



RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

# Sailing Instructions

HEATH, TEXAS

## 2021 George Griffith/IC24 Nationals September 25-26, 2021

**1. RULES** 1.1. The 2017—2021 Racing Rules of Sailing with the US Sailing Prescriptions shall govern this regatta in all applicable cases. Any words in these Instructions that are in ***bold italics*** shall have the same meaning as in the RRS Definitions.

1.2. Class rules of applicable national authorities shall apply.

1.3. IC24 class rules apply to the IC24s. IC24 sails must be class legal IC24 sails or class legal J24 sails. IC24 mains and jibs must be woven polyester.

### 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC) before 9:30 am September 25, 2021.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITOR

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 the change will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. All signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole on the RCYC West Lawn.

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

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

**SATURDAY, September 25, 2021 9:30 am.**

Competitors Briefing

**SATURDAY, September 25, 2021 10:30 am**

Warning signal for first race

**SUNDAY, September 26, 2021 10 am.**

Warning signal for first race

### 7. CLASS FLAG

Class flags and the number of PHRF fleets will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

### 8. THE COURSE

8.1. Illustration “A” shows 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.

8.2. The course to be sailed will be designated on a course board located on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line. The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will be displayed.

8.3. There will be a single leeward mark with no gate

## 9. 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 signal means "Come within Hail" of the Race Committee 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 and/or loud hailer and may require acknowledgement.

## 10. MARKS

10.1. The **Marks** will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2. The offset **Mark** will be a sphere.

10.3. Change of course **Marks** will be yellow tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

10.4. The **Leeward Finish Mark** will be a small, green shape. The Windward **Finish Mark** can be any **Mark** set to port side of Race Committee Boat. (See Illustration "A")

## 11. CHECK-IN

11.1. Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day when the Race Committee Signal 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 Signal 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 provision changes RRS Appendix "A."**

11.2. 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.

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

12.1. The Race Committee and the Racing Authority will communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 69. Except in an emergency, a boat that is **racing** shall neither make nor receive voice or data communications that are not available to all other competitors.

12.2. Not having a VHF radio shall not be grounds for disqualification.

## 13. THE START

13.1. Order of starts will be announced at the skippers meeting.

13.2. Races will be **started** using a three (3) minute starting sequence per RRS Appendix U3.. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention. There will be no timing flags.

13.3. 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.

## 14. RECALLS

14.1. The Race Committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the **starting** signal. The Race Committee may use VHF radios or a loud hailer.

14.2. 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 provision changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1.**

## 15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COUSE

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new **Mark** (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 15.2. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original **Mark**.

## 16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. **LEEWARD FINISH:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee boat and a small orange mark on the STARBOARD side of the Race Committee boat. (See Illustration "A")
- 16.2. **WINDWARD FINISH:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the PORT side of a Race Committee Finish Boat and a nearby **Mark**. (See Illustration "A")
- 16.3. Unless otherwise signaled with Code Flag "H," boats should standby for the next race. Code Flag "H" indicates that boats should return to the RCYC harbor.

## 17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1. The time limit for the first boat to **finish** will be 120 minutes.
- 17.2. Boats failing to **finish** thirty (30) minutes after the first boat will be scored the number of points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that **finished** that race plus two (2) (Time Limit Expired – "TLE").

## 18. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1. Sections "V"(1) and "V"(2) of US Sailing Prescription to the RRS Appendix "V" will apply.
- 18.2. Section "V"(1)—**Penalties at the time of an incident.** The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more **rules** of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while **racing**. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2 while in the **zone** around a **Mark**, other than a starting **Mark**, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 18.3. A boat which takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall notify the Race Committee Signal Boat either verbally or via the appropriate VHF channel upon **finishing**. She shall report when and where the incident occurred and other boats involved.
- 18.4. Section "V"(2) provides for post-race acceptance of penalties.

## 19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1. RRS Appendix "T", *Arbitration* shall apply.
- 19.2. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the **racing** area shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), notify the Race Committee Signal Boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. **This provision changes RRS 61.1(a).**
- 19.3. Protests shall be written on forms available at the RCYC Office and delivered there within sixty (60) minutes following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Race Committee Signal Boat docking times will be posted on the "Official Notice Board."
- 19.4. Notices will be posted on the "Official Notice Board" official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 19.5. For the purpose of meeting obligations under US Sailing prescriptions concerning redress, notification of a redress hearing shall be by posting on the "Official Notice Board" for thirty (30) minutes. The requirement for written requests for attendance of the hearing will be satisfied by a signup sheet at the official protest table. No more than one person per boat may attend. No request for reopening a hearing will be accepted after 1800 Saturday, September 25th, 2021 or 1500 Sunday, September 26, 2021.

## 20. SCORING

20.1. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

20.2. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix "A"(4) will apply.

**21. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats preregistered two days prior to the race

**22. ENVIRONMENT**

Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

**Illustration "A": "Courses"**

