



NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION

THE BOB GOUGH TSA RACE OF CHAMPIONS 2026

Organizing Authority Fort Worth Boat Club
10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76179

March 14 – 15, 2026

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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)*.
- 1.2. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3. Racing Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series.
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 1.5. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.
- 1.6. The organizing authority for this event will be the Fort Worth Boat Club.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. The regatta will be sailed in J22's supplied by the FWBC J22 Fleet.
- 2.2. Each boat will be sailed with a crew of 4 - 5.
- 2.3. The regatta is invitation only. Invitees will be selected from recent TSA junior champions, TSA award winners and other Texas championship winners.
- 2.4. Each invited skipper will be allowed to select **one to three** crew to be part of their team.
(If there is any question about eligibility of crew – please confirm with regatta organizers prior to event)
- 2.5. One crew will be supplied by the organizers:
 - 2.5.1. One crew will be a Texas Champion who has a history of racing successes.

3. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$150, plus a refundable deposit of \$1,000 per entry. The entry fee includes one (1) regatta souvenir and a box lunch for each competitor on Saturday and an after racing lunch for Sunday. There will be a Saturday evening dinner provided for each competitor. Limited "grab and go" breakfast items will be available both Saturday and Sunday.

4. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 4.1. *Pre-Registration: Sailors who have received an invitation should confirm participation with regatta organizers by registering for the event on Regattanetwork.com.*
- 4.2. Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, March 14, 2026, between 8:30 am and 9:15 am in the FWBC Clubhouse. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services for competitors in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.
- 4.3. All sailors are **required to check in** by 9:15 am on Saturday at the registration table.

5. RACES:

- 5.1. Number of Races: As many races as practical on each day.
- 5.2. One or more races will constitute a regatta.
- 5.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 14, 2026

0830 Competitor Check-In and Continental Breakfast, Main Clubhouse.
0915 Legend Meeting, Main Clubhouse
0930 Competitor Meeting at the Fort Worth Boat Club Clubhouse (Mandatory for all competitors).
1045 Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow. Lunch on water.

1 hour after sailing: Meet and Greet with Texas Legends. Dinner and conversation and/or presentations from this weekend's Texas Legends.

Sunday, March 15, 2026

0830 Continental Breakfast.
0930 Competitor Meeting at the Fort Worth Boat Club Clubhouse (Mandatory for all competitors).
1030 Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow. Number of races up to RC.
1300 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1300 on Sunday.

Lunch and Trophies to follow after last race of the day.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be provided, on the TSA Website (<http://www.txsail.org/>).

8. VENUE: Races will be conducted on the waters of Eagle Mountain Lake.

9. COURSES: Courses and locations will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SAFETY:

10.1 Support Boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel 68.

10.2 RRS 40.1 is in effect so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This changes RRS 64.2.

10.3 All support boats that are required by Texas state law, must wear a safety kill-switch lanyard, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a support boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with or is not using a kill switch, the support boat may be subject to protest.

11 DISCIPLINE:

11.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 B and 10.03 C, for Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any Texas Sailing Association Junior event, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; 2. Any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale.

11.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). If a competitor is found to have breached one of these elements, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, be removed from the regatta venue and sent home. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding or subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

12.2 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes

13 AWARD PRESENTATION:

13.1 Awards will be held on Sunday afternoon as quickly as possible after the last race.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

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