



# Sailing Instructions

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

HEATH, TEXAS

## 2017 IC24 National Championship October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### 1. RULES

This event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020). The event is designated Category C. Any questions regarding these sailing instructions must be submitted in writing and any answer will be posted on the official notice board located on the glass window near the south entrance to the clubhouse deck.

**1.1** The RCYC club boat **NO SAILING** wind limits of 25MPH wind gusts will be enforced.

**1.2** The *IC24 International Class rules* will apply to the IC24 fleet; and highlights include the following:

**1.2.1 SAILS.** IC24 (or J24) class Dacron jibs only shall be used.

**1.2.2 CREW WEIGHT.** Total crew weight limits between 700 and 850 lbs.

**1.2.3 CREW POSITION.** No member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso and/or legs outside the lifeline other than temporarily.

**1.2.4 SHROUD TENSION** shall be 20 (26 using old gauge) on uppers fixed for the entire regatta. Lowers may be adjusted prior to the warning signal of a race.

**1.2.5 NO SPINNAKER RULES.** When the true wind speed is above 15 knots (17MPH) and/or Spinnakers and/or individual gusts in excess of 18 knots (20MPH), when measured at the race committee signal boat. The RC shall discontinue the use of spinnakers by all competitors by displaying Code Flag "B" accompanied with one sound signal from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal of a race; or after the start signal, the race committee may signal all boats at the weather mark via a race committee boat which shall display Code Flag "B" accompanied by repetitive sound signals. Such signal shall occur prior to any boat rounding the weather mark. When such signal occurs, use of spinnaker shall be discontinued until the finish of such race.

**1.2.6 PENALTY TURNS.** Rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall be changed to a one-penalty turn consisting of one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

**1.2.7.** If competitor wants to reserve a club boat with racing sails in the setmore reservation system:

1. Go to [www.rcyc.org](http://www.rcyc.org)
2. Click on "racing fleets"
3. Click on "IC24 racing fleet"
4. Click on "club boat rental program"
5. Click on "click here to reserve a club IC24"
6. Click on the 3 horizontal bars in the upper left hand corner
7. Click on "Regattas"
8. Click on "IC24 National Championship"
9. Choose your IC24
10. Choose 9 am on October 28
11. Sign in
12. Hit "continue"
13. Hit "book my appointment"

### 2. ENTRIES

**2.1** Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority and signing the liability waiver.

**2.2** Boat weight compliance via the May, 2013 or subsequent weighing is required for a boat/skipper to be accepted as an entry in the NATIONALS. Corrector weights, if necessary, must be installed as per the January, 2007 class rules.

### 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 1900 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**

**SATURDAY** 1000 Skippers meeting

1100 Warning signal, races to follow. Lunch ashore as permitted by the race committee

**SUNDAY** 1000 Warning signal, races to follow. No Warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday

## 7. RACING AREA

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

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses to be used, including the approximate angles between legs, 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will be displayed.

## 9. MARKS

- 10.1 The marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 New marks, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 14, "CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START", will be yellow tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark

## 10. SHORTENING COURSE

The signal for shortening course will be Code Flag "S". The finish line will be between a staff flying the "S" flag and the nearby mark.

## 11. CHECK-IN

- 11.1 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. A boat failing to check in shall 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.
- 11.2 Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws prior to finishing the race, it shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or immediately after arriving ashore.

## 12. VHF RADIO

CHANNEL 68 will be used for communication with the competitors.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using a 5 minute starting sequence per Rule 26. A series of short sound signals may be made before a starting sequence begins.
- 13.2 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, an orange mark.
- 13.3 All sound signals will be made from the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 13.4 Class flag for the IC24 fleet will be numerical pennant "1".
- 13.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This modifies rule RRS 29.3.

## 14. RECALLS:

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. Competitors may also be notified via VHF. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

## 15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

In accordance with Rule 33, a change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.

## 16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.
- 16.2 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.

## 17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 17.2 The time limit for the first boat to reach the weather mark shall be thirty (30) minutes.
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be given a placed finish.
- 17.4 These time limits change rule 35 and modify rule A4.1.

**18. PROTESTS**

**18.1** 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.

**18.2** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

**18.3** Protest notices will be posted soon after the expiration of the protest time to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are party to a protest, or named as witnesses.

**19. SCORING**

Six races are scheduled, of which one must be completed to constitute a regatta. There are no throw-outs.

**20. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for competitors placing first through third.

