



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2010 FALL SERIES

1. **Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing*
 - 1.1. Rule 77 is replaced with the following: Each boat should carry at least her sail number on her mainsail. Boats with spinnakers should carry the same sail number on their spinnaker and mainsail.
 - 1.2. J/22s and J/24s will be scored by bow number; all other boats will be scored by sail number.
 - 1.3. A boat shall race under only one sail number or bow number in the series. If a boat uses an alternate number at any time in the series, she is required to inform scoring in person on the race day in which the alternate number was used. A boat failing to do so may be scored DNC for races completed on that day.
2. **Notices to Competitors** will be posted on the official notice board located on the northeast-facing wall of the AYC clubhouse, lower level.
3. **Signals Made Ashore**
 - 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the AYC flagpole
 - 3.2. When a signal is displayed over a class flag it applies to that class only.
 - 3.3. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP
4. **Schedule of Races** - Dates of Races for all classes are listed in the Series NOR.
 - 4.1. The completion of one race constitutes a Regatta.
5. **Check in by Competitors**
 - 5.1. Each boat is required to check in and declare Boat Type, Sail Number or Bow Number, and Participating Class by either:
 - 1.) Signing up at the official notice board prior to the Race Committee (RC) leaving to man the boats
 - 2.) Sailing past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack and hailing prior to the first warning signal of the **day**.
 - 3.) Sailing past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack and hailing after her class warning signal but prior to the drop of the preparatory flag.
6. **Class Flags** - Class Flag designations will be numeral pennants.
7. **Courses** - All courses are defined on the AYC Course Card. Copies of the Course Card will be available in the AYC Clubhouse in the bins on the East corner of the AYC Clubhouse.
8. **Time Limits**
 - 8.1. For Round-the-Buoys (RTB) and Intermediate (I) courses, the time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies rules 35 and A4.
 - 8.2. For Long Distance (LD) courses, the time limit for each race will be three hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boat failing to finish within 75 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies rules 35 and A4.
9. **The Start**
 - 9.1. The starting line will be between orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white tetrahedron on the port end.
 - 9.2. The starting area is the area within 100 yards of the starting line; within this area, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the line and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10. Recalls

10.1. The RC will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on the primary VHF channel posted on the official notice board. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- Failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers.
- A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

10.2. A class that has a General Recall will go to the end of the starting sequence for its next start.

11. Change of Course - For Long Distance (LD) and Intermediate (I) courses; the Race Committee may not change the direction or length of any leg of the course after the start. This modifies rule 33.

12. The Finish - The finish line will be between orange line flag on the Race Committee boat and a white tetrahedron on the starboard end.

12.1. After starting, the finish line is an obstruction, except when on the last leg of the course. Boats that sail through this obstruction will immediately be scored points equal to DSQ. This modifies Rule 28.1.

13. Protests - Written protests shall be filed with a Race Committee representative in the AYC office. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat docking after the race. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible on the day of the race or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

14. Arbitration

14.1. Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, an arbitration meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing that involve only 2 boats. This modifies rule 63.1.

14.2. After a written protest form is delivered, one designated representative, in compliance with rule 63.3(a), for each party will appear with an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted during arbitration.

14.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:

14.3.1. There was no breach of a rule or the protest is invalid. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be re-opened. If any representative disagrees, the matter goes to the protest committee.

14.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40 percent alternative penalty (calculated as in rule 44.3(c), or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be re-opened or made the subject of a request for redress.

14.3.3. The matter should go to the protest committee for a hearing.

14.4. When the protest is referred to by the protest committee, the arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest, but will be allowed to observe the evidence presented and to provide testimony.

15. Safety

15.1. The level of Lake Travis fluctuates so beware of shallow spots.

15.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible.

15.3. For matters concerning safety, boats may contact the RC by VHF radio on the primary or alternate operating channel posted on the Official Notice Board.

16. Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the series races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series races.

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