



2021 Texas Youth Race Week

July 8-11, 2021



Bay Access Sailing Foundation at Lakewood Yacht Club
Seabrook, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for Laser and Double Handed Classes

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The 2021 Texas Youth Race Week is organized jointly by Houston Yacht Club (HYC) and Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) with Optimist and Skiff classes at HYC and all Laser and Double Handed Classes at LYC.

The event is a Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit Regatta.

Texas Youth Race Week is a US Sailing Junior Olympic event.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 1.3 The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4 Racing Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

The Official Notice Board is located on the outside porch of the LYC Seahorse Youth Sailing Building. Notices may also be posted online at Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22690>), linked to from www.txsail.org

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least two hours before the first race of each day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 19:00 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the LYC Small Boat Harbor Flagpole located at the dinghy launch ramp.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, 4 races are scheduled each day. Additional races may be run if time allows.

5.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.

5.3 The schedule for the regatta is:

Wednesday, July 7

0900-2000 Competitors and boats welcome to arrive at LYC

Thursday, July 8

0900-1000 Competitor Check-In @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

1000 Competitors', Coaches', and Parents' Briefing @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

1200 First Warning Signal

Friday, July 9

1200 First Warning Signal

After Racing Competitor Dinner and Awards

Saturday, July 10

0900-1000 Competitor Check In for newly arriving sailors only @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

1000 Competitors', Coaches', and Parents' Briefing @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

1200 First Warning Signal

Sunday, July 11

1200 First Warning Signal

1600 No First Warning Signal will be given after this time

After Racing Awards

5.4 No warning signal will be given after 1600 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

Class flags will be announced at the Competitors Briefing.

7. RACING AREAS:

One (1) racing area will be used for all fleets. The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting.

8. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

9. RACE COURSES:

9.1 Race diagrams will be described at the Competitors Briefing.

9.2 All courses will be "L": Leeward start and finish.

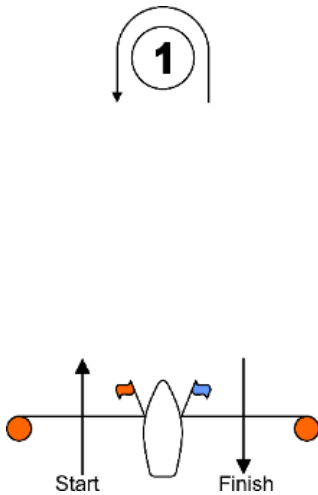
9.3 Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "L" such as "L1" or "L2"

9.4 For all courses the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.

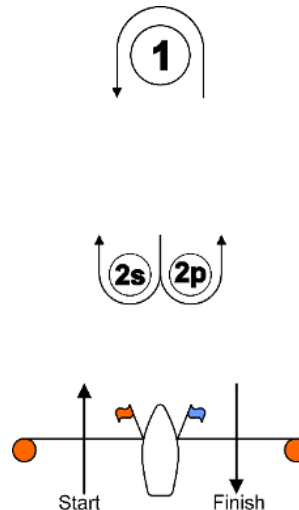
9.5 Course L2 includes a leeward gate.

- 9.6 The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

Course L1 (Leeward Finish) – Windward, Leeward Finish



Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish



10. **MARKS:**

- 10.1 Mark colors and shapes will be announced at the Competitors Briefing.
- 10.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Course changes will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

11. **THE START:**

- 11.1 For all fleets, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. **RECALLS:**

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

13. **THE FINISH:**

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1** The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but no more than a score of DNF.
- 14.3** At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 and 35.
- 14.4** A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 15.1** A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
- 15.2** Protests must be submitted within the Protest Time Limit which is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Boat from the Competitors' race course docks.
- 15.3** Protests and Requests for Redress not related to starting penalties shall be submitted electronically at: <https://forms.gle/Hytf2r7PWBSu4Lwq8>
- 15.4** Requests for scoring reviews for possible scoring errors and requests for redress relating to starting penalties shall be submitted electronically at: <https://forms.gle/4riL5fLXD8jFgCYh7>
- 15.5** The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.6** Requests for scoring review and for starting penalty redress will initially be reviewed by the Race Committee. If resolved by the race committee, no hearing will be scheduled. If not resolved by the Race Committee, the competitor may request a hearing and the protest committee will proceed under RRS 63.1.
- 15.7** The RC will post a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the official notice board. If this notice is posted before the protest time limit stated in SI 15.2, then a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This change is added to RRS 62.2.
- 15.8** Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Regatta Network > Newsroom and Results > Hearing Schedule at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22690#_newsroom no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. We will make a best effort to inform competitors by email or text that they are being protested and the time and place of the hearing. Hearings will be held in a virtual protest room, the Zoom link for which will be provided to all parties by the protest committee.
- 15.9** Requests for redress relating to an OCS or other starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the Race Committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This change is added to RRS 62.2. See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.
- 15.10** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 and 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than Rules Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

16. SCORING:

- 16.1** One or more races will constitute a regatta. For the overall Texas Youth Race Week four-day event scoring, if five (5) or more races are completed, there will be one excluded race for scoring purposes. If

ten (10) or more races are completed there will be one additional excluded race – two total – for scoring purposes.

16.2 The four race days will be considered as two two-day events for Texas Sailing Association scoring and participation purposes: July 8-9 and July 10-11. For each of the two two-day events for Texas Sailing Association scoring, if five (5) or more races are completed there will be one excluded race for scoring purposes for that series. If ten (10) or more races are completed for either of the two two-day events there will be one additional excluded race – two total – for scoring purposes for that series.

16.3 Overall scoring for Texas Youth Race Week will be the cumulative point total of all races sailed for the four-day regatta not including excluded race(s) from the two-day event scoring series.

17. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

[DP] Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

18. SAFETY:

18.1 A U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal buoyancy device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. Sailors may wear a sailing pinny over buoyancy devices.

18.2 A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

18.3 Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an “S-Cutter” tool or harness webbing cutter.

19. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

19.1 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor’s preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.

19.2 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

19.3 All support boats and coaches are reminded to wear a safety kill-switch lanyard in accordance with the September 2019 Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water.