



Sailing Instructions

Keel Handicap Fleet Single Handed and Double Handed Regatta

July 14, 2019

1. **Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **Entries** - Eligible boats per the NOR may compete in this regatta by completing registration with the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) Keel Handicap Fleet as specified in the NOR.
3. **Notices to Competitors**
 - 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower level of the AYC Club House. Notices so posted shall be deemed to have been delivered to each boat.
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions**
 - 4.1 Any change in these Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitor's Briefing.
5. **Signals Made Ashore**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.
 - 5.2 When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the time of the first warning signal will in no case occur less than 30 minutes after lowering of Code Flag "AP".
 - 5.3 Races for any Class(es) may be cancelled on shore by hoisting Code Flags N over A and the Class Flag(s) of the Class(es) whose races are cancelled. Hoisting of this Signal will be accompanied by three audible sounds. This modifies the RRS Race Signals.
6. **Other Signals**
 - 6.1 Races for any Class(es) may be cancelled on the water by hoisting Code Flags N over A and the Class Flag(s) of the Class(es) whose races are cancelled from an RC boat. Hoisting of this Signal will be accompanied with three audible sounds. This modifies the RRS Race Signals.
7. **Schedule and Number of Races**
 - 7.1 The date and time of the first signal for the race will be July 14, 2019 at approximately 1:30 PM.
 - 7.2 Classes are scheduled to race one (1) race. The number of races required to constitute a regatta for each Class shall be one (1).
8. **Class Flags**
 - 8.1 Class Flag designations for each Class will be numeral pennants as announced at the Competitor's Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.
9. **Courses**
 - 9.1 Course designations and the course layout they represent are shown on the AYC 2018 Long Distance course card.
 - 9.2 RC will select a course from the list of courses defined, or define a course using the Permanent AYC marks and Channel Marks and indicate on the course board ladder or a marker board a list of permanent marks to be rounded, with underlined marks to be left to starboard and all other marks left to port.
10. **Marks and Obstructions**
 - 10.1 Marks for the course will be AYC and Channel Marks as defined on the current AYC 2018 Long Distance course card. AYC Permanent Marks are orange torpedo buoys. Channel Marks are odd numbered green 'can' buoys and even numbered red 'nun' buoys.
 - 10.2 The Starting/Finishing Mark will be a round white buoy.
 - 10.3 After the Start, the Start/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. 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 considered obstructions.
- 11. The Start**
- 11.1 Each Class will start in the order announced at the Competitor's Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between the Orange Flag pole on the Port Side of the RC Boat and the Starting Mark.
- 11.3 The Starting Area is the area within 100 yards of the starting line. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.4 The course designation for each start will be posted shortly after the warning signal, and will come down shortly after the start signal. This modifies RRS 27.1. The course designation will be displayed from the top down on the course board ladder at the stern of the starting RC boat, or will be written on a marker board displayed from this same general area.
- 12. Shortening or Abandoning after the Start**
- 12.1 When RRS 32 is in effect, the RC will designate the Class(es) whose course is being shortened by displaying their Class Flag or number
- 12.2 If no Class designation(s) are made when RRS 32 is in effect, the rule is in effect for all applicable Classes.
- 13. The Finish**
- 13.1 Unless the course had been shortened per SI 12, the Finish Line shall be between the orange flag on an RC boat and a white buoy set to the **port** side of the RC boat.
- 14. Time Limits**
- 14.1 For all Classes racing the time limit for the first boat to finish shall be three (3) hours. Any boat in such a Class finishing more than sixty (60) minutes after the first finishing boat in her Class will be scored one more point than the number of finishers. This modifies RRS 35, A3, A4.1 and A4.2.
- 14.2 When a single competitor in a Class remains on the course, and is clearly in last place, the RC may at its discretion order the race completed and score the remaining competitor one more point than the number of finishers. This modifies RRS 35 and Appendix A.
- 15. Protests**
- 15.1 Written protests shall be filed with a RC representative in the AYC office. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the last RC Boat docking after the race. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible on the day of the race or as soon as reasonably possible.
- 16. Arbitration** - Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
- 17. Scoring** - The PHRF of Lake Travis Handicap Rating System will be used to score the regatta in accordance with the Low Point Scoring System Time on Time variant described in Appendix A of the RRS. All scores will count, this modifies RRS A2.
- 18. Safety** - Each boat that has started a race and thereafter retires is requested to notify the RC of her intentions upon retiring or as soon as it is practical under the circumstances.
- 19. Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability**
- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.