



**Corpus Christi Yacht Club**  
**Port Aransas Regatta, Ladies Race and Cruise**  
**April 26-27, 2025**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Corpus Christi Yacht Club in Corpus Christi and/or Regatta Network.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Signals made ashore on Sunday morning will be made aboard the Race Committee boat in Port Aransas.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of racing:
  - Saturday for all classes in the Port Aransas Regatta.
  - Sunday for the Ladies Race
- 5.2 Number of races:
  - Saturday for all classes in the Port A Regatta = 1 Race
  - Sunday for the Ladies Race = 1 Race
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Saturday is 10:30 hrs. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Sunday is 11:00 hrs.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS and STARTING SEQUENCE

Class flags will be will be:

Class	Flag	Time of Warning Signal Saturday/ Time of Warning Signal Sunday
Saturday		
Non Spin/150	Green	1030
All Sails A	Blue	1036
All Sails B	Pink	1042
Multi Hull	Red	1048
Sunday		
Non Spin/150	Green	1100
All Sails A	Blue	1106
All Sails B	Pink	1112

Classes awarded a General Recall will go to the end of the line and start at a time designated on the water.

## 7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will include Corpus Christi Bay.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be around the fixed marks on the CC Bay Chart, the actual marks to be rounded and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on a White Board on the back of the committee boat.  
[Approximate course length will be 20 miles.]
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened.
- 8.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in Corpus Christi Bay Racing Marks.
- 9.2 The following marks are required marks of the course: 42 / 43 and all channel markers between there and the Saturday Finish and Sunday Start lines.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be an orange hippity-hop or a land mark and the Committee Boat.
- 9.4 The finishing marks for Saturday will be a land mark as described in 12.1 and the Committee Boat. The finishing marks for Sunday will be the standard Wednesday Night finish line.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

This race traverses a section of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, All commercial traffic has right of way and must be avoided. Any failure of a competitor to give right of way to commercial traffic will be grounds for disqualification without redress.

The course will steer clear of recent dredging spoil dumped south of past charted spoil areas. Skippers are advised to review Marine Safety Bulletin (MSB) 69-22 of August 16, 2022 advising of new spoil locations. Posted on Regatta Network 4/10/23.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange hippity hop or a land mark as described in 12.1.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line Saturday near Port Aransas will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and a land mark which will be the eastern end of a the Singapore Sunset Saffron (beige) double oil tank across the channel east of Island Mooring Channel and west of the Ferry Landings.  
The finishing line Sunday will be the standard Wednesday Night finish line in the marina.
- 12.2 If by chance the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be two places.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply [as changed by SI(s) [14.4]].
- 14.4 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>
Non-Spinnaker	17:00
Spinnaker	17:00
Multi Hull	17:00

If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 3 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will be in effect for the duration of both races to and from Port Aransas.  
In the event that an incident is not or cannot resolved by Penalty under Appendix V, then in that case protest forms are available at the race committee boat in Port Aransas or at the front desk of CCYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 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.

- 16.3 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 the protest room, location TBD, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Breaches of SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 16.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 16.7 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The scoring system is according to RRS Appendix A.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Check-Out and Check-in: Boats are required to sail by the committee boat on Starboard and hail their sail number for check in.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Principle Race Officer as soon as possible by calling/texting the Brad Stokes at 361-944-1323.
- 18.3 Skippers please review emergency response card posted on Regatta Network.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

### **We ask for your help on the following items:**

- Ensuring your recycling and trash are separated before disposing of waste
- Switch your team over to reusable water bottles and cups
- RRS rule 55 applies

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Race Committee will be monitoring VHF Channel 68. 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.

## **21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Saturday's Trophies will be presented approximately 90 minutes after the last finisher at the Large Pavilion in Robert's Park in Port Aransas; Sunday's Trophies will be presented approximately 90 minutes after the last finisher on the upper deck of CCYC after the finish of the Ladies Race.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.