



Sailing Instructions 2008 SPRING SERIES REGATTA

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2005 - 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. 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.

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 one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race on the day the change is to take effect.

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. Races for all classes shall be held on the following dates:
 - Sunday, March 16, 2008
 - Sunday, March 30, 2008
 - Sunday, April 13, 2008
 - Sunday, April 20, 2008
 - Sunday, April 27, 2008
 - Sunday, May 4, 2008
- 5.2. No more than two (2) races will be held per day. Selected classes will run no more than one (1) race per day as announced at the Competitor's Briefing.
- 5.3. The Competitors' Briefing will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2008, at 12:00 in the AYC Clubhouse.
- 5.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 13:30. Subsequent races for each class as scheduled each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.5. Races not sailed on the scheduled day will not be rescheduled.

6. Class Flags

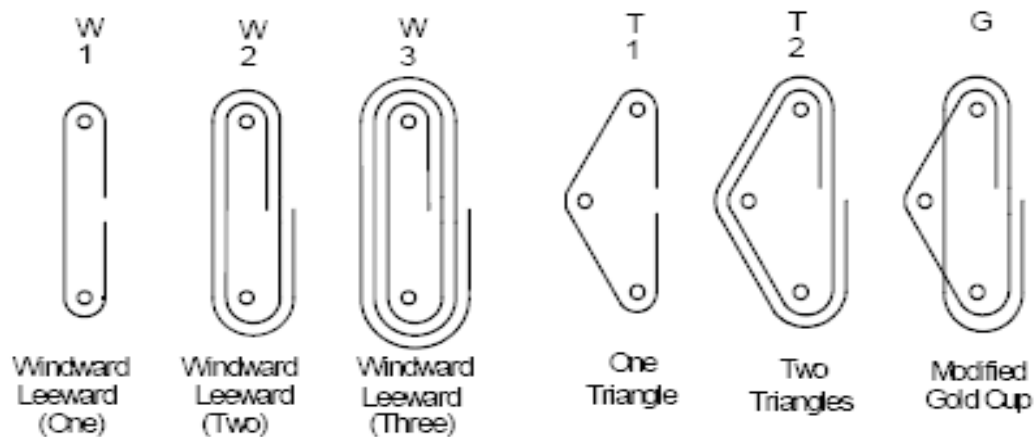
- 6.1. Class Flag designations will be posted on the official notice board.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The racing area will be as shown on the map of Lake Travis basin posted on the official notice board.

8. Round-the-Buoys (RTB) Courses

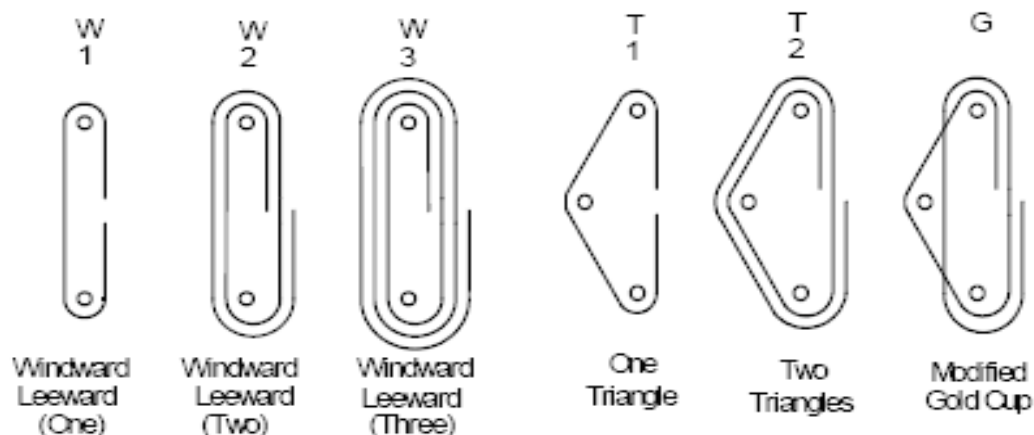
- 8.1. The following classes will sail Round-the-Buoys courses: J/24, J/22, Catalina 22, Southcoast 21, Ensign, and Centerboard Handicap.
- 8.2. All Round-the-Buoys (RTB) marks will be large yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. All Round-the-Buoys (RTB) marks will be left to port.
- 8.3. The Race Committee will designate one of the following courses (approximate representations only) by displaying the course symbol (from top to bottom) on the course ladder located at the stern of the RC Boat:



8.4. For Round-the-Buoys (RTB) courses, the time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies rules 35 and A4.

9. Intermediate (I) Courses

- 9.1. The following classes will sail Intermediate courses: Keel Handicap A.
- 9.2. Intermediate (I) course the windward and reaching marks will be large yellow inflatable tetrahedrons (note: these marks will be shared with the Round-the-Buoys course). The leeward mark will be a large orange tetrahedron. All Intermediate (I) marks will be left to port.
- 9.3. The Race Committee will designate one of the following courses (approximate representations only) by displaying the course symbol (from top to bottom) on the course ladder located at the stern of the RC Boat:



9.4. For Intermediate (I) courses, the time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. The finish window of 30 minutes will be calculated using corrected finish times. This modifies rules 35 and A4.

10. Long Distance (LD) Courses

- 10.1. The following classes will sail Long Distance courses: Keel Handicap B, Keel Handicap Non-Spinnaker, and Multihulls.
- 10.2. For Long Distance (LD) courses all 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 that include 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. A temporary orange torpedo buoy, an orange inflatable buoy, or a RC boat displaying code flag M may replace any missing permanent marks.
- 10.3. The Race Committee will designate the Long Distance courses using one of the following methods:

- 10.3.1. The Race Committee will display one of the designated Long Distance courses by displaying the course designation (from top to bottom) on the course ladder located at the stern of the RC Boat. The long distance course will be selected from the list of designated courses on the Long Distance Course Card which will be posted on the official notice board. Copies of the Long Distance Course Card will be available in the AYC Clubhouse in the bins next to the beverage cooler in the East corner of the AYC Clubhouse prior to the start of the Competitor's Briefing.
- 10.3.2. The Race Committee will designate a course of its choosing by hoisting Code Flag C at the Warning Signal and displaying a list of permanent or temporary marks to be rounded on a marker board. Any listed marks that are underlined are to be left to starboard and all others to port.
- 10.4. For Long Distance (LD) courses, the time limit for each race will be four (4) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boat failing to finish within 75 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finished will be scored DNF. The finish window of 75 minutes is calculated using corrected times. This modifies rules 35 and A4.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the signal hoist of the Race Committee boat and a white ball buoy.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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. Recalls

- 12.1. The RC will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel posted on the official notice board. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
 - Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.
 - A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

13. Change of Course

- 13.1. For Long Distance (LD) and Intermediate (I) courses, the Race Committee may not change the direction or length of any leg of the course after the start. This modifies rule 33.

14. The Finish

- 14.1. The finish line will be between the flagstaff flying the Race Committee flag on a RC boat and the finishing mark. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing mark shall be a white ball buoy.

15. Protests

- 15.1. When required by rule 61, protest flags will have a minimum of 30 square inches. This modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 15.2. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested, and receive oral acknowledgment from the Race Committee. This instruction modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 15.3. 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. 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.

16. Arbitration

- 16.1. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing that involve only two boats. This modifies rules 63.1.
- 16.2. After a written protest form is delivered, one designated representative, in compliance with rule 63.3(a), for each party will appear with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 16.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
- 16.3.1. There was no breach of a rule or the protest is invalid. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees the matter goes to the protest committee for a hearing.
- 16.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40 percent alternative penalty (calculated as in rule 44.3(c)) or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.

- 16.3.3. The matter should go to the protest committee for a hearing.
- 16.4. When the protest is referred to the protest committee, the arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest, but will be allowed to observe the evidence presented and to provide testimony.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. Each boat is required to check in by sailing astern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and class prior to the first Warning Signal of the day for their class. Each boat will be scored using her sail number. A boat will be scored in only one class during a series, which shall be the class the boat first designates in any race of the series.
- 17.2. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the rules will be used with the following modifications:
- 17.2.1. A boat will not be scored in a race during which her class has the Race Committee assignment. This modifies rule A4.1.
- 17.2.2. 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.
- 17.2.3. Rule A9 will apply with the following modification: 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.
- 17.3. Excluded scores shall be determined as follows and modifies rule A2.
- 17.3.1. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3.2. 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.
- 17.3.3. 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

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded based on the average class attendance for all scheduled races not abandoned by the RC as follows:
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| Up to 2 participants | No trophy |
| 3 participants | 1 trophy |
| 4 - 6 participants | 2 trophies |
| 7 - 9 participants | 3 trophies |
| 10+ participants | 1 additional trophy for each additional 3 participants |

19. Safety

- 19.1. The level of Lake Travis fluctuates so beware of shallow spots.
- 19.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.
- 19.3. For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the RC by VHF radio on the primary or alternate operating channel posted on the Official Notice Board.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the series races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 series races.