



2020 Opening Series Notice of Race



- 1 **RULES** - The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020, (RRS), published by World Sailing.
- 2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1 Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the AYC 2020 Opening Series to be held on Lake Travis. 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 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 There are no entry fees for the Series.
 - 3.2 All competitors are **encouraged** to “register” for the series online at: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/> at least a day before the series starts, in order to facilitate prompt and accurate scoring. This includes changes to sail numbers or skipper names between series.
 - 3.3 **All competitors are required to announce their intent to race by checking in “On-the-Water”** with the Race Committee. Boats not properly checking in may be scored DNS. Details are provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4 **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Races shall be held on the following dates: Sunday March 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th 2020.
 - 4.2 Competitor Briefing will be held at 12:00 (noon) on Sunday March 1st under the AYC Clubhouse.
 - 4.3 First Warning Signal for each race day will be 13:30 (1:30pm).
 - 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 class which are scheduled for multiple races each day, will be held as soon as possible after the end of their first race that day.
- 5 **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – See the club web site for the activities planned by the Social Committee.
- 6 **MEASUREMENTS** - No measurement of boats is required. All boats competing in a handicap fleet must have a valid handicap rating certificate on file with AYC, or have submitted a rating request to the AYC PHRF Committee.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions will be available in the AYC Clubhouse (in 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 mainsail number. A boat will be scored in only one Fleet for the entire series. The Fleet used for scoring will be the Fleet that the boat first designates in the series.

8.1.1 For PHRF fleets, the designation of "Non-spinnaker" is required to be clearly made verbally at race check-in, otherwise "Spinnaker" designation will apply. The designation of "Non-spinnaker" or "Spinnaker" may not be changed during the series.

8.1.2 If, for any reason, a boat chooses to compete with a sail that has a number other than the one originally registered, the RC must be informed during the "On-The-Water" check-in. Scoring delays may occur if AYC Scoring is not informed of this change by submitting an updated Registration Form one day prior to the day of the race.

8.2 The Performance Racing Fleet (keel handicap and multihull boats) will be scored using the "Time on Time" variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with current 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:

8.3.2.1 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.

8.3.2.2 A boat that raced, but was disqualified, shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

8.3.2.3 All other scores (DNF, RET, RAF, TLE, DNS, OCS) shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

8.3.2.4 For these two conditions that are typically not scored at all, (TLE for all boats in fleet, or race is abandoned after the start for a fleet) all boats in the fleet who came to the starting area will be scored one point more than the number of boats in that fleet that came to the starting area.

8.4 Excluded scores shall be determined as follows. This modifies RRS A2.

8.4.1 When 4 to 7 races have been completed by a Fleet, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4.2 If 8 or more races are completed by a Fleet, a boat's two worst scores 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 participants average: 1 trophy
- ❖ ≥ 4 participants average: 2 trophies
- ❖ ≥ 7 participants average: 3 trophies
- ❖ ≥ 10 participants average: 4 trophies, 1 additional trophy for each additional 3 participants

11 ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE 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 releases 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**, or visit www.austinyachtclub.net.

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: www.texasinvasives.org.