



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SEW-MAD Women's Regatta
September 26, 2020
Lake Canyon Yacht Club (LCYC)
Canyon Lake, TX

1. RULES
The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2017-2020* (RRS).
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on Regatta Network.
3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
 - 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may only be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
 - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Super Dock.
 - 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This modifies "Race Signals".
5. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 5.1 Dates of racing:
September 26, 2020
 - 5.2 Number of races scheduled:
All Classes Three (3) Races
 - 5.3 The scheduled time of the first signal for the first race is 13:30.
6. CLASSES/CLASS FLAGS
 - 6.1 There will be two classes: PHRF/Keelboat – all boats of LWL 17' and greater; and Portsmouth/Board Boat – all boats of LWL less than 17'.
 - 6.2 Each Class will be assigned a flag with a pennant number as its class flag at the competitors meeting.
7. RACING AREAS
The racing area will be in the main basin of Canyon Lake.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed are Windward-Leeward courses as illustrated below.

	Course W – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish

8.2 The course designation and order of starts will be displayed on a white board on the stern of the Race Committee (RC) Boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 FOR ALL CLASSES: Mark 1 (windward mark) and Mark 2 (leeward mark) will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 The starting/finishing mark (pin end of starting line) will be an orange cylinder or red sphere.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark (orange cylinder or red sphere).

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.5 As a courtesy, the RC may hail the sail number of boats that are On Course Side (OCS) or have not complied with RRS 30.1.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark (orange cylinder or red sphere).

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The time limit from the Starting Signal to the Finish for the first boat in a respective class will be 60 minutes. A boat that does not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available on the US Sailing website (<https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>) and from the Race Committee after the race. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the Race Committee docks.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties (either protestee or protestor). Hearings will be held on the Youth Dock following all masking and social distancing requirements. Additionally, no witnesses will be permitted to be called at the protest hearing to further reduce the number of people involved.
- 13.4 Each affected competitor will have three (3) minutes to describe the situation and action they took. The Protest Committee will render a final decision on the protest immediately.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The scoring system used will be the Low Point scoring system of the RRS, Appendix A.
- 14.2 The PHRF fleet will use their PHRF rating to determine their corrected timed race results.
- 14.3 The Portsmouth fleet will use the North American Portsmouth Yardstick ("Portsmouth Handicap Rating") to determine their corrected timed race results.
- 14.4 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.5 No scores will be excluded such that a boat's final score shall be the total of all her race scores.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Prior to the start of the first race, all competitors must check in on starboard tack by hailing the RC Signal Boat with their sail number and skipper's last name and be acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17. AWARDS

- 17.1 For 2020 only, the SEW-MAD Perpetual Trophy for Keelboats will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest cumulative score of the PHRF/Keelboat fleet.
- 17.2 For 2020 only, the SEW-MAD Perpetual Trophy for Board Boats will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest cumulative score of the Portsmouth/Board Boat fleet.
- 17.3 Additional place awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority based on the number of boats competing.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1, #4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material

damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all competitors are required to read the LCYC COVID-19 Task Force Recommendations in NOR Appendix, answer the three questions on registration in Regatta Network, and sign the “Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability” document posted on the Regatta Network website.