



2021 Spring Series Sailing Instructions



- 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 **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 online Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.); recording to be posted on the AYC website afterward.
 - 2.2.1 The Competitor's Briefing meeting may be recorded and shared on the AYC website.
 - 2.2.2 A representative of the AYC Permanent Race Committee will be available from 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon prior to each race under the AYC Clubhouse (close to the entrance to the RC Room) to answer any questions, but no formal additional briefing is planned at that time.
- 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 Races** - Dates are listed in the Series Notice of Race (NOR).
 - 4.1 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 13:30 (1:30pm).
 - 4.2 The completion of one race constitutes a Series.
- 5 **Check in by Competitors – This is an AYC Requirement.**
 - 5.1 **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.
 - 5.1.1 Competitors shall sail by the stern of the Signal Boat on Starboard and announce **in this order: Fleet / Sail Number / Boat type (only for Handicap fleets)**.
 - 5.1.2 Boats must check-in prior to the first Warning Signal of the day, or only during their start sequence and before their Preparatory flag is dropped in their sequence.
 - 5.1.3 The designation of "Spinnaker" or "Non-spinnaker" will not be accepted during "On-the-Water" check-in, and should be done during registration as described in the NOR. Spinnaker designations are for the duration of a series.
 - 5.2 The starting area is the area within 100 yards of the starting line. **Within this "starting area"**, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
 - 5.3 It is recommended that a valid, pre-registered RaceQs account be active on a cellphone on each boat for the duration of the races. The use of all Race Qs tracks and finish time information shall be at the full discretion of the Scoring Committee.

6 Class Flags - Class Flag designations will be numeral pennants. See SI 11.5 and see Order of Starts document.

7 Courses

- 7.1 The course designation 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 course designation 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, as described in SI 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5.
- 7.3 Multihulls will have two courses: a longer course for the Trimarans (designated by their start number followed by the letter “A”), and a shorter course for the Catamarans (designated by their start number followed by the letter “B”).
- 7.4 “Long Distance” LD Courses:
 - 7.4.1 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 “Race Documents”. When using pre-defined LD courses, the course number from the New (2021) “Long Distance Course Card” will be shown on the course ladder at the stern of the Signal Boat.
 - 7.4.2 When there is not an appropriate Long Distance course on the Course Card, RC may choose to post a course made of any combination of AYC permanent marks, including “A” mark, channel marks 3 - 12, and temporary inflatable marks (**orange windward “W” or yellow leeward “L”**).
 - 7.4.2.1 Code Flag C will be flown at or before the Preparatory Signal, to indicate that a course not shown on the Long Distance Course Card will be used.
 - 7.4.2.2 The course will be shown on a white marker board displayed from the stern of the Signal Boat, at or before the Preparatory Signal. Plain letters or numbers (not underlined) indicate marks to be rounded to port, and underlined letters or numbers indicate marks to be rounded to starboard. “W” will indicate a temporary **orange windward** mark and “L” will indicate a temporary **yellow leeward** mark, if used.
- 7.5 Round the Buoys (RTB) courses will be designated on the stern of the Signal Boat. The first number will indicate the class number, then a space, and the letters and numbers that follow will indicate courses such as W1, W2 or W3 as shown on the diagrams in Appendix 1.

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks for the “Long Distance” courses include permanent numbered channel marks or AYC permanent marks, which are shown on the **New (2021) “Long Distance Course Card”**, or an **orange tetrahedron** inflatable mark used as a temporary Windward mark (“W”) or a **yellow tetrahedron** inflatable mark used as a temporary Leeward mark (“L”). The Start Line and the Finish Line will be White Ball buoys.
- 8.2 In addition to the permanent marks, RC may choose to deploy “A” mark, which may be positioned in one of three possible locations as noted on the 2021 Course Map. RC will announce on VHF channel 78, a description and the color of “A” mark if it will be deployed. Failure of a boat to receive the announcement shall NOT be grounds for redress.

8.3 Marks for the Round-The-Buoys Courses

- 8.3.1 Windward mark for J80 class will be an **orange inflatable** tetrahedron, placed farther upwind than the **yellow windward** mark (see diagram).
- 8.3.2 Windward mark for all other RTB classes will be a **yellow** inflatable tetrahedron.
- 8.3.3 Leeward mark for all RTB classes will be a **yellow** inflatable tetrahedron.

9 Time Limits

- 9.1 For Round-the-Buoys (RTB) courses, the time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.
- 9.2 For Long Distance (LD) courses, the time limit for each race will be two and a half (2.5) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.
- 9.3 Boats may be finished in place, if their finishing position can be correctly determined, or if a boat agrees to be finished in place. Her finish time will be adjusted so as not to appear to have finished in front of boats in her class who finish within the time limit.

10 Obstructions

- 10.1 Start Line and Finish Line obstructions
 - 10.1.1 After the start, the Start Line is an obstruction, except when a boat has been recalled and needs to sail to the pre-start side of the starting line as described in RRS 29.1.
 - 10.1.2 After the start, the Finish Line is an obstruction, except when on the last leg of the course.
 - 10.1.3 Boats that sail through these obstructions will be scored points equal to DNF.
 - 10.1.4 A boat may “unwind” to correct its error in order to comply with SI 10.1.1 and 10.1.2, provided she has not finished. This modifies RRS 28.1.
- 10.2 All marked swim areas and dive areas are considered obstructions.
- 10.3 If “X” mark is present, the area between “X” mark and Windy Point is an obstruction.

11 The Start

- 11.1 The Race Committee may alert the competitors prior to the first start sequence, and prior to the second race of the day, with a series of short blasts (more than 6) approximately 1 minute prior to the starting sequence for the first start in that sequence.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between an orange line flag on the port side of the Signal Boat and a white ball buoy on the port side.
- 11.3 The start sequence may be broadcast on the Primary VHF Race Committee Channel 78.
- 11.4 The Starting Signal sequence will be as described in RRS 26.
- 11.5 The Order of Starts and Time of Start for each fleet are posted as a separate document, online and on the Official Notice Board.

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 Change of Course - For Long Distance (LD) courses, the Race Committee may not change the direction or length of any leg of the course after the start. This modifies RRS 33.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finish line will be between an orange line flag on the starboard side of the Signal Boat and a white ball buoy on the starboard side.
- 14.2 If a Course must be shortened, it will be in accordance with RRS 32.2.
 - 14.2.1 A course board or class flag will show which class is having their course shortened.
 - 14.2.2 Classes not being shortened at that mark, will continue to sail their designated course.

15 Scoring – The scoring is defined in the NOR.

16 Protests - Written protests shall be filed with the PRO of the day 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 Appendix T 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.

19 Disclaimer 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.

Appendix 1

RTB Courses W1: W-L-f W2: W-L-W-L-f W3: W-L-W-L-W-L-f

