

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUNFISH & LASER RACES

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Rules of each Class, and Austin Yacht Club Race Commander, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility

This event is open to any Class legal Sunfish or Laser, Club member or non-club member.

Non-club members are asked to sign a event wavier for participation at AYC and submit it to the office.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower clubhouse level.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.

5.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two audible signals (one audible signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The WARNING signal will not be made less than thirty (30) minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6. Schedule of Races

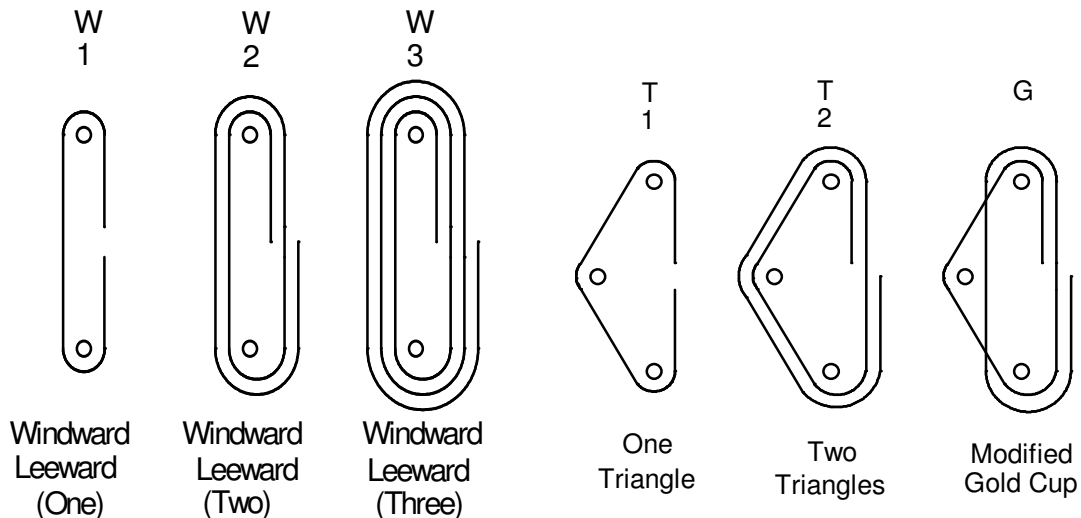
6.1 Races are scheduled every Wednesday night beginning the first Wednesday in May, and continuing through the last Wednesday in September. The first race of each evening will begin at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practicable.

6.2 The Sunfish Championship series will be sailed on the third Wednesday of each month from May through September. Addendum A further explains the details and requirements of the Sunfish Class 70 Championship Series.

6.3 The Laser Championship series will be sailed on the fourth Wednesday of each month from May through September. Addendum B further explains the details and requirements of the Laser Fleet 22 Championship Series.

7. The Course

7.1 The following course diagrams show the approximate courses including the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be left and the course symbol for each.



7.2 The course will be displayed or announced from the Race Committee boat.

8. Marks

8.1 Marks of the course will be tetrahedrons or any appropriate mark used or declared by the Race Committee.

8.2 The start-finish mark will be any appropriate mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix Q Sound-Signal Starting System.

9.2 The starting line will be between the Race Committee boat and the mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat.

10. The Finish

The finish line shall be between the Race Committee boat and the mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat. The finish line is restricted and shall be passed through only to finish any given race.

11. Time Limit

11.1 The time limit for the last race of each Wednesday will be 15 minutes before sunset.

11.2 When boats in a class are considerably behind the bulk of the fleet, at the Race Committee's discretion, they may be scored in place and a new starting sequence may be begun. This modifies Racing Rule 35.

12. Alternative Penalties

The alternative penalties Racing Rule 44 is in effect, except that only one (1) tack and one gybe will be required to cure an offense, this modifies Racing Rule 44.2.

13. Protests

13.1 Protest flags will not be required. This modifies Racing Rule 61.1(a).

13.2 A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of her intention to protest, and receive oral acknowledgment, immediately upon finishing or as soon as reasonably possible. This instruction modifies Racing Rule 61.1a.

14. Safety

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Austin Yacht Club will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release Austin Yacht Club from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

A boat which withdraws from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee by any practical means either before leaving the course or as soon as is reasonable under the circumstances.

15. Scoring

Sunfish scoring will be in accordance with Addendum A to these sailing instructions. Laser scoring will be in accordance with Addendum B to these sailing instructions.

16 General rules:

16.1 You must have a sail number on your sail and it must be readable (according to race committee) to be scored.

16.2 A minimum of two people are required on race committee and the driver must be an AYC member.

16.3 Only AYC Members over 16 years old or those who have completed a Texas Boater Safety Course may drive the AYC Chase or Committee Boat

Addendum A: Sunfish Scoring

Sunfish scoring will be based on the low point scoring system.

The Sunfish fleet champion will be selected based on scores from the championship series on the third Wednesday night of each month from May through September. Individuals must sail in a minimum number of races to be eligible for the fleet championship (if 25 races are completed with 5 throw-outs, then the minimum number is 20 races). If there are less than 4 eligible sailors the number of throw-outs may be increased at the discretion of the fleet scorer. The AYC Single-Handed perpetual trophy may be awarded to the top man and/or woman that is a senior club member and has the highest ranking in the third Wednesday night race calculations.

Addendum B: Laser Scoring

The Laser Fleet monthly championship will be the best scores on the fourth Wednesday night. If there are more than 4 races on a a championship night, there will be one throwout. A season champion will be scored based on series of Championship nights. There are five championship nights, each sailor will count their best 4 championship nights for the Season Championship.

The single-handed Laser perpetual trophy awarded each year by AYC may be awarded to the top man and woman that is a senior club member or young adult club member and has the highest ranking Season Championship score.