



**Notice of Race**  
**Keel Handicap Fleet Independence Cup**  
**July 6, 2014**  
**Austin Yacht Club**

1. **RULES** - The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** - Austin Yacht Club (AYC) members and invited guests are cordially invited to participate in the Keel Handicap Fleets' Independence Cup Regatta. This race is open to all monohull keelboats and multihull boats. Eligible boats may enter by registering at the registration table in the AYC Clubhouse between 1030 and 1130, July 6, 2014. Pre-registration will be available on-line on the [KHF](#) page on the AYC website.
3. **ENTRY FEE** - The entry for each boat will be \$20. There will be a \$5 discount for active members of the AYC Keel Fleet.
4. **SCHEDULE** – Sunday July 6, 2014

1030	Registration opens.
1130	Registration closes
ASAP	Competitor's Briefing as soon as possible after the close of registration, in the AYC Clubhouse
1330	First Race Signal
After Races	Dinner, Protests heard as required
5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on the website. One set will be provided to each registered boat.
6. **VENUE** - AYC is a private yacht club located on Lake Travis at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428. Directions and other information relating to AYC are available on its web site located at <http://austinyachtclub.net/>. Please note that neither pets nor fireworks are allowed on club property.
7. **COURSES** - The event will consist of one long distance race starting in the vicinity of AYC. Racing will take place on courses defined by LCRA 'channel' markers and AYC permanent buoys. Course Details will be provided at Registration. The race will be approximately three (3) hours in length.
8. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will not apply for this event.
9. **SCORING**
  - 9.1. For scoring all boats will be assigned to Classes at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority. Each boat will be scored using her sail number. All boats will be issued a streamer to be flown for identification as a participant in the Regatta.
  - 9.2. Keelboat classes will be scored using the 'Time on Time' variant of the PHRF handicap rating system utilizing the PHRF of Lake Travis handicap values.
  - 9.3. Multihull classes will be scored using the most recent U. S. Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick system.
  - 9.4. Class assignments and Order of Starts will be announced as part of the Competitor's Briefing held prior to the race and subsequently posted on the Official Notice Board.
  - 9.5. The Independence Cup winners for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker will be determined by the highest average speed over the defined course for that class. This will be calculated using PHRF corrected time and either published distances from the 2014 AYC Course Card or GPS waypoints taken at the marks prior to the race.

10. **AWARDS** - Trophies will be awarded to helmspersons in accordance to the overall size of their respective Class as follows:
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| 2-3 entries | 1 trophy   |
| 4-6 entries | 2 trophies |
| 7+ entries  | 3 trophies |
11. **MEASUREMENT** - Measurement is not required, but all boats must have a PHRF Handicap Certificate on file with the AYC Keel Handicap Fleet, or must complete one before being scored as part of this Race.
12. **RADIO COMMUNICATION** - 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. Race Committee will be available on VHF Channel 78 for any emergency radio messages.
13. **MEALS/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – A fantastic dinner will be available for purchase after the race. Advance tickets to the meal can be reserved for \$7.00 each on the pre-registration website; meal tickets will be available for \$8.00 each on the day of the event.
14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its officers, committee persons, members, or any associates thereof will not accept any liability for and are in no way liable for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.
15. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** - For additional information contact AYC at 512-266-1336 or access the AYC website “Events” and “Calendar” pages at <http://www.austinyachtclub.net/>. For any other questions please contact Chris Thompson at [goboatin@gmail.com](mailto:goboatin@gmail.com) or JoAnn Welles at [joann-welles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joann-welles@sbcglobal.net)