



2026 Fall DinghyFest Regatta

October 10-11, 2026



Organizing Authority: Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. US Sailing Prescriptions (USSP) shall also apply, except for the following: USSP 63.1 (b) does not apply.
- 1.2. RRS Appendices T (arbitration) and V1 (one-turn penalty when outside the zone) will apply.
- 1.3. Applicable class rules will apply. Class rules are available on the respective class websites.
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than noon on Friday, October 9, 2026 on the regatta website at <https://cs.rcyc.org/regatta/p8aznMDbRJ>.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board will be on the west facing window of the RCYC clubhouse.
- 3.2. The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors.
- 3.3. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all centerboard boats. Expected classes are MC Scow, Sunfish, Flying Scot, M15, ILCA, Optimist Dinghy, C420s, Collegiate FJ, and Portsmouth. Any one design fleet with sufficient participation may be granted a one design start.
- 4.2. Competitors are encouraged to maintain membership with their respective class associations.
- 4.3. The entry fee is \$95.00 for single-handed entrants and \$140.00 for double-handed boats, if paid by October 4, 2026. The late entry fee is \$115.00 for single-handed entrants and \$160.00 for doublehanded boats.
- 4.4. The entry fee includes racing, awards, boat & trailer storage during the regatta, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday for one (1) person for a single-handed entry and two (2) people for a doublehanded entry. Anticipated meals are deli sandwich, chips & cookie for Saturday lunch, Brisket sandwiches for Saturday dinner, and a hamburger bar with fries for Sunday lunch.
- 4.5. Entry fee for junior sailors aged 18 and under is waived if registered by October 4th and does not include meals. After October 4th, a \$20 late registration fee will be applied. Skipper must be a junior to qualify as a junior sailor. Lunches and dinners may be purchased online.
- 4.6. Boats may enter using the on-line entry form on the RCYC website at <https://cs.rcyc.org/regatta/p8aznMDbRJ>.
- 4.7. Additional meals and dinners may be purchased online.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display Event Advertising provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 5.2. Subject to the above, there are no other restrictions regarding advertising on boats, sails, equipment, or personal gear.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 9

Early registration	1800 - 1930
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Saturday, October 10

Light Breakfast	
Registration	0830 - 0930
Competitors Briefing	0930
First Warning Signal, with additional races to follow	1030
Dinner	1800
Live Music on the RCYC Deck	1800 - 2100

Sunday, October 11

Light Breakfast	
First Warning Signal, with additional races to follow	1030
Awards	Approx. one hour after Signal Boat docking

- 6.1. The Race Committee will attempt to run as many races as possible.
- 6.2. No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday, October 11, 2026.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with requirements of her applicable class association pursuant to RRS 78.
- 7.2. Boats sailing in the Portsmouth will use the Primary Rating (D-PN) as defined in the US Sailing Yardstick table located at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Portsmouth-Precalculated-Classes.pdf>.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Race Area will be Lake Ray Hubbard south of the Interstate 30 Bridge.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Drop Marks will be used with windward-leeward or triangle courses. Offset and gate marks may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The penalty system described in USSP Appendix V1 shall apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. A single race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix A will apply. There will be no throw-outs.
- 11.3. A minimum of four boats of the same class will constitute a one-design fleet for scoring purposes.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and support persons are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Race Organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Jury, host 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 of the law.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the end of early registration.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Contacts	Name	Phone	Address
Regatta Chair	Tiki Sherman	214-796-5291	tiki_sherman@msn.com
Principal Race Officer	Steve Comen	214-417-3864	steve.comen@gmail.com
Host Club	Rush Creek Yacht Club	972-771-6500	320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, TX 7502

The following list of local hotels in the City of Rockwall are all within 10-15 minutes from Rush Creek Yacht Club: <https://www.rockwall.com/hotels.asp>.