



2020 4-Points Race
September 4 – 5, 2020
Rush Creek Yacht Club is the
Organizing Authority
Heath, TX



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
4. All sailors will follow Rush Creek Yacht Club, local, state and federal social distance and COVID-19 guidelines.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the rear deck of the Rush Creek Yacht Club and on the Sailors Racing group on Facebook. 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. The 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. The first start is scheduled for 8:00 pm

5. FLEET DESIGNATION

1. Fleets will be designated as follows if five (5) or more boats register in each of the ratings range below in the Full distance or Half distance course:
 - 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 to start Friday, September 4, 2020, at 8:00 PM CDT.
2. It is the Race Committee's intention to run a single PHRF Race in Pursuit format
3. The scheduled start times will be posted on the Official Notice Board, sent via email to registered skippers and will be posted on the Sailors Racing group on Facebook.
4. **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 Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions).

8. COURSE

1. Boats will sail a COUNTERCLOCKWISE (Anti-Clockwise) circuit of a course comprised of the permanent marks as follows:

COUNTERCLOCKWISE

| <u>Mark</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Latitude</u> | <u>Longitude</u> | <u>Mark Rounding</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| R1 | RCYC Club | 32°49.383' N | 96°30.083' W | Leave mark to PORT (start/finish) |
| R5 | RCYC Terry | 32°50.050' N | 96°30.783' W | Leave mark to STARBOARD |
| 12 | Chandlers - South | 32°52.2' N | 96°29' W | Leave mark to PORT |
| R4 | RCYC Power Plant | 32°49.700' N | 96°31.900' W | Leave mark to PORT |
| R3 | RCYC Sunnyvale | 32°48.583' N | 96°31.367' W | Leave mark to PORT |
| R2 | RCYC Heath | 32°48.483' N | 96°29.817' W | Leave mark to PORT |
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2. Boats entered in the Full Distance race will sail 4 circuits (laps). Boats entered in the Half Distance will sail 2 circuits (laps).
3. 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. Marks of the course will be the "Permanent Marks" marks/buoys of the lake as described in Appendix A.

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. The highest rated Full Distance boat and the highest rated Half Distance boat will 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, post on the Official Notice Board and on the Facebook Sailors Racing group page.

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. Each boat shall send a text with its skipper's name, boat name and finish time and, when possible, the boat finishing immediately ahead of and immediately behind to the Race Committee at **(972) 665-8673**.
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, September 5th, 2020. 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, September 5th, 2020. 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. Boats racing the Full and Half distance courses will be scored separately.
3. Scoring 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 the raceQs application while racing
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: (972) 665-8673.
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.

17. PRIZES – Will be sent to winners after the race has concluded.

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.

APPENDIX A

Course

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