



2022 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 2022 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.
 - 2.6 Individual fleets at AYC are considered to “opt-in” by default unless they explicitly “opt-out” of this series. Participating fleets will be required to provide Race Committee on a rotation basis for the duration of the series. Details about the RC Duty assignment and fleet rotation will be provided in the Order of Starts document.
 - 2.7 Deadline for opting-out is 11:59 PM on Monday March 7, 2022. Fleet Captains are requested to opt-out by sending an email to race_commander@austinyachtclub.net.
- 3 REGISTRATION AND FEES**
 - 3.1 All competitors must be “registered” for AYC series racing. Boats previously registered, with no updates, do not need to re-register. AYC Boat registration is available online at: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/>
 - 3.2 Competitors updating registration information such as changes to sail numbers, skipper names, or to change designation of spinnaker or non-spinnaker between series need to submit a new registration. Spinnaker designation may not be changed during series.
 - 3.3 There are no entry fees for the Series.
- 4 SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Races for the Trimaran and J/80 fleets will be held Saturdays, with the following details:
 - 4.1.1 Competitor’s Briefing will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday March 12th, under the AYC clubhouse.
 - 4.1.2 Races will be held on Saturdays 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/21.
 - 4.1.3 First Warning Signal for each race day will be 13:00 (1pm).
 - 4.1.4 For classes scheduled for multiple races each day, no Warning Signal will be made after 16:30 (4:30pm). This allows for more than two (2) races to be held each day.

- 4.2 Races for all other fleets will be held Sundays, with the following details:
- 4.2.1 Competitor's Briefing will be held at 12:00 (noon) on Sunday March 13th, under the AYC clubhouse.
 - 4.2.2 Races will be held on Sundays 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/15, 5/22.
 - 4.2.3 First Warning Signal for each race day will be 13:30 (1:30pm).
 - 4.2.4 For classes scheduled for multiple races each day, no more than two (2) races will be held each day. Any races not sailed on their scheduled day will not be rescheduled.
- 4.3 Subsequent races for classes which are scheduled for multiple races each day, will be held as soon as possible after the end of each race that day.

5 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – 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 rating request to the AYC PHRF Committee. Multihulls must have a handicap number on file with the Multihull Fleet.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Separate Sailing Instructions will be provided for Saturday and Sunday races, and will be available online on the AYC website prior to the start of the Competitor's Briefing, as well as in the bins next to the Official Notice Board located on the lower level of the AYC clubhouse on the northeast-facing wall.

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 **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 handicap 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/dinghy boats will be scored using US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick (Non Wind-Adjusted).

10.2.3 The Trimarans will be scored using the “Time on Time” variant of the PHRF rating system 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 Boats will be allowed to race on days in which her Fleet has RC Duty, as follows:

- (a) A boat whose skipper served as RC during the Series and therefore did not race will count as having come to the starting area.
- (b) Said boat will be scored DNS and will receive average points for all races held that day during which her skipper helped with RC. The average will be as calculated per Appendix A, Section A9, Paragraph (a) and will include only races where said boat participated, excluding DNC.
- (c) A boat may receive average points for more than one race date during the series.

10.3.2 RRS A5 will apply with the following modifications:

- (a) 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.
- (b) A boat that raced, but was disqualified (DSQ), shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- (c) All other scores (DNF, RET, DNS, OCS) shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- (d) 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.

10.3.3 RRS A5 is further modified for “out of town” racing credit as follows:

- (a) If a boat is unable to come to the starting area due to racing in another location, individual fleets at AYC may request that said boats be given “out-of-town” racing credit and be scored DNS instead of DNC. This applies only to series races.
- (b) In order to receive the “out-of-town” racing credit, the Fleet Captain of fleets who desire to be scored this way shall send an email stating this to race_commander@austinyachtclub.net.
- (c) In order to receive the “out-of-town” racing credit for a particular AYC series race, the AYC member shall send an email including the “out-of-town” event details to scoring@austinyachtclub.net. This request must be received prior to the start of the scheduled AYC series race.

10.3.4 RRS A2 is modified for excluded scores as follows:

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, no scores will be excluded.
- (b) When 4 to 6 races have been completed by a Fleet, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) If 7 or more races are completed by a Fleet, a boat’s two worst scores will be excluded.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION – It is required 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

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, 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.