2013 Dallas Race Week Sailing INSTRUCTIONS
Rockwall, Texas 75032

RULES
- • The races will be governed by the 2010 US Sailing Instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS
- • Notices will be posted on the notice area of the http://www.facebook.com/dallasraceweek website.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- • Changes to these instructions will be posted on the website at least 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the day's race.

SCHEDULE OF RACES
- • The schedule of races and the starting time for each race will be posted on the Notice Board. Yachts should be ready to leave the harbor for the starting area at least 20 minutes before their scheduled start for the day's race. A stagger time for all registered boats will be handed out to each competitor
- • Races are scheduled starting Sunday June 16th, 2013 through Friday July 21st, 2013 each night's race is scheduled for 7:00 PM.
- • Six races are planned with one throw-out if four or more races are completed. One race is scheduled per evening, Sunday through Friday. One race shall constitute a regatta.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
- • Signals made ashore will be displayed from RCYC committee boat.

RACING AREA
- • The racing area will be all of Lake Ray Hubbard south of I 30.

FLEETS and CLASSES TO BE SAILED
- • Separate fleet designations may be assigned at the request of a fleet having 5 or more boats registered to sail in that fleet. *Note: Additional fleets will be added if sufficient boats to designate a new fleet (5 boats minimum).*
- • Fleet designations planned shall be as follows:

  A Fleet: PHRF < 121
  B Fleet: PHRF 121 - 200
  C Fleet: PHRF > 200
  Melges 24
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  Cruising Fleet (MJ) < 200
  Cruising Fleet (MJ) 200+
  As declared by boat skipper before Monday's race (handicap can be adjusted to give credit to boats that have rough bottoms, old sails, too few or two many crew.)
  These are the classes that are anticipated – final determination based on boats registered will be announced at the skippers meeting.

- • Any changes to the starting times, or the order of starts will be posted on the notice board before the evenings race.

THE COURSE.
The COURSE Designators shall be as follows:

Designation		
1	Start - 1 – 2- 3 - Finish	
2	Start -1 – 2 – Finish	

Course sheets will be posted at the skippers meeting at 5:30pm Sunday June 17th at the Allure Restaurant in Chandlers Landing, Rockwall.

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- • Not later than 6:55 pm, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark. The course to the first mark will be dependent on the wind direction either north to Mark 1 with a port rounding or South to Mark 3 with a starboard rounding. Wednesday to RCYC will port rounding going to Rush Creek and Thursday Starboard rounding on return to Allure.
- • The course is five miles in length and may not be shortened

MARKS

- • Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be Large Orange Cylinders
- • The start/fiish marks may be small orange spheres or Marks like 1 & 2

There will be no changes in the course after the start**.**

THE START

- • Races will be started by using staggered start time sheet handed out at skippers meeting.
- All times will be based on Colorado Atomic clock time.
- Race committee may be standing on the Breakwater to give instructions and is allowed to talk to competitors to assist them in understanding their start times and course to sail. Competitors can listen in to Channel 71 to verify their correct starting time.
- • The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the breakwater or on the Rush Creek Committee boat and the starting mark.
- • A yacht can start any time after her proscribe starting time.
- • Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying code flag "X" (White with a Blue Cross), one sound and hailing the sail numbers of the yacht(s) concerned.
- • Channel 71 shall be used for the purposes of notifying competitors of individual recalls.
- • Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall signal shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly.

THE FINISH

- • The finish line shall be between an orange marks (Cylinder) and a staff displaying an orange on station flag on the breakwater or RCYC committee boat.
- • The finish line will be located off the breakwater
- • A blue flag denotes the Committee is on station, taking finishes.
- • All boats crossing the finish line will receive a sound signal indicating a finish. The responsibility of sailing the proper course as indicated at the beginning of each race is each competitor's responsibility.

TIME LIMIT

- Yachts not finishing by 9pm will be scored DNF and will be given points of number of finisher's plus one.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- • The 720 Degree Turn penalty (rule 44) will be in effect.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- • Protesting yachts shall notify the race committee immediately after the finish of (or withdrawal from) the race in which the incident occurred.
- • Written protests must be filed with the protest committee officer (name as posted on the notice board) not later than 10 pm The evenings protest committee officers name will be posted on the notice board.
- • All protests shall first be heard by an arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be the Protest Committee Officer (Scott Self)

SAFETY

- • It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.
- • A yacht that retires from a race is asked to notify the race committee before leaving the course area or, notifying the race committee by hailing on channel 71, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

SCORING

- • A minimum of 1 race will constitute a regatta. The low point scoring system (Appendix A) will be used.
- • Any comments, questions or requests for changes shall be provide in written form to the scorer or the race committee officer prior to racing Monday nights race. The change request shall include boat name, sail number, contact phone number, and a description of the request.
- • There are no haul out restrictions.