

2016 Dallas Race Week Sailing Instructions

Rockwall, Texas 75032

RULES

- • The races will be governed by the 2013-2016 US Sailing Instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- • Notices will be posted on the notice area of the <http://www.facebook.com/dallasraceweek> (DRW) website.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- • Changes to these instructions will be posted on the website.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

- • The schedule of races and the starting time for each race will be posted on Facebook. Yachts should be ready to leave the harbor for the starting area at least 20 minutes before their scheduled start for the day's race. A stagger time for all registered boats will be handed out to each competitor
- • Races are scheduled starting Friday June 17th night's race is scheduled for 7:00 PM.
- Saturday will have two races back to back starting at 10 am
- One race Sunday morning with a 10 am start
- • Four races are planned with no throw outs. One race shall constitute a regatta.

SIGNALS MADE before race

- • Signals will be displayed from the designated committee boat.

RACING AREA

- • The racing area will be all of Lake Ray Hubbard south of I 30.

FLEETS and CLASSES TO BE SAILED

- • Separate fleet designations may be assigned at the request of a fleet having 5 or more boats registered to sail in that fleet. **Note: Additional fleets will be added if sufficient boats to designate a new fleet (5 boats minimum).**
- • Fleet designations planned shall be as follows:
 1. **A Fleet:** PHRF < 121
 2. **B Fleet:** PHRF 121 - 200
 3. **C Fleet:** PHRF > 200
 4. **Melges 24**
 5. **IC 24**
 6. **Cruising Fleet (MJ)** PHRF < 200
 7. **Cruising Fleet (MJ)** PHRF 200+
 8. **A Kite**

These are the classes that are anticipated – final determination based on boats registered will be announced at the skippers meeting.

- • Any changes to the starting times, or the order of starts will be posted on the DRW Facebook before the evenings race.

THE COURSE.

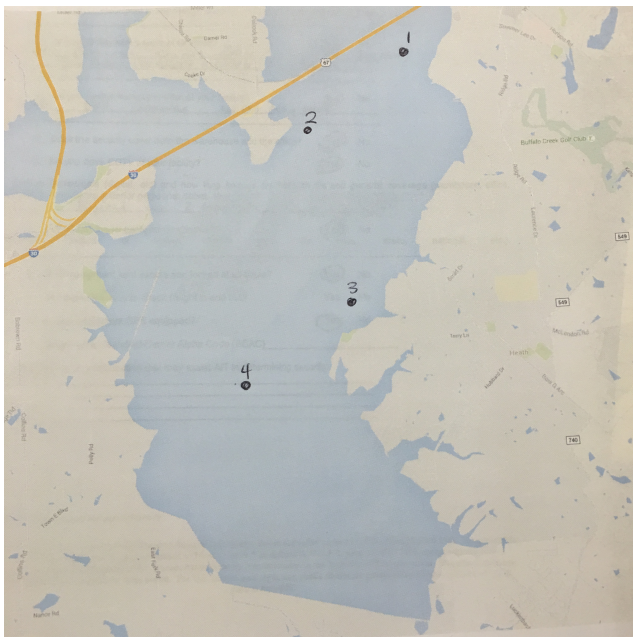
The COURSE Designators is just a guide of a general area of the lake

Marks may be moved significantly to make a better course of that day's wind direction and length.

Designation		
1		"Start" 1 – 2 – 3 - 1 Finish (Triangle)
2		"Start" 1 – 4 - 1 Finish (windward- Leeward)

Course sheets will be posted on Facebook, Dallas Race Week

- • Not later than 6:55 pm, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.
- • The course is five miles in length and may not be shortened



MARKS

- • Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Large 55 gallon Blue drums with large floaties attached.
- • The start/finish marks may be small orange spheres or Mark 1 or 2

There will be no changes in the course after the start.

THE START

- • Races will be started by using staggered (pursuit) start time sheet handed out at skippers meeting.
- All times will be based on Colorado Atomic clock time.
- Race committee may give instructions and is allowed to talk to competitors to assist them in understanding their start times and course to sail. Competitors can listen in to Channel 71 to verify their correct starting time.
- • The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the breakwater or Committee boat and the starting mark.
- • A yacht can start any time after her proscribe starting time.
- • Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying code flag "X" (White with a Blue Cross), one sound and hailing the sail numbers of the yacht(s) concerned.
- • Channel 71 shall be used for the purposes of notifying competitors of individual recalls.
- • Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall signal shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly.

THE FINISH

- • The finish line shall be between an Orange Mark and a staff displaying an orange on station flag on the breakwater or committee boat.
- • The finish line will be located off the breakwater or committee boat.
- • A blue flag denotes the Committee is on station, taking finishes.
- • All boats crossing the finish line will receive a sound signal indicating a finish. The responsibility of sailing the proper course as indicated at the beginning of each race is each competitor's responsibility.

TIME LIMIT

- Yachts not finishing within 2 hours of the first boat starting will be scored DNF and will be given points of number of finisher's plus one.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- • The 720 Degree Turn penalty (rule 44) will be in effect.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- • Protesting yachts shall notify the race committee immediately after the finish of (or withdrawal from) the race in which the incident occurred.

- • Written protests must be filed with the protest committee officer (name as posted on the notice board) not later than 1 hour after the finish of the last race. The evenings protest committee officers name will be posted on Facebook Dallas Race Week
- • All protests shall first be heard by an arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be the Protest Committee Officer (Scott Self)

SAFETY

- • It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.
- • A yacht that retires from a race is asked to notify the race committee before leaving the course area or, notifying the race committee by hailing on channel 71, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

SCORING

- • A minimum of 1 race will constitute a regatta. The low point scoring system (Appendix A) will be used.
- • Any comments, questions or requests for changes shall be provide in written form to the scorer or the race committee officer prior to nest race. The change request shall include boat name, sail number, contact phone number, and a description of the request.
- • There are no haul out restrictions.

PARTY HOSTS

- Friday nights party is on the Boardwalk of Chandlers Landing Marina, near A Dock.
- Saturday afternoon raft up near the Harbor in front of the Hilton immediately after the 3rd race.
 - Listen to Channel 71 for raft up instructions.
- Awards at the Chandlers Marina after the finish of the 4th race on Sunday.