



2019 4-Points Race
August 16-17, 2019
Rush Creek Yacht Club is the
Organizing Authority
Heath, TX



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Rev.081319)

1. RULES

1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017 – 2020* except as may be altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
2. As provided in R.R.S. 62, a boat may be given redress for rendering assistance. For purposes of this rule, “rendering assistance” includes standing by at an emergency scene until it is determined that no assistance is required. R.R.S. 62.1[c] is modified so that a boat may be given redress in the event of giving help in compliance with R.R.S. 1.1, even if help is to herself or her crew. In the event a boat experiences a man overboard, redress will not be refused solely because her score was made worse through her own fault because of losing a crewmember overboard.
3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply to this regatta.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the glass window on rear deck of the Rush Creek Yacht Club. In addition, notices will be given directly via email or VHF radio to registered skippers.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be sent to competitors before the race and/or communicated via VHF Radio, Channel 68.

4. SIGNALS

1. All competitors shall carry a working VHF radio aboard their boat.
2. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with the competitors.
3. **Radio Check-In: Competitors shall notify Race Committee of their presence in the starting area at a time not to exceed ten (10) minutes before their respective start time.**
4. Coordinating Start Times – The starting times will be based on UTC local time. There will be a courtesy time check at the mandatory skippers meeting.
Race committee suggests that you sync your watch via the following resources:
 - i. www.time.gov
 - ii. <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/timezone/utc>

5. FLEET DESIGNATION

1. The fleets will be designated as follows:
 - i. “A” AUX boats with Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF Modified Rating less than 121
 - ii. “B” AUX boats with Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF Modified Rating of 121 or greater

6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

1. Racing is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 2019.
2. It is the Race Committee’s intention to run a single PHRF Race in Pursuit format
3. The scheduled start times will be provided at the mandatory skippers meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board of RCYC. **There will be no formal warning signal.**

7. RACING AREA

1. The race will be conducted on waters of Lake Ray Hubbard located south of Interstate 30 (See Attachment 1 of these Sailing Instructions).

8. COURSE

1. The course to be sailed by each fleet will be course “CW” or “ACW” described in Attachment 1 and will be specified by Race Committee prior to the start time of the first boat.
2. Each fleet will complete a number of circuits to be designated by Race Committee. The number of circuits will be announced at Skippers’ Meeting
3. **Subsequent to the Skippers’ Meeting, Race Committee will post to the Official Notice Board the course designation and number of circuits for each fleet** (EXAMPLE: *Fleet A – ACW-5* would indicate that Fleet A is to sail five laps of the Counterclockwise course found on Attachment).
4. Start / Finish line will be a gate on the course that must be sailed through every lap. **Competitors shall provide notice each time they complete a lap by announcing on VHF channel 68 in the following manner: Boat Name, Sail Number, Lap, and Current Time.**

9. MARKS

1. The marks that may be used are the “Permanent Marks” identified immediately below and located at the approximate coordinates set forth adjacent:

Mark	Description	Latitude	Longitude
R1	RCYC Club	32 N 49.383	96 W 30.083
R5	RCYC Terry Point	32 N 50.050	96 W 30.783
9	Chandlers - North	32 N 52.686	96 W 29.394
R4	RCYC Powerplant	32 N 49.700	96 W 31.900
R3	RCYC Sunnyvale	32 N 48.583	96 W 31.367
R2	RCYC Heath	32 N 48.483	96 W 29.817

10. THE START

1. This shall be a pursuit race with boats starting at the times provided to competitors (See Section 6. Schedule of Race)
2. “A” Fleet and “B” Fleet will be starting at the same time. The highest rated A Fleet boat and highest rated B Fleet boat will both be the first start of the Pursuit format.
3. The start line will be between Mark “R1” (see Section 9 MARKS) and an orange tetrahedron set between Mark “R1” and shore.

4. In the event of a postponement, Race Committee will announce the revised start time on VHF Channel 68 and/or posting on the Official Notice Board.

11. THE FINISH

1. The finishing line will be between Mark "R1" (see Section 9 MARKS) and an orange tetrahedron set between Mark "R1" and shore.
2. Finish times will be recorded by each competitor on the honor system and reported to Race Committee via text message within 5 minutes of crossing the finish line. Please send a text message with the boat name and exact time of finish as determined by UTC time to the following number: **469-906-9825**
3. Finish times shall also be reported via VHF channel 68. Please report in the following manner: **Boat Name, Sail Number, and Current Time**; if possible please announce the name of the boat that finished before and the boat behind.

12. TIME LIMIT

1. The absolute time limit of the race is 900 Saturday, August 17th, 2019. Boats finishing after that time shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and awarded points 2 more than the number of starters.

13. PROTESTS

1. Protesting boats shall comply with part 5, section A of the RRS, which are modified as follows: A yacht intending to file a protest shall so inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing or withdrawing.
2. A written protest shall be delivered to the bar at RCYC no later than 1000 Saturday, August 18th, 2018. It is the intention of the Race Committee to notify all affected parties of when a hearing will be scheduled. The Race Committee will attempt to schedule a hearing as soon as possible.

14. SCORING

1. The Low-Point Scoring System, rule A2 will apply. There will be no throw-outs.
2. Fleets will be scored separately
3. Scoring in fleets will be based upon a boat's Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating with corrected time computed using time-on-distance.

15. Tracking:

1. It is requested, but not required, that competitors use raceQs
2. RaceQs will be used to track competitors racing in the 4-Points Race
3. Beginning at 1900 on the day of the race start and continuing until the boat reaches its mooring after finishing, each competitor is requested to use raceQs to provide a track to the Race Committee.

16. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. In the interest of overall event safety, and consistent with best practices, competitors that have checked in as starters and subsequently withdrawn prior to finishing will notify the

Race Committee as soon as practical on VHF Channel 68 **AND** by sending a text message with skipper's name and boat name to the following number: **469-906-9825**.

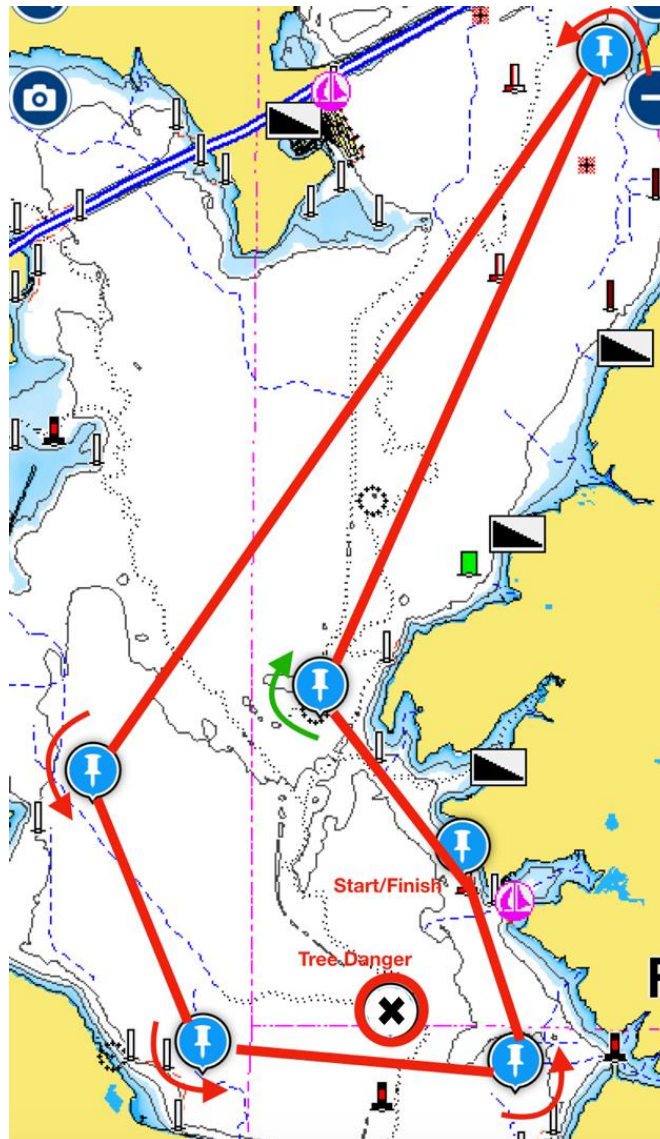
2. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew.
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17. PRIZES – Will be awarded after breakfast on Saturday Aug 17th, 2019 at RCYC.
 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
 1. Competitors participate in the 4-Points Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4: Decision to Race. RCYC will not accept any liability for loss or damage to property or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT 1

Course "ACW"

Boats will sail a COUNTERCLOCKWISE circuit of a course comprised of the permanent marks as follows:

COUNTERCLOCKWISE					
Mark	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Mark Rounding	
R1	RCYC Club	32 N 49.383	96 W 30.083	Leave mark to PORT (start/finish)	
R5	RCYC Terry Point	32 N 50.050	96 W 30.783	Leave mark to STARBOARD	
9	Chandlers - North	32 N 52.686	96 W 29.394	Leave mark to PORT	
R4	RCYC Powerplant	32 N 49.700	96 W 31.900	Leave mark to PORT	
R3	RCYC Sunnyvale	32 N 48.583	96 W 31.367	Leave mark to PORT	
R2	RCYC Heath	32 N 48.483	96 W 29.817	Leave mark to PORT	



COURSE "CW"

Boats will sail a CLOCKWISE circuit of a course comprised of the permanent marks as follows:

CLOCKWISE				
Mark	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Mark Rounding
R1	RCYC Club	32 N 49.383	96 W 30.083	Leave mark to STARBOARD (start/finish)
R2	RCYC Heath	32 N 48.483	96 W 29.817	Leave mark to STARBOARD
R3	RCYC Sunnyvale	32 N 48.583	96 W 31.367	Leave mark to STARBOARD
R4	RCYC Powerplant	32 N 49.700	96 W 31.900	Leave mark to STARBOARD
9	Chandlers - North	32 N 52.686	96 W 29.394	Leave mark to STARBOARD
R5	RCYC Terry Point	32 N 50.050	96 W 30.783	Leave mark to PORT

