



***Black River Racing* presents the 2023 DragonFlite 95 Texas Championship**

September 9-10th, 2023

Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation
Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive
Seabrook, Texas 77586 USA

Sailing Instructions

1) RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and including the [DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules](#) (DF95-RCR).
- b) RRS Appendix E will apply.
- c) These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race.
- d) RRS 62.1 & E6.6 (Redress) the following is added: "In order to qualify for a redress hearing:
 - i) . if the incident occurred on a leg of the course, the boat requesting redress must retire on the leg of the course upon which the incident occurred,
 - ii) or if the incident occurred at the start or within the 4 boat length circle surrounding a mark of the course, the boat requesting redress must retire before entering the 4 boat length circle surrounding the next mark of the course.
 - iii) for the purpose of this rule only, a mark and its offset mark are considered a single mark."
- e) RRS E4.3(b) (Taking a penalty) is changed to read as follows: "if the boat gained a significant advantage in the heat or race by her breach of a rule despite taking a one turn penalty, her penalty shall be additional turns as required to negate the significant advantage gained."
- f) Boats breaking SI 9)a)i) (Launch Area), SI 9)a)iv) (Finish Line), SI 10)a) (Practice Area), or SI 10)b) (Non- competitors on the course), may be penalized by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5. Boats will be penalized according to g).
- g) Add to RRS E7 (Penalties): E7(c) require her to take one penalty turn after the starting signal and prior to crossing the starting line for her next race.

2) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a) The Official Notice Board will be situated near the scoring area.
- b) Notices to competitors will be verbally announced by the Principal Race Officer.

3) CONDUCT

- a) Kindly behave with dignity and respect. Any behavior that breaches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute may result in a penalty hearing in accordance with RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct).

4) SPECIAL VENUE RULES

- a) There will be multiple divisions (A, B) based on the number of registrants with each division not to exceed 16 boats.

5) SCORING

- a) Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.
- b) The current applicable Heat Management System will be utilized.

6) CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be verbally communicated to all competitors and shall be implemented only between races. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to change.

7) COURSE

- a) The course will be displayed on course board in or adjacent to the control area. Description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks starting the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board.

8) CHANGES TO THE COURSE

- a) The course may be changed between heats or races. Any change to the course shall be posted on the course board prior to the start of the next heat or race and shall be preceded by a sound signal and a verbal warning.
- b) During a heat, shortening of the course to a pre-arranged option shown on the course board shall be signaled by MULTIPLE sound signals followed by verbal confirmation on the leg before the leading boat starts the leg in which she will finish because of shortening.

9) CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING AUTHORIZATION

- a) *The rules in this section are designed to prevent potential conflicts between boats still racing and boats scheduled for the next heat. They are to be implemented at the discretion of the Race Organizer.*
 - i) The Control Area is to be specified by the Race Organizer. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
 - ii) The Launch Area will be specified by the Race Organizer. Boats may not enter the Launch Area until authorized by the Race Committee. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
 - iii) Boats entering the Launch Area without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in 1)g).
 - iv) Boats, having finished the race and completely crossed the Finish Line, may not cross back over the Finish Line or its extensions and sail back to the starting area without permission by the Finish Judge. Boats violating this Rule will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1)g).

10) TRANSMITTERS AND PRACTICE AREA

- a) Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing. Competitors may launch and practice sail their boats at any time only downwind of the most leeward mark of the course.

- b) A non-racing competitor shall not sail within 16 meters (50 feet) of either a racing competitor or any mark of the racing course.
- c) The Race Committee may announce changes to the permitted practice areas. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
- d) When the Race Committee finds that a competitor has broken this Sailing Instruction the Race Committee may either issue a warning or a penalty as specified in SI 1)g).

11) START

- a) The official notice of heat composition will be posted on the Heat Board near the control area. Competitors will also be advised by a hail of the upcoming race and heat number. It is the competitor's responsibility to start in their assigned heat (see SI 5)a). Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will not be grounds for redress.

12) SCHEDULE

	Saturday, Sept. 9th	Sunday, Sept. 10th
Late Registration, Check In, Skipper Bags	830 hours	
Skippers' Meeting	900 hours	0900 hours
Open Water	930 hours	0930 hours
No Warning Signal before	950 hours	0950 hours
Last race not to start after	1700 hours	1500 hours
Closing Ceremony		1530 hours
The Schedule is subject to discretion of the PRO and failure to conform to the schedule is not subject to redress.		

13) PROTEST

- a) Protest forms shall be available from the Race Committee.
- b) Parties to a protest shall be called orally by hailing that the protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.
- c) Decisions of the jury shall be final.
- d) The protest committee may be in doubt about the meaning of measurement rules. The 'authority responsible' mentioned in RRS 64.3(b) shall be the DragonFlite 95 Technical Sub-Committee, its official delegate at the event, or an official measurer of the DragonFlite 95 USA NOA. Competitors and protest committees should follow the procedures of RRS 64.3(b) and (c) carefully for any protest hearing involving measurement rules.
- e) Race officials and Observers may be called as witnesses.

14) MEASUREMENT

- a) The Race Committee may at any time request the event Technical Committee to confirm that a boat complies with the Class Rules in which case it shall inform the competitor who shall present his boat to the Technical Committee Chairman.
- b) All boats shall comply with the latest DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules (DF95-RCR) as published on the www.dragonflite95.us website.
 - i) <https://dfracingdotworld.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/dragonflite-95-restricted-class-rules-v1.3.pdf>
- c) All boats can be subject to checks for compliance with the class rules.
- d) Sail Identification: As per the latest DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules. All boats shall have sail numbers on both the mainsail and jib and both port and starboard sides. The diagram provided by the DF95 USA Class Association in these class rules is advisory but remains correct and shall replace RRS E8 (Identification of Sails).