



2021 Opening Series Notice of Race



- 1 RULES** - The Series 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 Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the AYC's 2021 Opening Series. 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 with 2.2 will result in a boat not being scored.
 - 2.3 The series is open to all monohull keelboats, multihull boats (including 'beach cats'), and centerboards / dinghies.
 - 2.4 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.
 - 2.5 Any non-member-owned boat shall provide a copy of their certificate of insurance to the Race Commander, as a requirement to entry.
 - 2.6 All competitors are **encouraged** to "register" for AYC 2021 series once a year online at: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/>
Re-register only if there are changes to sail numbers or skipper names between series.
- 3 FEES**
 - 3.1 There are no entry fees for the Series.
- 4 SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Races will be held on these Sundays: March 7, March 14, March 21 and April 11, 2021.
 - 4.2 Competitor Briefing will be held March 6 at 18:30 (6:30pm) by Zoom meeting after Opening Ceremonies:
ZOOM Meeting ID **710 144 5398** Passcode: "opening" (passcode to be emailed to registered skippers).
 - 4.3 First Warning Signal for each race day will be at 13:30 (1:30pm).
 - 4.4 No more than one (1) race per day. Any race not sailed on the scheduled day will not be rescheduled.
- 5 MEASUREMENTS** - No measurement of boats is required. Boats competing in a handicap fleet must have a valid handicap rating certificate on file with AYC, or have submitted a PHRF request to the AYC PHRF Committee. Multihulls must have a handicap number on file with Multihull fleet.
- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - will be available on the AYC website no later than March 5, 18:00.
- 7 VENUE**

The intended racing area is Lake Travis, Hudson Bend using fixed and temporary marks.
- 8 COURSES**

All courses will be Long Distance (LD), using **2021 AYC Course Card**.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Each boat will be scored using her sail number, which must be unique within her fleet. A boat will be scored in only one class for the entire series -- the class that the boat first designates in the series.
- 9.2 Keelboat handicap & centerboard handicap classes will be scored using the "Time on Time" variant of the PHRF handicap rating system Lake Travis PHRF handicap values. Additional "delta" PHRF will be applied as follows: **Singlehanded: +6 or Doublehanded: +3, and, Non-spinnaker: +9.**
- 9.3 Multihulls will be scored using the PHRF handicaps (TOMA "W/L") maintained by the multihull fleet.
- 9.4 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will be used with the following changes:
 - 9.4.1 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.
 - 9.4.2 A boat that raced, but was disqualified (DSQ or DNE), shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
 - 9.4.3 All other scores (DNF, RET, DNS, OCS) shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
 - 9.4.4 For these two conditions that are typically not scored at all: (DNF 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.
 - 9.4.5 A boat whose skipper served as RC during the Series and therefore did not race, will receive average points for the race. Average is calculated per Appendix A, section A9, paragraph (a).
 - 9.4.6 A boat whose fleet has RC duty, and did not serve RC duty, and did not come to the starting area shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that participated in the Series, and will be shown as DNS in the results.
- 9.5 Excluded scores shall be determined as follows. This modifies rule A2.
 - 9.5.1 When 4 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION – It is recommended that each boat carry a VHF radio. 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 not be awarded, however, fleets may choose to provide awards.

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 release and discharge 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.

13 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.