



4 POINTS RACE

July 31, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES.

- (a) RRS. The 4 Points Race is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS).
- (b) Inland Rules Apply. The Inland Navigation Rules issued by the U.S. Coast Guard as made applicable by the Texas Water Safety Act (Texas Inland Rules of Navigation) apply instead of RRS Part 2 When Boats Meet (RRS 10 through 23) (a copy of the Texas Inland Rules of Navigation is posted to the Notice Board on the regatta website).
- (c) Safety Requirements. The SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEARSHORE WATERS (monohull or multihull as appropriate) of the U. S. Sailing Association (SER) also apply (copies are posted to the Notice Board on the regatta website). **[DP NP for SER requirements not duplicated in the Texas Inland Rules of Navigation]**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS; SIGNALS.

- (a) Notices. Notices to competitors made after 1200 on race day will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the west window of the clubhouse. Notices to competitors made before race day will be posted on the regatta website.
- (b) Signals Made Ashore. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast on the west lawn of RCYC.
- (c) Postponement Signal. When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in RRS Race Signals – Postponement Signals – AP. A new starting sequence will begin 30 minutes after AP is removed, with the first boat starting times adjusted to the new time of day and the other boats’ starting times following accordingly.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

- (a) Radio Channel. The Race Committee will monitor VHF radio channel 69 until all competitors have finished but no later than 0200 on Saturday July 31, 2026.
- (b) Race Signals by Radio. The Race Committee may broadcast safety and other information to competitors, including that the race is postponed or abandoned, the course is shortened, or a mark is missing. This changes RRS Race Signals. Failure to hear any broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

4. STARTING LINE; MARKS; COURSE; FINISHING LINE.

- (a) Race Course. The Race Course is defined in APPENDIX A – RACE COURSE
- (b) Starting Line. The Starting Line will be between Permanent Mark #1 (Club Mark) and an orange tetrahedron set between Mark #1 and the shore.
- (c) Pursuit Start. The start will be a pursuit start. Each boat shall start at the time of day for its type of boat indicated on the APPENDIX B - STARTING TIMES. This changes RRS 26. The time of day used for starting times will be as reported at: <https://www.time.gov>.
- (d) Penalties for Boats Starting Early. A boat starting before its starting time, but less than 5 minutes beforehand shall be penalized by having 15 minutes added to its finishing time by the Race Committee without a hearing. A boat starting more than 5 minutes before its starting time shall be scored OCS (on course side of starting line at starting signal) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- (e) Boats Starting Late. A boat starting later than 30 minutes after its Starting Signal will be scored at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.
- (f) Interfering With Boats Starting. Boats whose class is not starting shall avoid the vicinity of the Starting Line. **[DP]**

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- (g) Course; Marks. Boats will sail a COUNTERCLOCKWISE circuit of a course comprised of the permanent marks on Lake Ray Hubbard, maintained by RCYC, Sapphire Bay Yacht Club, and Chandlers Landing Yacht Club:
- Boats entered will sail up to 2 circuits (laps).
 - Start / Finish line will be a gate on the course that must be sailed through every lap.
 - **Competitors shall provide notice when they complete each lap by passing through the S/F gate by announcing on VHF channel 69 in the following manner: Boat Name, Sail Number, "Lap 1 / Finish", and Current Time.**
- (h) Finishing Line. The Finishing Line will be between Permanent Mark #1 (Club Mark) and an orange tetrahedron set between Mark #1 and the shore.
- (i) No Line Flags. The starting line flag and the finishing line flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals – Other Signals.

5. SCORING.

- (a) Order. The order in which a boat finishes a race determines its finishing place.
- (b) Time Limit to Finish. A boat which has not finished by 0200 on Saturday, August 1, 2026, will be scored TLE (time limit expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- (c) Shortened Race. If the race is shortened, finishing places will be determined by using the posted starting time and actual finishing time of each boat to determine its corrected time using the time-on-distance formula.

6. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- (a) Protests in Writing. Protests must be in writing and delivered to the Race Committee or its representative within 60 minutes following the time the protesting boat finished.
- (b) Protests by Non-Competitors. RRS 60.2 (race committee protesting a boat) is amended by adding the following subsection: "(d) protest a boat for a breach of the Texas Inland Rules of Navigation with respect to a vessel not racing as a result of information received from any source."
- (c) Redress Hearing Limit on Number of Parties. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 (any boat may participate in a redress hearing) does not apply.