



2019 TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* (RRS).

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitors' Briefing or 30 minutes before the race on Saturday May 11th and 60 minutes before the race on Sunday May 12th.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. At the AYC Signals Made Ashore will be displayed from the Club flagpole located on the east lawn in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Two (2) races are scheduled for the Regatta. One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 5.2. Race One will be sailed on Saturday, May 11th, 2019. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 10:00 am.
- 5.3. Race Two will be sailed on Sunday, May 12th, 2019. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 10:00 am.
- 5.4. The Competitors' Briefing will be held on Saturday, May 12th, 2019 at 09:00 a.m. at the AYC clubhouse.

6. Class Flags and Splits

- 6.1. Class flags will be numerical pennants.
- 6.2. Fleet splits and assigned numerical pennants will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board at AYC.
- 6.3. Backstay streamers will be available to identify all Keelboat competitors.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. All Courses will be Long Distance Courses
 - 7.1.1. The course will be displayed on a marker board at the stern of the committee boat as a series of rounding marks. Any listed marks that are underlined are to be left to starboard and all others to port.



7.1.2. The approximate location of the Long Distance course marks is shown on Attachment "A" ..

8. Marks and Obstructions

8.1. AYC Permanent marks are orange torpedo buoys. LCRA Channel Marks are odd numbered green 'can' buoys and even numbered red 'nun' buoys. A temporary orange torpedo buoy, an orange inflatable buoy, or a Race Committee boat displaying code flag "M" may replace any missing permanent marks.

8.2 All marked swim and dive areas are considered an obstruction.

8.3 There are 3 areas of the lake marked by low water hazard buoys, which are considered obstructions. Arkansas Bend (north of Channel Marker 13): the area inside the marked shallow water hazard buoys along Arkansas Bend is considered an obstruction.

"Graveyard Point": the area inside the marked shallow water hazard buoys along "Graveyard Point" (west side of the Hurst Creek Arm of Lake Travis) is considered an obstruction.

Anderson Bend (northeast of Channel Marker 18): the area inside the marked shallow water hazard buoys along Anderson Bend is considered an obstruction.

9. The Start

9.1. For all races the starting line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange line flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and a White Ball Buoy in the vicinity of AYC.

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

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

9.4 The Starting Signal sequence will be as described in RRS 26.

10. Recalls

10.1. The RC **may** attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel, 78.

10.2. The following shall NOT be grounds for redress:

10.2.1 Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.

10.2.2 Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.

10.2.3 A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

10.3. 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.

11. Shorten Course

11.1. The Race Committee may shorten course **at any numbered channel marker** by displaying code flag "S". If the code flag "S" is displayed over the class designation (flag or whiteboard) it applies only to those classes. Multiple short horn blasts may be made by the finish boat in order to make the competitors aware that boats will be finishing at that Channel Marker.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finish line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange flag on an RC Signal Boat and a White Ball in the vicinity of AYC. Boats will finish from the direction of the last mark of the course.

12.2. The time limit for the first finisher in each class shall be six (6) hours. If no boats in the class have completed the course prior to expiration of the time limit, the race for that class shall be abandoned.

12.3. Each boat finishing more than ninety (90) minutes after the first finishing boat in her class, shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13. Protests

13.1. A boat intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention to protest, indicating the sail number of the boat(s) being protested and receive oral acknowledgment from the Race Committee. This instruction modifies RRS 61.1(a).

13.2. Protest forms are available at the AYC clubhouse.



- 13.3. The written protest forms shall be filed with a Race Committee representative who will be in the AYC office.
- 13.4. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's docking signal. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as reasonably possible.

14. Arbitration

- 14.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an Appendix T Arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS
- 14.2. One designated representative, in compliance with rule 63.3(a), for each party will appear with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted during arbitration.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. No scores shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2. All other scoring options are defined in the NOR.

16. Safety

- 16.1. Competitors should exercise caution when navigating Lake Travis in order to avoid shallow water.
- 16.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC, in person or on VHF channel 78, before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible. Chase boats monitor VHF 78 for race control and general assistance. As a last resort, the PRO will be available via cell at (217) 721-8536.
- 16.3. The sheriff department monitors VHF channel 16 and telephone 911 for emergencies.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1. 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 organization and/or conducting races from all claims and legal liability for personal injury, death or property damage incurred in connection with the regatta.



