

AYC FLEET CHALLENGE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

September 5, 2026

1. Rules

This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US SAILING, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility

1. 2.1 This event is restricted to those sailors elected by their fleets to participate in the AYC Fund regatta.
2. 2.2 Participants who are not members of AYC must sign an event waiver that will be filed with the AYC office.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be given verbally and usually in the vicinity of the lower level of the clubhouse.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the lower level of the clubhouse or may be communicated verbally on the water.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Races are scheduled on September 5, 2026. Skipper's meeting is 2pm under the clubhouse. The first warning signal is scheduled for 2:30pm.

6. Unlimited Kinetics

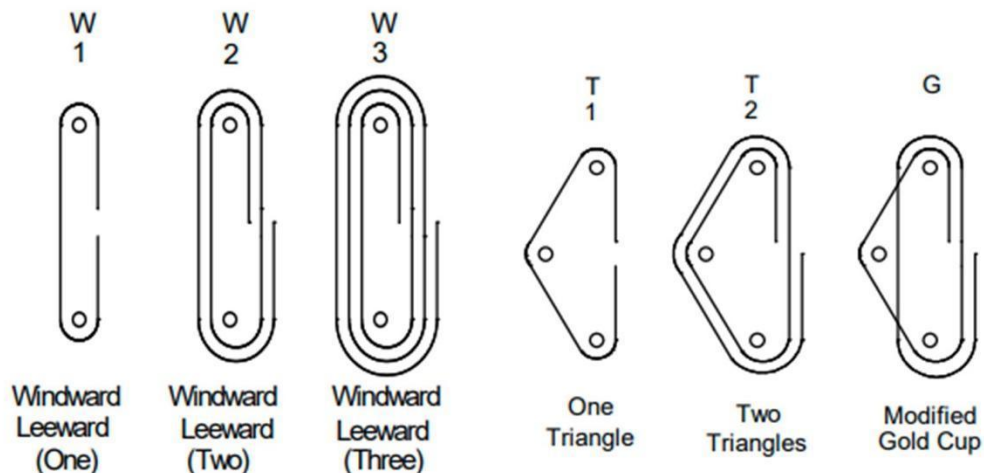
In the case of a low wind race unlimited kinetics may be allowed. This modifies rule racing rule 42.1. When unlimited kinetics racing is permitted racers can use anything that has been supplied as part of the standard equipment on the boat to propel the boat. This includes but is not limited to rolling, sculling, swimming and/or using the bailer. All supplied equipment must remain in its normal position. The bailer may be untied as needed.

7. Unlimited Kinetics Flag. Code Flag U

Code flag U will be flown along with a series of 5 short sound signals to indicate that unlimited kinetics are allowed. Code flag U can be flown at any point before the start or during a race at the discretion of the race committee. Code flag U will be flown from the committee boat and may be flown from the RIB. When code flag U is lowered along with a series of 5 short sound signals unlimited kinetics is no longer allowed and racing rule 42.1 applies. This modifies RRS 30.3. Rule 30.3 will not be used in these races.

8. The Course

1. 8.1 The course will be displayed or announced verbally from the Race Committee boat.
2. 8.2 The following course diagrams show the approximate courses, including the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, the side of which each mark is to be left, and the course symbol for each.



9. Marks

1. 9.1 Marks of the course will be MarkSetBots, or any appropriate mark used or declared by the Race Committee.
2. 9.2 The start-finish mark will be any appropriate mark positioned to the port side of the Race Committee boat.

10. The Start

1. 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System (the 3-minute audible sequence). A series of short signals **may be** made before any starting sequence begins, in order to attract attention.
2. 10.2 The starting line will be between a flagstaff on the port side of the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.

11. The Finish

1. 11.1 The finish line shall be between a flagstaff on the port side of the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.
2. 11.2 When boats are considerably behind the bulk of the fleet, they may be scored in place at the Race Committee's discretion, and a new starting sequence may be signaled. This modifies RRS 35.

12. Penalties at the Time of the Incident One Turn Only.

RRS 44 is in effect, except that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) will be required to exonerate an offense. This modifies RRS 44.1.

13. Extra “Turns”

13.1 Spectators in the “Designated Viewing Area” (as described in the Competitor’s Meeting) will be permitted to buy extra “turns” (one tack and one gybe), which are to be completed by specific boats on the water. The administration of, and communication of these extra turns will be from a RIB, not from the Signal Boat.

13.2 Pricing will be communicated at the Competitor’s Meeting. Generally, each successive turn, in the same race, applied to the same boat, will be more expensive.

14. Protests

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

15 Arbitration - Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

16. 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 3, Decision to Race. AYC Fund and/or 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 AYC Fund and Austin Yacht Club from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. Scoring

17.1 The AYC Fleet Challenge racing will be scored using the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.

17.2 Throw outs will only be available to those boats who have a throw out purchased for them.

Number of Races	Number of Throw-outs
1	0
2-3	1
4-5	2
6 or more	3

17.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This modifies RRS A 4.

Code Flag U Red and white squares in opposite corners.

