – 1– 3 – Finish

10.5.2 **Triangle Course - T – 1, 2, or 3**

The course symbol “T” will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat. A number 1, 2 or 3 will be displayed to indicate the number of windward legs to be completed before the finishing windward leg.

T1: Start – 1– 2 – 3 – Finish

T2: Start – 1– 2 – 3 – 1– 2 – 3 – f

T3: Start – 1– 2 – 3 – 1– 2 – 3 – 1– 2 – 3 – f

10.5.3 **Olympic Course - O**

The course symbol “O” will be displayed on the course ladder at the back of the Race Committee boat.

O: Start – 1– 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

MARKS:

11. Marks on the Opti Course will be Red Balls, for the Catamaran Long Distance Course will be Numbered Channel Markers 4, 5, 6, & 7, and for the Centerboard Course will be Yellow Tetrahedrons. Offset marks for the Centerboard course will be red ball buoys. The Starting and Finishing marks for all courses will be White Round Buoys unless otherwise announced at the skippers meeting.

12. **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS:**

- 12.1 LCRA Swim areas near Windy Point are designated as obstructions.

13. **THE START:**

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix U – Audible Signal Racing System. After the first start of the day, a series of short signals **may be** made before any additional starting sequence begins, in order to attract attention.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Port side of the Race Committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.4 A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

14. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course in accordance with RRS 33, the race committee will have moved the original mark, or the finishing line, to a new position.

15. **THE FINISH:**

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on a Chase boat and a White Ball.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM:

16.1 For beach catamarans only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty consisting of a prompt turn that includes one tack and one gybe.

17. TIME LIMITS:

17.1 The time limit for each race will be **75** minutes for the first boat to finish.

17.2 A race **may be** abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 30 minutes of the start. This changes RRS 32.

17.3 Trailing boats that are delaying the start of the next race **may be** finished in place as long as the committee can determine that their finishing position would not change. They will be directed by an AYC chase boat to sail directly back to the starting area. This changes RRS 35.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

18.1 Protest forms are available in the AYC Clubhouse in the South East corner, or in the AYC Office.

18.2 A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.

18.3 Protests shall be in writing. Forms shall be delivered to the AYC Office and Scoring Committee within thirty (30) minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks.

18.4 Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

18.5 The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes after the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1 (b) and 63.2.

19. SCORING:

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix "A" of the Rules will apply, modified such that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be one (1) throw-out if five to nine races are completed. If ten races are completed, two throw-outs will be utilized. Scoring will be Time-On-Time for Portsmouth boats for this regatta.

20. SAFETY:

20.1 A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race **shall** inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

20.2 The responsibility for a boat skipper's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his/hers alone.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

21.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This rule also applies to cell phone communications. For spectators, the Opti RC will be on channel 72 and the Catamarans and Centerboards RC on Channel 78.

~~~ HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE !!! ~~~

