



Sailing Instructions

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

HEATH, TEXAS

2014 Fall DinghyFest October 11th & 12th, 2014

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. All MC Scows are required to utilize a mainsail float for all races regardless of wind conditions.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with Rush Creek Yacht Club before 9:30 am on October 11th, 2014.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the glass window near the south entrance to the clubhouse deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 All signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole at the yacht club.

5.2 Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed".
The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| SATURDAY | 0930 | Skippers meeting |
| SATURDAY | 1030 | Warning signal for first race |
| SUNDAY | 0930 | Warning signal |

It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical. No Warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.

7. CLASS FLAG

Class flags will be announced at the skippers meeting.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is on south end of Lake Ray Hubbard.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Illustration "A" show the courses to be used, including the order in which marks are to be rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left, the course designators, and course modifiers.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated on a board located on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line.

9.3 The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will be displayed.

10. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays code flag L over A with one sound signal. This means "come within hail" of the RC Signal Boat to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee may give oral changes to the Sailing Instructions to each boat by VHF or loud hailer and require acknowledgement.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 The marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 11.2 The offset mark will be a sphere
- 11.3 Change of course marks will be yellow cylinders. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.
- 11.4 Leeward Finish mark will be a small green tetrahedron. Weather finish mark can be any mark set to port side of Race Committee boat. (See Illustration "A")

12. CHECK-IN

- 12.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day when the committee boat flies code flag L each boat shall check-in with the Race Committee, by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and hailing her sail number until the Race Committee hails back the numbers. A boat failing to check in may receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in her class the first race of the day. This changes Appendix A.
- 12.2 Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws prior to finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or immediately after arriving ashore.

13. VHF RADIO

CHANNEL 69 will be used for communication with the competitors.

14. THE START

- 14.1 Order of starts will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 14.2 Races will be started using a 5 minute starting sequence per Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 14.3 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and, at the port end, a mark.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 LEEWARD FINISH: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee boat and a small green tetrahedron on the STARBOARD side of the Race Committee boat. (See Illustration "A")
- 15.2 WEATHER FINISH: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the PORT side of a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark. (See Illustration "A")
- 15.3 Unless otherwise signaled with code flag H, boats should standby for the next race. Code flag H indicates that boats should return to the harbor.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes after the first boat will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race plus 2 (Time Limit Expired – "TLE").

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protests shall be submitted on US Sailing protest forms, which will be available at the yacht club. The form should be lodged there within one (1) hour after the Race Committee boat enters the harbor, and sounds one sound signal. The time the Race Committee enters the harbor will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 The Low-Point Scoring System, rule A4 will apply. There will be one throw out after 6 races are completed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded.

