

**AUSTIN YACHT CLUB**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUNFISH & LASER RACES – 2012**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Rules**

This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Rules of each Class, and the Austin Yacht Club Race Commander, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

**2. Eligibility**

- 2.1. This event is open to any Class-legal Sunfish or Laser.
- 2.2. Participants who are not members of AYC must sign an event waiver that will be filed with the AYC office.
- 2.3. Sunfish participants, to be scored, must register at:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=5262](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5262)
- 2.4. You must have a sail number on your sail, and it must be readable according to race committee, to be scored.

**3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be given verbally and usually in the vicinity of the lower level of the clubhouse.

**4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the lower level of the clubhouse, and on the Sunfish and Laser fleet websites.

**5. Schedule of Races**

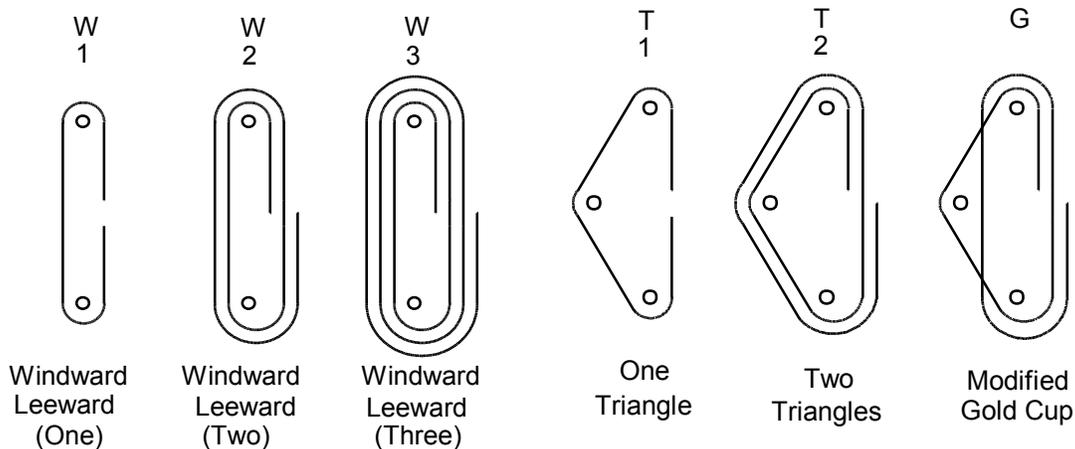
- 5.1. Races are scheduled every Wednesday night from the first Wednesday in May through the last Wednesday in September.
- 5.2. The first signal for the first race of each night will be at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practicable.
- 5.3. No race shall be started later than 15 minutes before sunset, and the intention of the race committee shall be to have boats off the water by sunset.
- 5.4. The Championship Series for each fleet will be sailed from May through September as follows:
  - Sunfish – on the third Wednesday of each month
  - Laser – on the fourth Wednesday of each month

**6. Class Flags**

The fleet starting will be indicated by a class flag on the Race Committee boat, or announced verbally.

**7. The Course**

- 7.1. The course will be displayed or announced verbally from the Race Committee boat.
- 7.2. The following course diagrams show the approximate courses, including the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the course symbol for each.



**8. Marks**

- 8.1. Marks of the course will be any appropriate mark used or declared by the Race Committee.
- 8.2. The start-finish mark will be any appropriate mark positioned to the left or port side of the Race Committee boat.

**9. The Start**

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S Sound-Signal Starting System.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a flagstaff on the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.

**10. The Finish**

- 10.1. The finish line shall be between a flagstaff on the Race Committee boat and the start-finish mark.
- 10.2. The finish line is restricted, and a boat's path, as defined in RRS 28.1 (the 'string rule'), shall not pass through the finish line except to finish.
- 10.3. When boats in a class are considerably behind the bulk of the fleet they may be scored in place, at the Race Committee's discretion, and a new starting sequence may be begun. This modifies RRS 35.

**11. Alternative Penalties**

The alternative penalties described in RRS 44 are in effect, except that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) will be required to exonerate an offense. This modifies RRS 44.1.

**12. Protests**

A protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee of her intention to protest, and receive oral acknowledgment, immediately upon finishing, or as soon as reasonably possible. This modifies RRS 61.1a.

**13. Safety**

- 13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Austin Yacht Club 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 Austin Yacht Club from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 13.2. A boat that withdraws from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee by any practical means either before leaving the course or as soon as is reasonable under the circumstances.
- 13.3. A minimum of two people are required on the race committee boat. The driver of the race committee boat must be an AYC member and, if not at least 17 years old, must have completed a Texas Boater Safety Course.

**14. Scoring (Laser Fleet)**

- 14.1. Each Wednesday night will be scored as a series using the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, which excludes the boat's worst score.
- 14.2. The Season Championship will be scored using the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, and using the boat's ranking in each of the Championship Series nights as the scores. RRS A2 is modified to use the words "Championship Series night" for the word "race".

**15. Scoring (Sunfish Fleet)**

- 15.1. The Season Championship will be scored using the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A as a single series using all Championship Night races, excluding throw-outs as follows. This modifies RRS A2.

Number of Races	Number of Throw-outs
1-4	0
5-9	1
10-14	2
etc.	etc.

- 15.2. A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This modifies RRS A4.2.

**16. Single-handed Trophy Nomination**

In each fleet, the AYC club member with highest ranking in the Season Championship will be nominated for the AYC Single-Handed perpetual trophy, which is awarded by the Vice Commodore.