



2021 Spring 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 Spring 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 NOR 2.2 will result in a boat not being scored.
 - 2.3 The series is open to all monohull keelboats and multihull boats (Trimarans and Catamarans 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.
- 3 **ENTRY AND FEES**
 - 3.1 All competitors are **encouraged** to “register” for AYC 2021 series racing 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 or to change designation of spinnaker or non-spinnaker between series.
 - 3.2 There are no entry fees for the Series.
- 4 **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Races shall be held on the following dates:
Sunday, April 18th, 25th, May 2nd
Saturday, May 8th (Not on Sunday due to Mother’s Day)
Sunday, May 23rd
On Sunday, May 30th, there is no racing. It is the EOS Party –just trophies and fun!
 - 4.2 Competitor Briefing will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.) by Zoom meeting:
Zoom Meeting ID **__710 144 5398__** Passcode: **to be emailed out** (ID and passcode to be emailed to registered skippers).
 - 4.3 First Warning Signal for each race day will be 13:30 (1:30 p.m.).
 - 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 classes 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** – EOS Party is on Sunday, May 30th. 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 PHRF request to the AYC PHRF Committee. Multihulls must have a handicap number on file with the Multihull Fleet.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **VENUE** – The intended racing area is Lake Travis, Hudson Bend using fixed and temporary marks.
- 9 **COURSES** – Courses will be either long distance (LD) using the **New (2021) “Long Distance Course Card”** or round the buoy (RTB) courses.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Each boat will be scored using her sail number, which must be unique within her fleet. A boat will be scored in only one Fleet for the entire series – the class that the boat first designates in the series. This restriction on scoring will also apply to designation of spinnaker or non-spinnaker for boats in PHRF fleets.
- 10.2 Scoring for handicapped fleets will be as follows:
 - 10.2.1 The PRF-A and PRF-B fleets will be scored using the “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with current PHRF handicap values.
 - 10.2.2 The Catamarans and Centerboard boats will be scored using US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick (Non Wind-Adjusted).
 - 10.2.3 The Trimarans will be scored using the PHRF handicaps (TOMA “W/L”) maintained by the Multihull Fleet.
- 10.3 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will be used with the following modifications:
 - 10.3.1 A boat will not be scored in a race during which her Fleet has the Race Committee assignment. This modifies RRS A4.
 - 10.3.2 RRS A5 will apply with the following modifications:
 - 10.3.2.1 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.
 - 10.3.2.2 A boat that raced, but was disqualified, shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
 - 10.3.2.3 All other scores (DNF, RET, DNS, OCS) shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
 - 10.3.2.4 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.
- 10.4 Excluded scores shall be determined as follows, and modifies RRS A2.
 - 10.4.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, no scores will be excluded.
 - 10.4.2 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.
 - 10.4.3 If 8 or more races are completed by a Fleet, a boat’s two worst scores will be excluded.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION – It is recommended 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.

12 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

13 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, 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.

14 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.