



Sailing Instructions

2021 AYC Centerboard Regatta



Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734
September 18-19, 2021

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules for all classes are changed so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form and are identifiable and readable from both sides of the sail. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.
- 1.4 A junior sailor is someone who will not turn 19 or older during the 2021 calendar year.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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 1900 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When a signal is displayed over a Class flag it applies to that Class only.
- 4.3 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1 Schedule:

Saturday, Sept 18, 2021

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| 0800 – 0930 | Late registration and competitor check-in |
| 1000 | Competitors Briefing under the AYC Clubhouse |
| 1100 | Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow |

Sunday, Sept 19, 2021

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| 1030 | Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow |
| 1400 | No first warning signal after this time |

- 5.2 The completion of one (1) race constitutes a regatta. Weather permitting, the goal is to conduct at least six (6) races per class.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

Class flags will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing. The fleet starting will be indicated by a class flag on the Race Committee boat, or announced verbally.

7. THE COURSES:

7.1 The racing area will be in the main body of Lake Travis in the vicinity of AYC. The Optis will be on a separate course near the South Cove area. The starting area for all other boats will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing.

7.2 Courses will be displayed or announced verbally from the Race Committee Boat.

7.3 **Centerboard and Opti Courses**

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses for all Centerboards and Optis, including the approximate angles between the legs, order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the course symbol for each. The course symbol for the Modified Gold Cup is "G".

7.4 **Beach Multi Hull Long Distance Courses**

Beach Multi Hull boats will sail long distance courses using Numbered Channel Markers 4, 5, 6 & 7 (see Attachment B for approximate locations of markers). The course symbol "M" for Multi Hull boats will be displayed at the back of the Race Committee boat. The marks to be rounded and the order to be rounded will be displayed with "M" either on the course ladder or on a marker board.

8. MARKS:

8.1 Marks on the Centerboard and Opti courses will be tetrahedrons or colored buoys as declared by the Race Committee. Marks on the Beach Multi Hull Long Distance course will be Numbered Channel Markers 4, 5, 6, & 7.

8.2 The start-finish mark will be any appropriate mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee Boat.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS:

LCRA Swim areas near Windy Point are designated as obstructions.

10. THE START:

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.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.

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

10.4 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.

11. CHANGE OF LEG OF THE COURSE:

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH:

12.1 The finish line will be between a flagstaff on the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.

12.2 The finish line is restricted, and a boat's path, as defined in RRS 28.2 (the 'string rule'), shall not pass through the finish line except to finish.

13. TIME LIMITS:

- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, may be scored in place at the discretion of the Race Committee. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.
- 13.2 When boats in a class are considerably behind the bulk of the fleet, they may be scored in place at the Race Committee's discretion, and the Race Committee may begin a new starting sequence. This modifies RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION:

- 14.1 Written protests shall be filed with a Race Committee representative under the AYC clubhouse. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat docking after the race. Protests will be heard in the approximate the order of receipt, as soon as possible on the day of the race, or as soon as reasonably possible.
- 14.2 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.

15. SCORING:

Rule A 2.1 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but not ten (10) or more, races are completed. If ten (10) or more races are completed, her two worst scores will be excluded.

16. OUTSIDE HELP:

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 In any race, the back half of the Sunfish Green fleet and of the Opti fleet may receive on-the-water coaching. This modifies Rule 41.

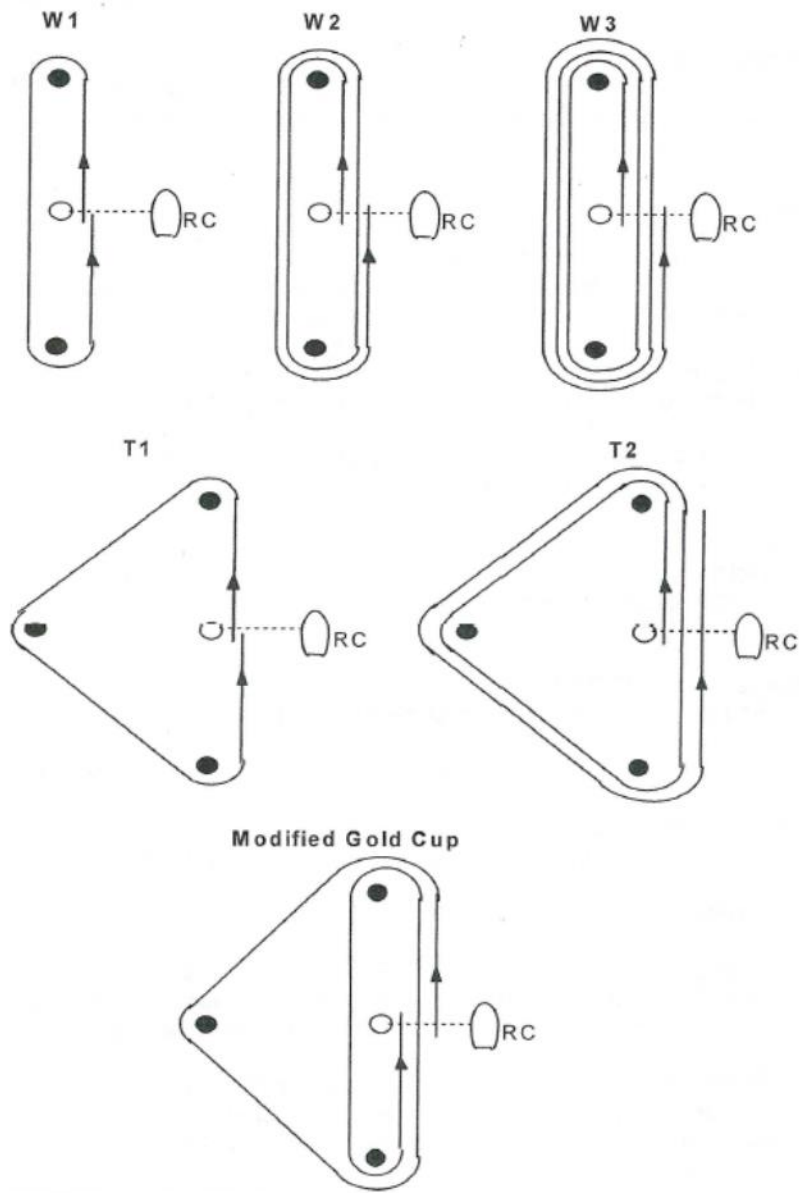
17. SAFETY:

- 17.1 The level of Lake Travis fluctuates, so beware of shallow spots.
- 17.2 A boat retiring from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee by any practical means either before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.
- 17.3 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 pinney over buoyancy devices.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

By participating in this regatta, each participant agrees to participate entirely at his or her own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The risks include, without limitation, those associated with COVID-19, such as the risk of being exposed to or infected by COVID-19, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disability or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races. To the fullest extent permitted under Texas law, each participant unconditionally and irrevocably releases and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, its 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, illness, disability, death or property damage incurred in connection with the event.

ATTACHMENT A



Courses for Centerboards and Optis.

ATTACHMENT B



Approximate locations of Numbered Channel Markers.