Notice of Race

2026 Texas Fall State Championship
Hosted by: Austin Yacht Club
Austin Yacht Club
5906 Beacon Dr, Austin TX 78734
10/31/26 to 11/1/26

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1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District & West League Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the **Austin Yacht Club**, **Lake Travis High School**, **Griffin School**, and **Magellan International School**, in conjunction with **SEISA**.

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2. Event

2.1. This regatta will be a single-division high school format.
2.2. Schools may enter more than one team; competitors may not switch between teams.
2.3. Format of the regatta will depend on the number of teams registered. The format will either be one fleet, or two fleets with qualification on Saturday, and Championship/Silver Fleet on Sunday.
2.4. The winner of this regatta will be declared the **2026 Texas Fall State Champion.**

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3. Eligibility

3.1. This is a SEISA Level 1 event, which is limited to students in grades 8–12 associated with a high school team.
3.2. **Responsible Adult** – Please see ISSA PR 1.3. Each high school team must have a designated adult chaperone to accompany competing sailors, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent. The chaperone should be onsite at all times during racing/sailing and should be well versed in the school's policies and requirements regarding concussions, and medical emergencies as well as RSS 4 (Decisions to Race).

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4. Entry

4.1. Eligible schools must enter by fully completing registration forms for each sailor by **0830 on October 31st.**
4.2. Please complete the attached form to register. (Registration)
4.3. Additionally, liability release forms executed by their parents or legal guardians will be required of sailors not registered in an AYC Program before **October 27th.**
4.4. **Entry fee: $50.00 per sailor**, payable via **Clubspot** at the time of registration.
4.5. **Damage and Liability:** Sailors are liable for any damage caused during racing. Damage payments will be settled following a protest hearing if necessary. The Organizing Authority will determine responsibility and costs based on the facts found.

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5. Schedule

Saturday, October 31st, 2026
0830 Check-in/Rigging
0915 Mandatory Competitors Meeting
1000 First Warning Signal
1515 No warning signal will be given after this time

Sunday, November 1st, 2026
0800 Report Time
0900 First Warning, racing throughout the day
1400 No race will be started after 1400

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6. Boats / Rotations

6.1. Boats are E420s, provided by AYC.
6.2. Rotations will be posted on TechScore.
6.3. Standing rigging may not be adjusted by sailors. Mainsheets may be used 3:1 or 4:1.
6.4. Intentionally changing boat settings or otherwise “sabotaging” boats to impede competitors during rotations is prohibited and may result in disqualification.

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7. Race Area

7.1. The race area will be on Lake Travis immediately outside of the Austin Yacht Club.

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8. Safety

8.1. US Coast Guard–approved Type III or V life jackets must be worn while on boats at all times except for a brief period to add or remove clothing.
8.2. Except for team pinnies, life jackets shall be worn outside of all clothing. Pinnies are encouraged, but not required at this event.

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9. Courses

9.1. The Race Committee will determine courses in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

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10. Scoring

10.1. The regatta will be scored using ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throwouts. Protest procedures will be per ISSA Procedural Rules with amplifying details outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

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11. Coaching

Competitors may receive coaching, including instructions, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, this can only happen between races below the starting line as described during the Competitors Meeting. Spectators are permitted to go on the water but must remain outside the course and start area. All personnel are expected and encouraged to render assistance to any boat in need, regardless of team. [Modifies ISSA PR 8(aA)].

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12. Official Notices

12.1. No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substances (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, or beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source alleging such a breach, a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1. If a hearing under RSS 69.1 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. Additional

penalties consistent with RSS 69.1(b) may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team.

12.2. Camping is welcome at AYC. Cabins may be available for rent — please contact the AYC office.

12.3. AYC is committed to preventing the spread of the invasive species zebra mussels and asks all boat owners (sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, etc.) to clean their bilges and trailers when coming from another lake to Lake Travis, and again when leaving Lake Travis going to another lake.

12.4. Pets, fires, drones, and firearms are prohibited at AYC at all times.

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13. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

13.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

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14. Regatta Contacts

14.1. **Regatta Chairman:** Jeff Brock - jeffbrock@me.com – (808) 639-3534

14.2. **AYC Youth Sailing Director -** Zach Steuer – zach@austinyachtclub.net – (737) 297-0639

14.3. **SEISA Contact -** Kevin Gunn - kgunn@uanola.org