



# 2025 ANNUAL REGATTA AND COWTOWN STAMPEDE

Presented by Lakeview Boating Center

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Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas

## Supplementary Sailing Instructions for the Portsmouth Centerboard Classes.

**T**HE FORT WORTH BOAT CLUB AS THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE 2025 ANNUAL REGATTA AND COWTOWN STAMPEDE ON BEAUTIFUL EAGLE MOUNTAIN LAKE.

The document is based on RRS 2025-28 Appendix S (pages 147-149) and these are the following local amendments.

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### 1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028.

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### 2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 The Race Office is located in the Fort Worth Boat Club office area and will be signed accordingly.  
2.2 The Official Notice Board will be on Regatta Network event website.

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### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the warning signal of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 pm the day before it will take effect.

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### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the harbor flagpole.  
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signals AP.

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### 5. Schedule of Races

5.1 The target number of races to be completed from Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th April is 6

5.2 The first race of the day warning signal will be at 10:45 am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and 09:30 am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

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## 6. Class Flags

6.1 The Class flag designations will be posted on the official notice board prior to the skippers meeting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

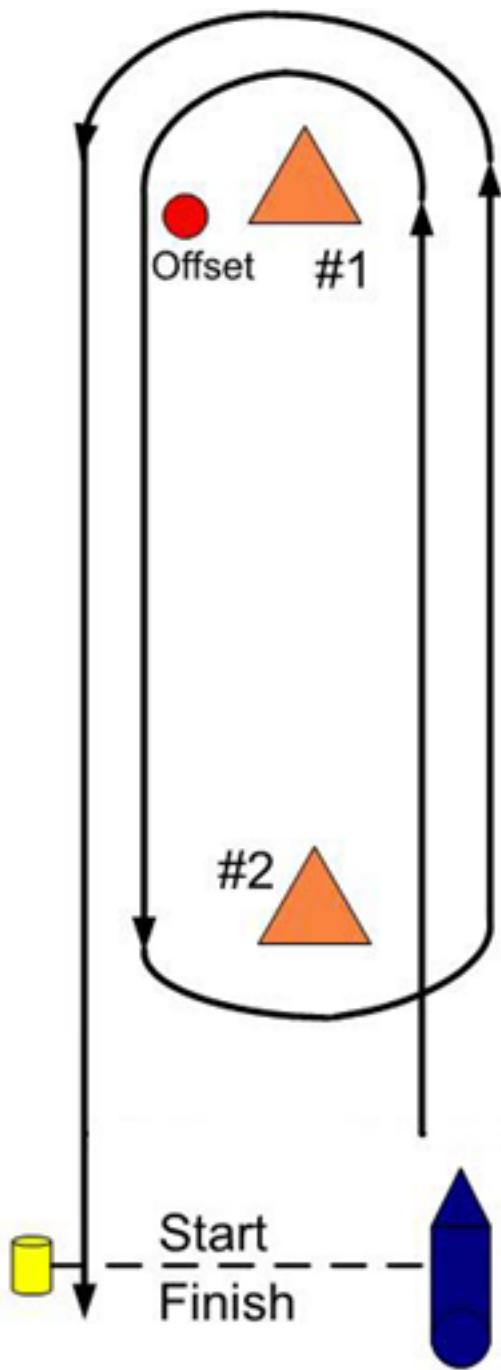
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## 7. Courses

7.1 The course being sailed and number of **laps** for the race will be displayed on the Race Committee boat. It is the sailor's responsibility to verify the course and number of **laps** prior to the start of each race.

7.2 The course layouts will be as follows:

	<b>Course W</b> Windward – Leeward - Leeward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – Finish
	W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – Finish
	W4	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – Finish
	Windward and Leeward Marks (1 and 2): - orange spheres Offset Mark: - red sphere Start/Finish Line Mark: - red sphere  * - if an offset mark is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (#1)	



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## 8. Marks

8.1 Marks which may be used for each course are defined in 7.2.

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## 9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the starting signal. As a courtesy, 1 minute before the warning signal of each race there will be a series of short repetitive sound signals to alert that a starting sequence is about to begin. The starting signal for one class will be coincident with the warning signal for the next class (rolling starts).

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a nearby start/finish line mark of the course.

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## 10. Recalls

10.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number. 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 request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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## 11. The Finish

11.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and a nearby start/finish line mark of the course.

11.2 Boats having finished the race shall stay clear of the race course area.

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## 12. Time Limits

12.1 As per Section 12 of the standard sailing instructions time limits will be as follows:

Time Limit Name	Description	Time
<b>Start Limit</b>	Failing to cross the line within 5 minutes	5 minutes
<b>Race Time Limit</b>	The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.	30 minutes
<b>Finishing Window</b>	Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes.	15 minutes

12.2 A boat that comes to the starting area but does not start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

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## 13. Protests and Request for Redress

13.1 Protest forms are available upon request at the Regatta office at the Reception Desk in the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the official notice board.

13.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.

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## 14. Arbitration

14.1 RRS Appendix T, arbitration, will apply.

14.2 CR 7.2, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 are added to the list of rules for which post race penalties and arbitration apply.

14.3 This modifies RRS T1(a) and T2

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## 15. Areas that are Obstructions

15.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: The Azle Pump Station and the restricted area surrounding the pump station designated by white navigational buoys.

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## 16. Safety Regulations

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or race office at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.2 All boats crews are required to wear PFDs.

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## 17. Replacement of crews or equipment

17.1 Additions, changes or substitution of crew may only be made with the written consent of the Chief Judge or Organizing Authority. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during crew weigh-in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board located the Fort Worth Boat Club. Alternate crew is allowed provided the crew has been listed, signed the waiver.

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## 18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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## 19. Insurance

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per incident.

## Version History

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F1.0	2 April, 2025	Original	Original	Original
F1.1	3 April, 2025	Adding Course diagram	7.2	3

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