



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
2020 J 80 FLEET FALL FLING REGATTA  
October 18, 2020**

- 1. Rules** - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 2. Notices to Competitors** will be posted on the AYC Web Site.
  - 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the AYC Web Site, at least 2 hours prior to the race.
- 3. Signals Made Ashore**
  - 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.
  - 3.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes in Race Signal AP."
- 4. Schedule of Races** –The J 80 Fleet Fall Fling Regatta will be conducted on October 18, 2020. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100. Other races may follow. Up to four races may be scheduled.
  - 4.1 The Race Committee may announce at approximately 1300 that a short lunch and restroom break will take place. They may announce when the next race starting signal after the break will be displayed. It is each competitor's responsibility to determine if they have enough time to return to the dock before the next starting signal. Failure to return in time for the next race is not grounds for a request for redress
  - 4.2 The completion of one race constitutes a Regatta.
  - 4.3 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of these rules will be used as defined in the NOR.
- 5. Class Flags** - Class Flag designations will be numerical pennants.
- 6. Racing Areas** - The racing area is Lake Travis in the vicinity of AYC.
- 7. Courses**
  - 7.1. Courses for each race will be posted on the RC boat prior to the Preparatory Signal for each race. Courses will be prescribed by listing the order of each mark to be rounded. The order of marks shall be displayed on a course mark ladder of a marker board near the stern of the Race Committee boat. Underlined marks will be left to starboard, all other marks must be left to port.
- 8. Marks**
  - 8.1. Marks for the course will be AYC permanent marks, temporary windward (W) or leeward (L) marks, and permanent channel Marks. The Start and Finish Line marks will be White Balls.
- 9. Time Limits**
  - 9.2. For all courses, the time limit for each race will be one and one-half (1.5) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finished will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.
- 10. Obstructions**
  - 10.1. The area between any low water hazard buoys and the corresponding nearby shore is an obstruction.
- 11. The Start**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white buoy on the port end.
- 11.2 The start sequence may be broadcast on the Primary VHF Race Committee Channel 78.
- 11.3 The Starting Signals will be as described in RRS 26.

## **11 Recalls**

- 12.1 The RC will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel 78. The following shall NOT be grounds for redress:
  - 12.1.1 Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
  - 12.1.2 Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.
  - 12.1.3 A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.
- 12.2 This modifies RRS 29.

## **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between an orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white buoy on its port side.
- 13.2 If a Course is shortened, the finish line will be an Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat or designated AYC Chase Boat, posted at a mark to be rounded. The Finish boat will set up at a mark on the side that the boats must round. The flags must be posted prior to the first boat of that class rounding the mark, with one sound signal. The Finish boat will post an "S" Flag and the Orange Line Flag.

## **14. Scoring** – The scoring is defined in the NOR.

**15. Protests** - 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 the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible on the day of the race or as soon as reasonably possible. The Protest Committee Chairman may prescribe specific procedures to be utilized to conduct the Hearing, such as conducting it by phone, on-line, or other means to allow appropriate social distancing.

## **16. Arbitration**

- 16.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an Appendix T Arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS.
- 16.2 One designated representative, in compliance with rule 63.3(a), for each party will appear with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted during arbitration.
- 16.3 The Arbitrator may prescribe specific procedures to be utilized to conduct the Arbitration, such as conducting it by phone, on-line, or other means to allow appropriate social distancing.

## **17. Safety**

- 17.1. A boat retiring from a race is requested to notify the RC before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.
- 17.2. For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the RC by VHF radio channel 78.
- 17.3 All Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition, and readily accessible.

**18. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** – By participating in the regatta, 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 release and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, their 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.