



Sailing Instructions

2021 TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitors’ Briefing or 30 minutes before the race on Sunday, May 16.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. Two (2) races are scheduled for the Regatta.

5.2. Race One will be sailed on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 11:00 am.

5.3. Race Two will be sailed on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 11:00 am.

5.4. The Competitors’ Briefing is Saturday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m. under the AYC clubhouse.

6. Class Flags and Splits

6.1. Class flags will be numerical pennants.

6.2. Fleet splits and assigned numerical pennants will be announced at the Competitors’ Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board at AYC.

7. The Courses

7.1. For Race One all fleets will start in the vicinity of AYC and shall head up the lake.

7.2. For Race One all fleets the course will be sailed up the lake to a point where the race committee designates a turning mark. Each fleet's assigned turning mark will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

7.3. For Race One All Fleets will round their assigned turning mark to port and return to the starting/finish area. All keel fleets will also round Mark 7 and Mark 9 to port on the way to their turning mark and will also round Mark 9 and Mark 7 to starboard on the return to the starting/finish area. All multi-hull fleets will round Mark D and Mark 9 to port on the way to their turning mark. Multi-hull fleets will also round Mark 9 and Mark 7 to starboard on the return to the finish.

7.4. For Race Two, All Fleets - the course will be Long Distance courses selected from the latest AYC Long Distance Race Course Card, or a course posted on a board displayed on the back of the signal boat.

8. Marks and Obstructions

8.1. Marks will be a combination of AYC Permanent Marks, Permanent Channel Marks as shown on the AYC Lake Travis Map, and Starting/Finishing Marks.

8.2 For all Fleets, the areas between Low Water Hazard buoys in the vicinity of Arkansas Bend, Anderson Bend, Windy Point, and Travis Landing and the corresponding nearby shoreline shall be considered Obstructions. Boats sailing in these areas will be scored DNF.

8.3. The location of the marks described in Section 7 and 8 are approximate and should not be used for Navigation.

9. The Start

9.1. For all races the starting line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and the start mark in the vicinity of AYC. The start mark shall be a white ball buoy.

9.2. 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.

10. Shorten Course

10.1. 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.

11. The Finish

11.1. For Saturday, May 15 (Race 1) and Sunday, May 16 (Race 2), the finish line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange flag on an RC boat and the finish mark. The finish mark shall be a white ball buoy.

11.2. The time limit for the first finisher in each class shall be four (4) hours. If no boats in the class have completed the course prior to expiration of the time limit, the race for that class shall be abandoned.

11.3. Each boat finishing more than one (1) hour after the first finishing boat in her class, shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

12. Protests

12.1. A boat intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention to protest, indicating the sail number of the boat(s) being protested and receive oral acknowledgment from the Race Committee. This instruction is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a).

12.2. Written protests shall be filed with a Race Committee representative in the AYC office. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's docking signal after the return race day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Arbitration

13.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

14. Scoring

14.1. One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.

14.2. No scores shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.1.

14.3. All keel boat PHRF classes will be scored using the Time-on-Time variant of the PHRF rating system in accordance with the Lake Travis PHRF handicap values.

14.4. All multi-hull classes will be scored using the PHRF handicaps (TOMA "Distance") maintained by the Multihull Fleet.

14.5. All one-design fleets will be scored in the order finished.

14.6. The Bill Levens, Sr. Memorial Trophy is awarded to the spinnaker keelboat boat with the best corrected time for Race 1.

14.7. Trophies will be awarded accordingly:

3 participants	1 trophy
4-6 participants	2 trophies
7-9 participants	3 trophies
10+ participants	4 trophies

15. Safety

15.1. The level of Lake Travis is still below normal levels. Competitors should exercise caution to avoid shallow water.

15.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC, in person or on VHF channel 78, before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible. Chase boats monitor VHF 78 for race control and general assistance.

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

16. Radio Communications

16.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications including cellphones or other wireless devices not available to all boats.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races. 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.