

2006 Austin Yacht Club Summer Series Races

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The race will be governed by the 'rules' as currently defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as published by the ISAF.

2 Entries

2.1 Any boat with an AYC member on board, or which has been invited or approved by the Race Commander, is eligible to participate.

2.2 Rule 77 is replaced with the following: Each boat should carry on her mainsail at least her boat design emblem and her sail number. Boats with spinnakers should carry the same sail number on both their spinnaker and mainsail.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC Club House, lower level.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race on the day it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

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

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

6 Other Signals

6.1 Code Flags N over C with three audible signals means 'races for all centerboard classes have been abandoned for the day.'

6.2 Code Flag Y may be displayed from the Race Committee Boat with or immediately after the warning signal for the class affected. This instruction modifies rule 40.

7 Schedule of Races

7.1 The schedule of race days will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 The number of races each day for each class will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board. For the first race each day, classes will start in the order posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.4 Subsequent races for each class as scheduled each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The Race Committee will use multiple short horn blasts to alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon. Approximately one minute later, the warning signal for the starting class(es) will be made.

7.5 Races not sailed on the scheduled day will not be rescheduled.

8 Class Flags

Class Flag designations will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

9 Racing Area

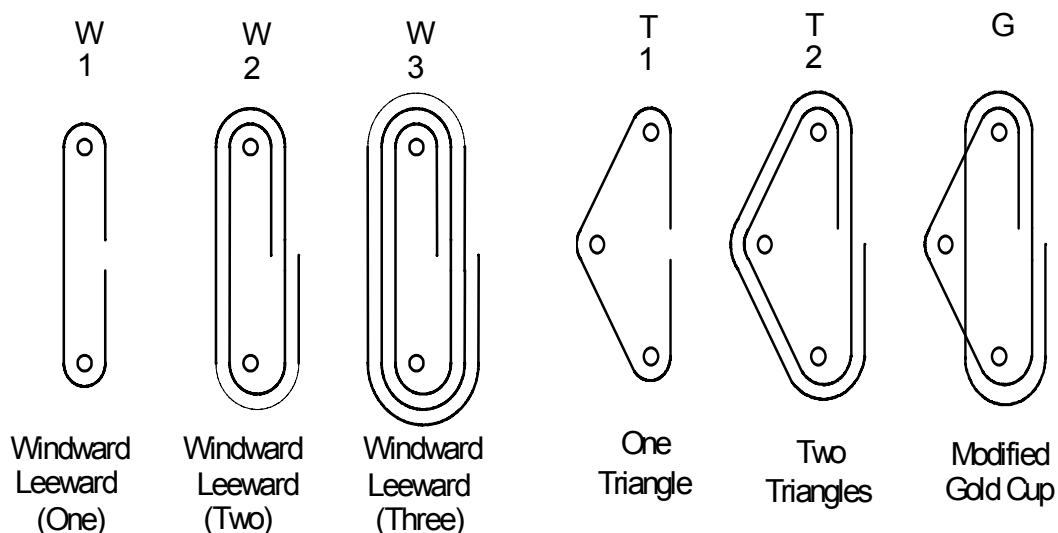
The racing area will be as shown on the Map of Lake Travis Basin posted on the Official Notice Board.

10 The Courses

10.1 Race course classification.

- (a) Round-the-buoys (RTB): For those classes that schedule races around windward-leeward or triangular courses.
- (b) Long Distance (LD): For those classes that schedule distance races, normally selected from the Long Distance Course Card.

10.2 Round-the-buoys courses and course symbols will be one of these as follows:



The course symbol will be written on a marker board or displayed on the course ladder from the top down. For round-the-buoys courses all rounding marks are to be left to port. The above drawings of courses are approximate representations only.

10.3 The long distance course will be selected from the list of numbered courses on the Long Distance Course Card, and the course number will be written on a marker board or displayed on the course ladder from the top down. The Long Distance Course Card will be posted on the Official Notice Board. At its discretion, the Race Committee may hoist Code Flag C and indicate on a marker board or course ladder from top down a list of permanent or temporary marks to be rounded, with underlined marks to be left to starboard and all others to port.

11 Marks and Obstructions

11.1 For round-the-buoys courses, rounding marks will be large yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

11.2 For long distance courses, rounding marks on the Long Distance Course Card will be designated either as AYC Permanent Marks B, C, D, E, I, J, K and X or as LCRA 'Channel' Marks 04 through 12. AYC Permanent marks will be permanent orange torpedo buoys. LCRA Channel Marks are odd numbered green 'can' buoys and even numbered red 'nun' buoys. For long distance courses including

rounding marks designated W, R and/or L (indicating a temporary windward, reaching and/or leeward mark, respectively), such marks will be a large orange inflatable tetrahedron. Missing permanent marks may be replaced by a temporary orange torpedo buoy, an orange inflatable buoy, or a Race Committee boat displaying code flag M.

- 11.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a small buoy.
- 11.4 Boats entering swim areas marked by LCRA buoys will be scored DSQ.
- 11.5 After starting, the start/finish line is an obstruction, except when on the last leg of the course. Boats that sail through this obstruction will immediately be scored points equal to DNF. This modifies rule 28.1.

12 The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the signal hoist of the Race Committee Boat and the starting mark.
- 12.3 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 of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 12.4 The course for each start will be posted no later than 45 seconds after its warning signal. This modifies rule 27.1.
- 12.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel posted on the Official Notice Board. If rule 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
 - (a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
 - (b) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers.
 - (c) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

13 Change of Course

After the start, the race committee may not change the direction or length of any leg of the course. This modifies rule 33.

14 The Finish

The finish line will be between the flagstaff flying the Race Committee flag on a Race Committee boat and a mark.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1 For Round-the-Buoys courses, the time limit will be two (2) hours. Each boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first finishing boat in her class, or finishing after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. The time difference after the first finisher is calculated using corrected time when boats are scored using corrected finish times. This modifies rule 35.
- 15.2 For Long Distance courses, the time limit will be four (4) hours. Each boat finishing more than 75 minutes after the first finishing boat in her class, or finishing after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. The time difference after the first finisher is calculated using corrected time when boats are scored using corrected finish times. This modifies rule 35.

- 15.3 When a single boat in a class remains on the course and is clearly in last place the Race Committee may order the race terminated and score the boat points equal to last place. This modifies rule 35. The Race Committee will note the time and approximate location of the last place boat and attempt to notify them that the race is terminated.

16 Protests

These Sailing Instructions prescribe the following requirements in addition to those imposed by rule 61:

- 16.1 When required by rule 61, protest flags will have a minimum of 30 square inches. This modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 16.2 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 rule 61.1(a).
- 16.3 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 docking after the race.
- 16.4 Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, a mediator, if available, will review the issues and applicable rules with the parties involved. As a result of mediation one or more of the parties may retire (RAF) from the race in acknowledgment of a foul, or if the mediator and all parties agree, the protest may be withdrawn. If the protest is not resolved as a result of mediation, a full protest hearing will be conducted according to Part 5 of the rules. The person who served as mediator will not serve on the protest committee. This modifies rules 63.1.
- 16.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible on the day of the race or as soon as reasonably possible.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Each boat will be scored by her sail number.
- 17.2 A boat will be scored in only one class during a series, which shall be the class the boat initially starts with during that series.
- 17.3 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the rules will be used with the following modifications;
- (a) Rule A9 will apply, as modified by SI 18.3 (c). This modifies rule A4.2.
 - (b) A boat will not be scored in a race during which her class has the Race Committee assignment. This modifies rule A4.1.
 - (c) A boat will not be scored in a race in which she is the only starting boat in her class for that race. This modifies rule A4.1.
 - (d) A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that were scored other than DNC for that race. This modifies rule A9 as it is applied per SI 18.3 (a).
- 17.4 The number of races to constitute a series shall be determined as follows.
- (a) When fewer than 7 races are scheduled, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) When 7 to 9 races are scheduled, three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (c) When 10 or more races are scheduled, four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.5 Excluded scores shall be determined as follows and modifies rule A2.

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded based on the average class attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned by the Race Committee.

3 Boats:	One (1) trophy	8-10 Boats:	Four (4) trophies
4 Boats:	Two (2) trophies	11-13 Boats:	Five (5) trophies
5-7 Boats:	Three (3) trophies	14+ Boats:	Six (6) trophies

19 Safety

- 19.1 The level of Lake Travis fluctuates so beware of shallow spots.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the Race Committee by VHF radio on the primary or alternate operating channel posted on the Official Notice Board. Communication between boats and the Race Committee are to be kept brief, to the point, and mindful of rule 41.