



## 2012 Texas Independence Day Regatta

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

This event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012). In addition, the event will be governed by the rules of the various classes participating, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions. The event is designated Category C.

### 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority and signing the liability waiver.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 All signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole at the yacht club.

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

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	1005	Skippers meeting
	1100	Warning signal for first class to start. Lunch ashore
<b>SUNDAY</b>	0930	Warning signal for first class to start.

No Warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START

7.1 Class flags will be announced at the Skipper's meeting.

7.2 The order of starts will be Cruising followed by Melges 24, followed by IC 24 followed by PHRF.

### 8. RACING AREA

The racing area is on south end of Lake Ray Hubbard.

### 9. THE COURSE

9.1 For Melges 24, IC24, and PHRF, the diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses to be used, including the approximate angles between legs, 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.

9.2 For Cruising Class, the diagram in Illustration "B" shows the courses to be used, including the approximate angles between legs, 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.

- 9.3 For the Cruising Class, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start / finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg. During the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the line between the marks positioned port and starboard of the Committee boat will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DNF.
- 9.3 The course to be sailed will be designated on a board located on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 9.4 The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will be displayed.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 The marks for the Melges 24, IC 24, and PHRF fleets will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 For the Cruising Class, the weather mark will be an orange tetrahedron. The turning mark (if used) and the leeward mark will be yellow cylinders.
- 10.2 New marks, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 16, "CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START", will be yellow tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark

## **11. SHORTENING COURSE**

The signal for shortening course will be Code Flag "S". The finish line will be between a staff flying the "S" flag and the nearby mark.

## **12. CHECK-IN**

- 12.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day when the committee 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 Boat and hailing her sail number until the Race Committee hails back the numbers. A boat failing to check in shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in her class the first race of the day. This changes Appendix A.
- 12.2 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.

## **13. VHF RADIO**

CHANNEL 68 will be used for communication with the competitors.

## **14. THE START**

- 14.1 Races will be started using a 5 minute starting sequence per Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 14.2 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, an orange mark.
- 14.3 All sound signals will be made from the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 14.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This modifies rule RRS 29.3.

## **15. RECALLS:**

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. 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 changes rules 41 and 62.1

## **16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.

## **17. THE FINISH**

17.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark. A blue flag will denote the committee is on station.

17.2 Unless otherwise signaled with code flag H, boats should standby for the next race. Code flag H indicates that boats should return to the harbor.

## **18. TIME LIMIT**

18.1 For Melges 24, IC24, and PHRF, the time limit for the first boat to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.

18.2 For Melges 24, IC24, and PHRF, the time limit for the first boat to reach the weather mark shall be thirty (30) minutes.

18.3 For Cruising Class, the time limit for the first boat to finish will be one hundred fifty (150) minutes.

18.4 Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be given a placed finish.

18.5 These time limits change rule 35 and modify rule A4.1.

## **19. PROTESTS**

19.1 Protests shall be submitted on US Sailing protest forms, which will be available at the yacht club. The form should be lodged there within one (1) hour after the Race Committee boat enters the harbor, and sounds one sound signal. The time the Race Committee enters the harbor will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

19.3 Protest notices will be posted soon after the expiration of the protest time to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are party to a protest, or named as witnesses.

## **20. SCORING**

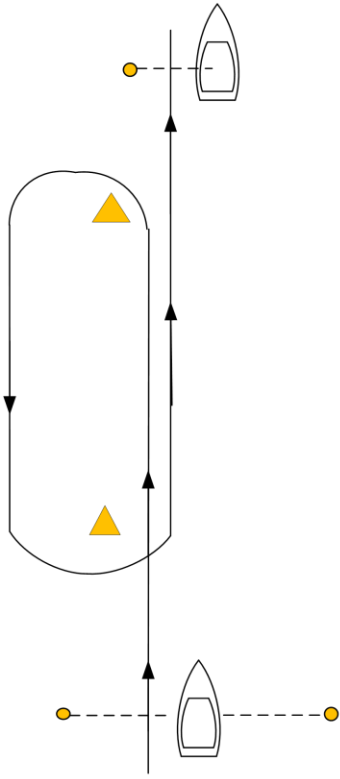
20.1 Five races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

20.2 The Low-Point Scoring System, rule A4 will apply. There will be one throw out after 4 races are completed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

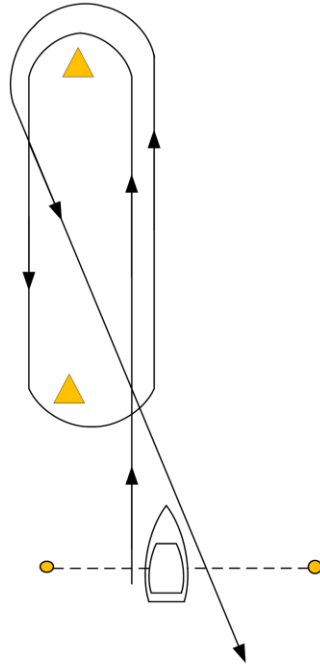
## **21. PRIZES**

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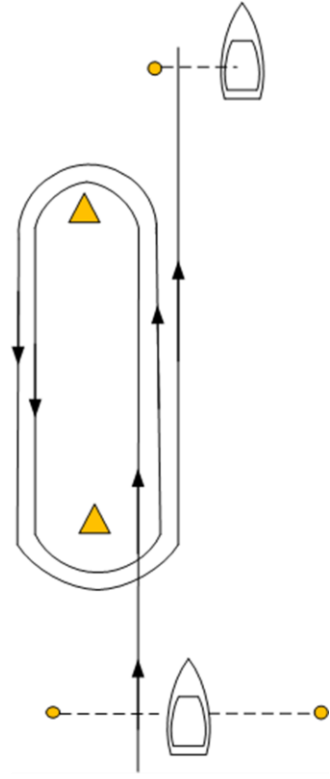
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"Courses"



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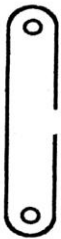
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**Illustration B**  
"Courses"  
CRUISING CLASS ONLY

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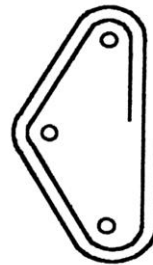
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