

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## **SEW-MAD Women's Regatta September 27, 2025 Lake Canyon Yacht Club (LCYC) Canyon Lake, TX**

### **1. RULES**

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

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the left side of the LCYC clubhouse door.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may only be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Super Dock.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute ” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. This modifies “Race Signals”.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing: September 27, 2025.
- 5.2 Number, type & distances of races will be subject to competitor input at the Competitor briefing.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:45 am.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Each Class will be assigned a flag with a pennant number as its class flag at the competitors meeting.

## 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the main basin of Canyon Lake.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses for each race will be posted on the white board at the stern of the Race Committee (RC) Boat before each race. The course for each race shall be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. Courses are illustrated in the appendix.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 (windward mark) and Mark 2 (leeward/reachmark) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The starting/finishing mark (pin end of starting line) will be an orange cylinder.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark (orange cylinder).
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5 As a courtesy, the RC may hail the sail number of boats that are On Course Side (OCS) or have not complied with RRS 30.1 via VHF and/or voice.

## 11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark (orange cylinder or red sphere).

## 12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The time limit from the Starting Signal to the Finish for the first boat in a respective class will be 60 minutes. A boat that does not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in the LCYC Clubhouse. 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 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.
- 13.3 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, located on the McKown Deck, beginning at the time posted.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1 The scoring system used will be the Low Point scoring system of the RRS, Appendix A.
- 14.2 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3 No scores will be excluded such that a boat's final score shall be the total of all of her race scores.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Prior to the start of the first race, all competitors must check in on starboard tack by hailing the RC Signal Boat with their sail number and skipper's last name, and be acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

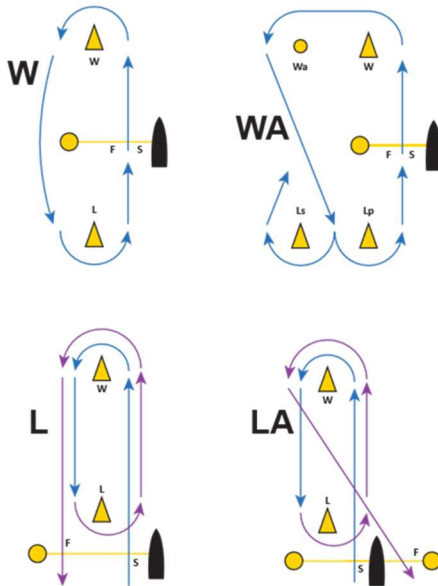
## 17. AWARDS

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each fleet.

17.2 The SEW-MAD Perpetual Trophy for Keelboats and Board Boats will be awarded to the keelboat/board-boat with the lowest cumulative score of the largest keelboat and board-boat fleet.

## 18. 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.



Designation	Mark Rounding Order
<b>Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish</b>	
<b>W1</b>	Start – W – L – Finish
<b>W2</b>	Start – W – L – W – L – Finish
<b>W3</b>	Start – W – L – W – L – W – L – Finish
<b>Course WA – Windward/Leeward Gate, Windward Finish</b>	
<b>WA1</b>	Start – W* – Ls/Lp† – Finish
<b>WA2</b>	Start – W* – Ls/Lp† – W* – Ls/Lp† – Finish
<b>WA3</b>	Start – W* – Ls/Lp† – W* – Ls/Lp† – W* – Ls/Lp† – Finish
* If an offset mark (Wa) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to Port after rounding the Windward Mark (W) to Port † Competitors will enter the Leeward Gate between Ls and Lp, and may round either Ls to Starboard or Lp to Port	
<b>Course L – Leeward Finish</b>	
<b>L1</b>	Start – W – Finish
<b>L2</b>	Start – W – L – W – Finish
<b>L3</b>	Start – W – L – W – L – W – Finish
<b>Course LA – Leeward Offset Finish</b>	
<b>LA1</b>	Start – W – Offset Finish
<b>LA2</b>	Start – W – L – W – Offset Finish
<b>LA3</b>	Start – W – L – W – L – W – Offset Finish