

Nacra 50th Year North Americans

**Crystal Beach, TX
June 12-15, 2025**

**Texas City Dike Yacht Club
Bolivar Yacht Club
Division IV**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028); the individual class rules of the classes sailing (except as any are altered by these sailing instructions); RRS Appendix S, the Notice of Race, and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. GENERAL: Notwithstanding anything in these Sailing Instructions, it is the personal responsibility of each competitor to sail safely and to wear a life jacket, or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or other personal buoyancy device approved by the National Authority having jurisdiction and adequate protective clothing as conditions warrant. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 2.2. ELECTRICAL POWER LINES - AVOID!!! Before raising the mast, and ALWAYS while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. When launching from shore, docking, or landing, check for and avoid low overhead power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. ENTRY FORMS: Each entry shall file a digital registration entry form through Regatta Network with the race organizer prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- 3.2. Each entrant, skipper or crew, must be a member of HCANA for this event. Temporary memberships can be acquired online at:
<http://hcana.prepflag.com/temporary-membership/>
- 3.3. SAIL NUMBERS: Sail numbers shall match the entry form and be readable from both sides of the sail.

3.4. RATINGS:

- 3.4.1. The ratings will be taken from the SCHRS Ratings tables. (Latest published by SCHRS). SCHRS will normally be used as a basis for corrected time unless noted in the NOR.
- 3.4.2. When any modification to a boat has been made, the boat owner shall submit all required documentation to the race committee for a provisional rating. All documentation must be provided prior to the day of the regatta start. The SCHRS ratings calculator will be used to determine a provision rating for the regatta. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races
- 3.4.3. If a boat does not have a published rating, the owner shall advise the Technical Committee in writing. The Technical Committee shall assign a rating based on the information supplied by the owner of said boat to be entered into the SCHRS rating calculator. It is the responsibility of the owner to secure a rating from the Technical Committee. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races.
- 3.4.4. Any appeal to the posted rating shall be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee prior to the start of racing on Saturday. The Technical Committee shall review and approve/disapprove any rating change request prior to the first posted race results. NO revisions to the rating will be made after this time.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTION / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. LOCATION: The location of the Official Regatta Notice Board will be digitally on [Regatta Network](#).
- 4.2. CHANGES: Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board one hour before the first race on the day the

change takes effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 8:00 p.m. the previous day.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Where
Thursday, June 12	7pm	Welcome party	RC House – 820 Sandollar
Friday, June 13	9am	Competitor's Briefing	RC Beach Tent
Friday, June 13	12pm	Warning Signal first start	Signal Boat
Friday, June 13	7pm	Social Event	RC House – 820 Sandollar
Saturday, June 14	10am	Warning Signal first start	Signal Boat
Saturday, June 14	7pm	Social Event	Hardheads – 1035 Hwy 87
Sunday, June 15	10am	Warning Signal first start	Signal Boat
Sunday, June 15	~ 2 hours after RC at beach	Awards Party/Social	RC House – 820 Sandollar

6. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

6.1. MARKS: The description of the marks to be used, including starting and finishing marks, are listed below, and shown in ATTACHMENT A:

Identifier	Mark of Course	Latitude	Longitude	Description
Rig	Rig	29.40892° N	94.63134° W	Oil Rig
Dist.B	Dist. Reach Mark	29.47105° N	94.56937° W	8' Orange Tet
A	Windward Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Orange Tet
B	Reach Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Orange Tet
C	Leeward Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Orange Tet
CM	Change Mark	Drop	Drop	5' Yellow Ball
S/F	Start/Finish	Drop	Drop	5' White Tet

6.2. BARGING BUOY: A barging buoy may be set behind the Race Committee signal boat as a warning to skippers to keep clear of the starting boat when starting or finishing a race. A barging buoy and its tether is an extension of the starting boat or a mark of the course.

7. RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

7.1. CLASSES: Class Flags will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

7.1.1. F18 - Pink

7.1.2. Non-Spinnaker A – Light Blue

7.1.3. Non-Spinnaker B - Green

7.1.4. Open Spinnaker - Yellow

7.2. STARTING SIGNALS: The starting signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

7.3. RACE SEQUENCE: Starting sequence will be determined at the Competitor's Briefing.

7.4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

7.4.1. When signals are made ashore, they shall conform to RRS “Race Signals” and their location ashore will be announced at the Competitor’s Briefing and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

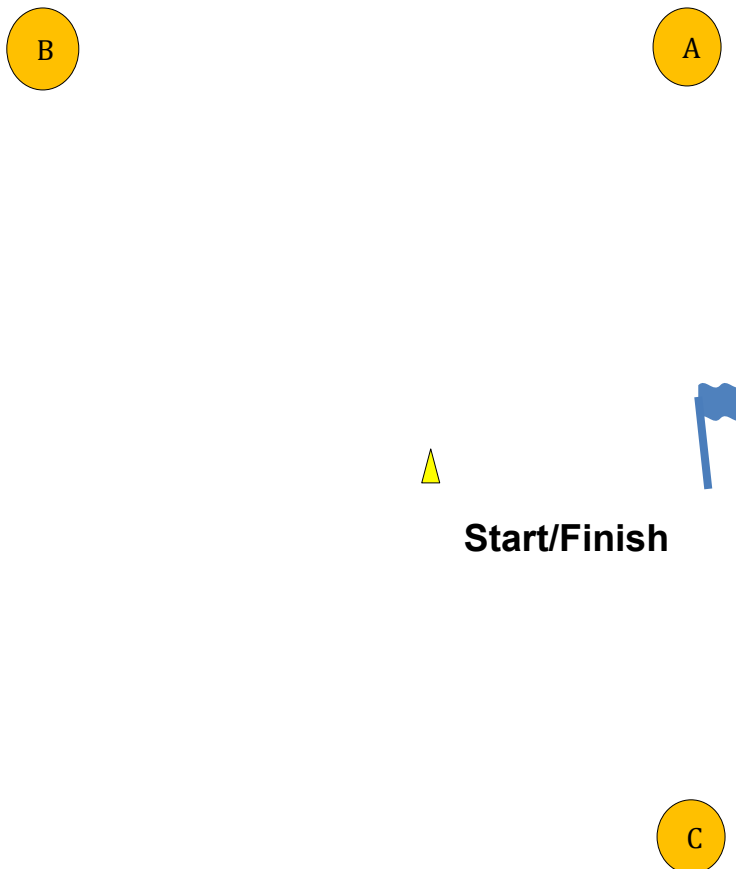
7.4.2. “Postponement” (Answering Pennant “AP”) with 2 sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after “AP” is lowered.

7.5. Catamarans whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all catamarans whose preparatory signal has been made.

7.6. A catamaran shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

8. **THE COURSE**

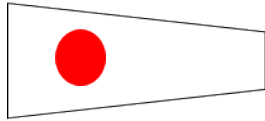
8.1. Buoy Course Schematic



Angles between marks and distances are schematic only.

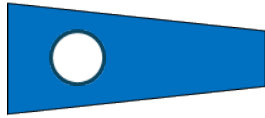
8.1.1. Courses shall be as follows:

Course flag
#1



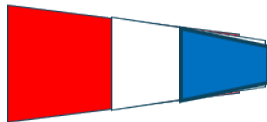
Start -A-C-Finish

Course flag
#2



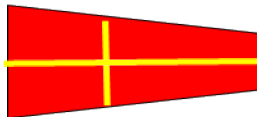
Start-A-C-A-C-Finish

Course flag
#3



Start-A-B-C-A-C-Finish

Course flag
#4



Start-Rig-Dist.B-C-A-Finish

8.1.2. The RC may tweak the course during a race, to maintain a fair race course, no more than 0.1nm or 10 degrees without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

9. **START LINE OBSTRUCTION**

9.1. The Start Line shall rank as an obstruction for fleets previously started while other fleets are starting and in sequence until after the last fleet has successfully started.

10. **RETIRING FROM A RACE**

10.1. **NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE:** A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or upon arriving at the shore. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from the regatta.

11. **ALTERNATE FINISHES, TIME LIMIT, AND RACE VALIDITY**

11.1. **SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START:** Courses may be shortened or abandoned at the Race Committee's discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

- 11.2. **TIME LIMIT:** Time limit shall be 30 minutes before sunset. The Race Committee may abandon a race at its discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. **PROTEST TIME LIMIT:** Protests shall be written on regatta supplied protest forms or reasonable equivalent. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee or with the Protest Committee within one-half hour (0.5 hr.) after the Race Committee boat arrives in the harbor or dock as signaled by an audible blast following the last race of the day. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This modifies RRS 61.3.
- 12.2. **SIGNALING A PROTEST:** A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1 (a) with the following provisions and modifications:
- 12.2.1. All boats, regardless of hull length shall hail "Protest" and but are not required to display a red flag even if longer than 6 meters. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a)(2)
 - 12.2.2. The definition of the "first reasonable opportunity" for hailing "Protest" is IMMEDIATELY following the incident.
 - 12.2.3. Notify the Race Committee signal boat of intent to protest when finishing is recommended so they will know to a protest may be filed after racing is concluded. If unable to finish, notify the Race Committee upon reaching shore that you did not finish and of your intent to protest.

13. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

- 13.1. **One-Turn RULE:** (This modifies RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2.) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be one-Turn Penalty in either direction, including a tack and gybe in the same direction.
- 13.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. **METHOD:** Low Point Scoring System as written in RRS 90.3.
- 14.2. **THROW OUT RACES:** No race shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.1
- 14.3. **PENALTIES AND SCORING PENALTIES:** As described in RRS Appendix A except that DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one (1). This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 14.4. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. SPECIAL NOTES

- 15.1. **QUESTIONS:** Race Committee is not obligated to answer questions on the water.

15.2. OBSTRUCTIONS: Mark boats, rescue/chase boats, control boats, and line sighting boats shall rank as obstructions.

15.3. ASSISTANCE: Any boat receiving "hands on" assistance from rescue/chase boats will be scored DSQ. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

15.4. EQUIPMENT: Trapezes are permitted. Modifies RRS 49.1

16. COMMUNICATIONS

16.1. The RC intends to monitor **VHF Channel 68** while on the water.

16.2. It is highly recommended for each competitor to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9,13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.

16.2 Boats shall use RaceQs, YoNav or equivalent tracking software for post-race analysis only

16.3 Race Committee: Cell Phone: **Billy Richnow – 713.898.6950**

16.4 Chase Boat: Cell Phone: **Scott Tuma – 281.705.3712**