



Notice Of Race

2021 INDEPENDENCE CUP REGATTA

July 3, 2021

INVITATION

AYC Performance Racing Fleet cordially invites you to attend the Independence Cup Regatta to be held on Lake Travis Saturday July 3rd, 2021 and hosted by Austin Yacht Club (AYC).

1. **RULES** – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2021-2024, (RRS), published by World Sailing.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1. The Regatta is open to all AYC-member and non AYC-member owned monohull keelboats and multihull boats (Trimarans and Catamarans including “beach cats”), and centerboards / dinghies.
 - 2.2. Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate, taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.
 - 2.3. Any non AYC-member owned boat shall provide a copy of their certificate of insurance at the registration desk, as a requirement to entry.

3. REGISTRATION AND FEES

3.1. Register online at:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/independence-cup-regatta/#register>

- 3.2. Online registration available until Friday July 2nd at 17:00.
- 3.3. Late registration available at AYC Clubhouse Saturday, July 3, 2021 between 09:00 and 10:00.
- 3.4. Entry fees per boat are:

	Non Keel Fleet Member	Keel Fleet Member
Early Registration	\$30	\$25
Late Registration	\$35	\$30

3.5. The entry fee includes participation in the regatta, refreshments, food for skipper, and participation in the regatta’s award presentation. Additional meal tickets are available for \$5.00 each person.

3.6 Entry fee refund requests must be made to the Regatta Chair before 12:00 Wednesday, June 30th. No refunds will be considered after this time.

4. **SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Friday July 2, 2021 17:00 – Online registration closes
- 4.2 Saturday July 3, 2021 Details:
 - 09:00 – 10:00 Late registration and check-in. Breakfast tacos.
 - 10:00 – Competitor’s briefing
 - 11:00 – Scheduled first warning signal.
 - 14:00 – No warning signals after this time.
 - 14:30 – Beer and afternoon tea at clubhouse
 - 15:30 – Trophy presentation

5. **MEASUREMENTS** – No measurement of boats is required. All boats competing in a handicap fleet or a Division for the Independence Cup must have a valid handicap rating certificate on file with AYC, or have submitted a rating request to the AYC PHRF Committee. Trimarans must have a handicap number on file with the AYC Multihull Fleet. Catamarans and centerboard boats must have a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick (Non Wind-Adjusted) on file with AYC, or have submitted a rating request to the AYC PHRF Committee.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – The sailing instructions (SI’s) will be available on the Austin Yacht Club website no later than July 1, 2021 and on race day at the registration desk.

7. **VENUE** – AYC is a private yacht club located on Lake Travis, Texas, at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428. The intended race area is Lake Travis, Hudson Bend using fixed and temporary marks.

- 7.1. Directions and other AYC information are available at www.austinyachtclub.net
- 7.2. No pets, fires, firearms, fireworks, or drones are permitted on AYC property.
- 7.3. Accommodations – Camping is allowed on the AYC grounds during the regatta from 5pm Friday thru Sunday morning. Contact the AYC office at 512-266-1336 for additional information regarding camping or other accommodations in the area.
- 7.4. Launching / Retrieving – Ramps are available; no launching hoists.
- 7.5. Boat Hoist – A fixed five-ton hoist is available in the work area for participant use for the regatta. Please check in advance for availability.
- 7.6. Mast Crane – Two mast cranes are available for participant use for the regatta.
- 7.7. Docking – Limited docking will be provided for competitors in the regatta. *Please contact the regatta chair prior to June 30 if you will need docking.*
- 7.8. 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.

8. **THE COURSES** – The Regatta will consist of one long distance race with courses from the **New (2021) “Long Distance Course Card”** (available just outside the Race Committee room and on the AYC website under “Race Documents”) or Round The Buoys courses made up of any combination of AYC permanent marks and temporary inflatable marks (Yellow or Orange).
9. **SCORING**
 - 9.1 The Independence Cup is a perennial trophy open to all keel boats. The cup will be awarded jointly to the first boat in each of the two keel boat Divisions, split by PHRF rating similar to the current PRF A and B fleets. The rules for the cup require that boats in each Division must sail the same course.
 - 9.2 All boats will be assigned to a fleet and/or Division for scoring purposes. The fleets and Division assignments will be announced at the Competitor’s Briefing and will be posted on the official notice board prior to the first race of the Regatta. A minimum of three boats is required for a fleet. Fleets may only request a separate start if they are not competing for the Independence Cup.
 - 9.3 One (1) completed race constitutes a Regatta.
 - 9.4 Monohull keelboats will be scored according to the RRS Low Point System in Appendix A using “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF handicap rating system utilizing the PHRF of Lake Travis handicap values.
 - 9.5 Catamarans and centerboard boats will be scored using US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick (Non Wind-Adjusted).
 - 9.6 Trimarans will be scored using the PHRF handicaps (TOMA “W/L”) maintained by the AYC Multihull Fleet.
10. **RADIO COMMUNICATION** – **It is required that each boat monitor VHF channel 78 for RC announcements during the race.** For safety situations boats may contact the RC on VHF channel 78. Otherwise, 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.
11. **PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the overall size of each fleet and Division as follows:
 - ≥ 2 participants: 1 trophy
 - ≥ 4 participants: 2 trophies
 - ≥ 7 participants: 3 trophies
 - ≥ 10 participants: 4 trophies, 1 additional trophy for each additional 3 participants
12. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** – 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 releases and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, it’s 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.

13. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – For additional information, please refer to the following contacts:

13.1. Event website:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/independence-cup-regatta>

13.2. AYC office: 512-266-1336

13.3. Regatta Chair - David Weeks: weeksds@yahoo.com