



Sailing Instructions

2021 INDEPENDENCE CUP REGATTA

July 3, 2021

- 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 Notices to Competitors** will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.
 - 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, no later than 60 minutes before the first signal of the day, with code flag L on the AYC flagpole.
 - 2.2 A Competitor's Briefing will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, July 3rd under the AYC Clubhouse.
- 3 Signals Made Ashore**
 - 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.
 - 3.2 When a signal is displayed over a Class flag it applies to that Class only.
 - 3.3 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.
- 4 Schedule of Race**
 - 4.1 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal is 11:00am.
 - 4.2 The completion of one race constitutes a Regatta.
- 5 Check in by Competitors**
 - 5.1 Check-in is under the AYC Clubhouse.
 - 5.2 Check-in on the water is not required.
- 6 Class Flags** –
 - 6.1 Class flags will be numeral pennants.
 - 6.2 Division and fleet splits and assigned Class flags will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board at AYC.
- 7 Courses**
 - 7.1 The course for each Class will be posted at or before the Preparatory Signal for that Class and will come down shortly after the Start Signal. This modifies RRS 27.1.
 - 7.2 The courses will be displayed on the course board ladder at the stern of the Signal Boat or will be written on a marker board displayed from this same general area. The first number (and optionally letter) will indicate the start number/letter, then a space, and the letters and numbers that follow will indicate the course to be sailed.

- 7.3 “Long Distance” LD Courses:
Pre-defined Long Distance courses (LD courses) are shown on the **New (2021) “Long Distance Course Card”**, which are available just outside the Race Committee room, and on the AYC website under “Racing Documents”. When using LD courses, the course number will be shown on the course ladder at the stern of the Signal Boat.

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks for the LD courses include permanent numbered channel marks and AYC permanent marks.
- 8.2 In addition to the permanent marks, RC may choose to deploy “A” mark, an orange tetrahedron with a white vertical stripe, which may be positioned in one of three possible locations as noted on the 2021 Course Map. RC will announce on VHF channel 78, if the “A” mark will be deployed. Failure of a boat to receive the announcement shall NOT be grounds for redress.

9 Obstructions

- 9.1 Finish Line obstruction
- 9.1.1 After the start, the Finish Line is an obstruction, except when on the last leg of the course.
- 9.1.2 A boat may “unwind” to correct an error in failing to comply with SI 10.1.1 provided she has not finished. This modifies RRS 28.1.
- 9.2 All marked swim areas and dive areas are considered obstructions.
- 9.3 The areas between Low Water Hazard buoys and the adjacent shore are considered obstructions.
- 9.4 If “X” mark is present, the area between “X” mark and Windy Point is an obstruction.
- 9.5 Boats that sail through any of these obstructions will be scored DNF.

10 The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange line flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat and a white ball buoy on the port side.
- 10.2. 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.

12 Recalls

- 12.1 The RC may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel 78. The following shall NOT be grounds for redress:
- 12.1.1 Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- 12.1.2 Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.
- 12.1.3 A boat’s position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.
- 12.2 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.

13 Shorten Course

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten a course at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS. If the code flag “S” is displayed at a mark over the class designation (flag

or whiteboard) it applies only to those classes.

14 The Finish

14.1 The finish line will be the start line - between a flagstaff displaying an orange line flag on the port side of the Signal Boat and a white ball buoy on the port side.

15 Scoring – The scoring is defined in the NOR.

16 Protests - Written protests shall be filed with the PRO or the PRC Representative in the AYC office. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Signal 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.

17 Arbitration

17.1 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an Arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS.

17.2 One designated representative, in compliance with RRS 63.3(a), for each party will appear with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted during arbitration.

18 Safety

18.1 The level of Lake Travis fluctuates, so beware of shallow spots.

18.2 A boat retiring from a race is requested to notify the RC on VHF channel 78, before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.

18.3 For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the RC by VHF radio on channel 78.

18.4 The sheriff's department may monitor VHF channel 16 and can be reached by telephone at 911 for emergencies.

19 Disclaimer 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, its 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.