



2022 S21 North American Championship Race Days: June 17-19, 2022

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The RS21 Class Association rules will apply.
<https://www.rs21sailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RS21Class-Rules-V.1.16-220921-AS.pdf>
- 1.3. Any Center for Disease Control (CDC) and State of Texas guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
- 1.4. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment, Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager.
- 1.5. Privately owned RS21s must adhere to RS21 Class Rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted immediately following the Competitors' Briefing on the first day of racing, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the race committee flying Flag L and hailing all competitors via VHF radio with the change.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online and at a courtesy notice board located by the RS21 dock.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel to be announced at the briefing. Boats are required to carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3. While racing, 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. [NP, DP]

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials [NP, DP].

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at LYC Clubhouse flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced in the race signal AP with "not less than 30 minutes" if racing is held on Clear Lake or "not less than 60 minutes" if racing is held on Galveston Bay.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The following schedule of races is planned.

Thursday, June 16

1000 - 1600 Optional Clinic (separate registration required)
1600 - 1800 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In followed by optional open practice. Four (4) Boats will be available to be chartered on Thursday, June 16 from 1000 - 1600 for practice on a first come, first serve basis. Half day charter rate will be required. Charter arrangements to be made with LYC RS21 Coordinator no later than June 13. Any torn spinnakers will be express repaired overnight at the expense of the user. No official practice race is planned but informal practice races may be organized by competitors.

Friday, June 17

0800 - 0930 Registrant Check In Dockside
1000 Competitor Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
Post race Drinks and snacks post race

Saturday, June 18

1000 Competitors Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
Post race Regatta Social

Sunday, June 19

1000 Competitors Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
1400 No Start After
1600 Awards after racing

6.2. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6.3. Competitors do not need to wait until Harbor Start time to proceed to race area.

6.4. Number of Races

6.4.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled.

6.4.2. Four (4) races are scheduled for each day of racing. Two extra races per day may be sailed, provided the championship never becomes more than two races ahead of schedule.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the RS21 flag.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake adjacent to Lakewood Yacht Club or on Galveston Bay near the Clear Lake Channel entrance.

8.2. The race area will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing each morning.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the race course.

10. MARKS

10.1. All marks will be either yellow or orange tetrahedrons or balls. Marks will be described at the Competitor's Briefing and posted on the official notice board.

10.2. An offset mark may be used at the windward mark and shall be left to port.

- 10.3. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the original marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
 - 10.4. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.
11. OBSTRUCTIONS
- 11.1. All areas within Clear Lake south of the Clear Lake Channel shall be designated as obstructions. The race committee may further designate any areas of shallow water as obstructions by displaying flag L and hailing all competitors via VHF radio.
12. THE START
- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS26.
 - 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
 - 12.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 12.4. A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
- To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
14. THE FINISH
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. This changes the race signals in the RRS.
15. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 15.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not apply.
 - 15.2. If a boat breaches RRS 44.1.b, as judged by the Protest Committee, and if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2 then LYC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages.
 - 15.3. If a boat found by the Protest Committee to have broken RRS 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS 43 then LYC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages. There will be zero tolerance on collisions!
16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
- 16.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark shall be 30 minutes. If not boat has reached the mark within that time then the race will be abandoned.
 - 16.2. The Race Time Limit is 60 minutes and Target Time is 30 minutes.
 - 16.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The Finishing Window is 15 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
 - 16.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
17. HEARING REQUESTS
- 17.1. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).
 - 17.2. Hearing forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 - 17.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat enters the harbor and sounds a single horn.
 - 17.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in an area to be designated by the RC, beginning no sooner than 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 17.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
 - 17.6. Breakdowns of chartered boats should be verbally reported to the RC by the competitor at the earliest reasonable time which it can be safely done. Breakdowns may be reported using VHF.
18. REGATTA SCORING
- 18.1. The regatta shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
 - 18.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 18.3. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - 18.4. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - 18.5. When from five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
19. SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A boat which has retired and does not intend to race in any additional races shall return promptly to its designated berth. [NP, DP]
 - 19.2. All boats shall have on-board one US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) appropriate for the vessel per competitor on-board.
 - 19.3. All boats shall carry on-board a VHF radio which shall be operating at all times.
20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
- 20.1. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors with a limit of six (6) sailors per team that may rotate races when onshore. This modifies the RS21 Class Rules. If rotations are not used then competitors must arrange for their own logistics to rotate crews at their discretion.
 - 20.2. Competitors shall report all damaged equipment to the fleet support boat or Race Committee at the first opportunity for repair.
21. SUPPLIED BOATS
- 21.1. Boats will be supplied by the organizing authority or privately owned. Competitors chartering boats shall comply with all provisions of the RS21 charter manual (www.rs21fleet1.com/documents-and-forms/) and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager.
 - 21.2. The penalty for not complying with any instructions of the charter manual or specific instructions of the RS21 Fleet Manager is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken. [NP, DP]
 - 21.3. Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.
22. OFFICIAL BOATS
- 22.1. Official boats will be marked by a blue Race Committee flags
23. PRIZES
- 23.1. Prizes will be given to the top three finishers.
24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. There risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Attachment 1

Mark Rounding Order

Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish

