



RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

Sailing Instructions

HEATH, TEXAS

IC24 Sunday Series

1. REGISTRATION

Entries must register with the IC24 Fleet Captain each Race Day via email or orally to be scored.

2. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be emailed to competitors or given orally by the IC24 Fleet Captain.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASS DIVISION, ORDER OF START

- (a) See the Notice of Race for Race Days and times
- (b) Each Race Day the Race Committee will designate the division of boats into classes orally no later than the Warning Signal of the first class to start and may do so on the water. Boats may be assigned to different classes in different races. A minimum of 2 boats is required to constitute a class.
- (c) Classes will start in the order announced orally by the Race Committee.
- (d) Additional races may be held as soon as practical after the end of a previous race.

4. SPECIAL RULES

- (a) Whisker poles, reaching struts, and similar equipment may be used. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. This changes RRS 78.1.
- (b) No weight or crew restrictions apply. This changes RRS 78.1.
- (c) RRS APPENDIX G – IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS shall not apply.

5. THE COURSE(S)

- (a) The course for each race will be communicated to the competitors:
- (b) orally or by signals or notice boards by the Race Committee on the water.
- (c) Starts and finishes may be either upwind or downwind.
- (d) The Race Committee may designate any Permanent Buoy or Temporary Buoy as a mark of the course. A Temporary Buoy used as a rounding mark shall be rounded to port. A Permanent Buoy shall be rounded on the side that applies the “string” concept of RRS 28.2
- (e) The Race Committee may change a leg of the course without displaying signal flag “C,” shorten the course without displaying signal flag “S,” and abandon a race without displaying signal flag “N.” It may do so by oral instructions. This changes RRS 32 and RRS 33.
- (f) Gates will not be used at leeward marks.

5. MARKS

- (a) A Temporary Buoy used as a mark may be an orange or red ball
- (b) A Permanent Buoy (“Sunnyvale,” “Dam,” and “Club”) may be used as a mark. See RCYC RACE COMMITTEE DOCUMENT 1 – PERMANENT BUOYS USED AS RACE MARKS.
- (c) If the course configuration is changed, a new mark may be of the same type as the mark it replaces.

6. THE START

- (a) Races will be started using RRS APPENDIX U – AUDIBLE-SIGNAL RACING SYSTEM (three-minute sequence).
- (b) The Starting Line will be either: Between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a Temporary Buoy or the Club Mark; or between a staff displaying an orange flag at a shore station and the Club Mark.
- (c) Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

7. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be either:

- (a) between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby Temporary Buoy or Permanent Buoy; or
- (b) between a staff displaying an orange flag at a shore station and the Club Mark.

8. ONE-DESIGN COMPETITORS TO REPORT ORDER OF FINISH

Competitors in one-design classes shall account for the order in which boats finished each race and report such to the IC24 Fleet Captain at the conclusion of each Race Day.

9. TIME LIMITS

- (a) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after its Starting Signal will be scored at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.
- (b) The time limit for each race of each class will be 1-1/2 hours from the Starting Signal for the first boat in the class to finish.
- (c) Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- (d) Notwithstanding Sailing Instruction 10, if one or more boats may not finish soon enough to allow the Race Committee time to start another race, the Race Committee may, in its sole discretion, terminate the race and score boats in the places they were at that time. This changes RRS A5.
- (e) Boats must return to the dock by sunset unless they are displaying navigation lights.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks, or, if the Race Committee conducted the race from a shore station, within 30 minutes after the protesting boat reaches the docks after the last race of the day. The alternative dispute resolution procedures of RRS APPENDIX T – ARBITRATION apply. See RCYC RACE COMMITTEE DOCUMENT 2 – GUIDELINES FOR ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.