



2021 Spring DinghyFest

April 24-25, 2021

Heath, TX

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2021-2024) with the prescriptions of United States Sailing Association (“RRS”), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The class rules of applicable national authorities will apply.
- 1.3 A separate Lightning Class Notice of Race will be issued for the 2021 Lightning Class Texas District Championship.
- 1.4 All sailors will follow current RCYC, local, state and federal social distance and COVID-19 guidelines.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 5 PM on April 23, 2021 at Rush Creek Yacht Club.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the west facing windows of the RCYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all centerboard boats. Expected fleets are MC Scow, Sunfish, Flying Scot and Portsmouth handicap.
- 4.2 A minimum of four yachts of the same design will constitute a one-design class.
- 4.3 Boats may enter using the on-line entry form on the RCYC website.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:	Before April 21	After April 20
Singlehand boats	\$50.00	\$70.00
Doublehand boats	\$85.00	\$105.00

5.2 Registration Fee also includes:

- Coffee, Juice and Continental Breakfast each morning
- Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch
- Free keg of beer on Saturday night after races
- Great racing and lots of fun!

5.3 Meals for additional crew and other guests need to be reserved online or at registration time. Extra Saturday lunches are \$10 each and dinners are \$15 each. Drinks and extra meals can be purchased through a yacht club reciprocal charge or setting up a VISA/MasterCard charge. RCYC is not equipped for cash purchases.

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb 29 th	Registration Open	8:30 AM
	Competitor's Briefing	9:30 AM
	First Warning Signal Lunch ashore as directed by the Race Committee Additional races to follow	10:30 AM
	Dinner	6:00 PM
Sunday, March 1 st	First Warning Signal Additional races to follow	10:00 AM
	No warning signal after	1:00 PM
	Awards	Approximately 1 hour after committee boat enters harbor

7 EQUIPMENT

7.1 Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

8 VENUE

8.1 All races will be sailed on Lake Ray Hubbard.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9.2 The alternative dispute resolution procedures of RRS Appendix T – Arbitration apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. There will be no throw-outs.

This modifies RRS Appendix A.

10.2 A single race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

11 RISK AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

11.2 It is critical to be mindful of how you feel, and particularly when ANY of the potential COVID-19 symptoms are present to stay home.

11.3 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, Rush Creek Yacht Club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the end of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after early registration.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact Eric Hemker, Regatta Chair, eric.hemker@yahoo.com, or 214.704.6882