



Fall DinghyFest Regatta

Oct 10-11, 2026



Organizing Authority: Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 CORRECTION: RRS 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted 45 minutes before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. The official notice board will be located on the west facing wall of the RCYC clubhouse.

3.2. The race committee will use VHF radio channel 68 for race instructions.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the west-facing lawn of RCYC.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 20 minutes.” This changes RRS 25.2 and Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Schedule:

5.2. Saturday, Oct 10

Breakfast	0830 - 0930
Registration	0830 - 0930
Competitors Briefing	0930
First Warning Signal, with additional races to follow	1030
Dinner	1800

Sunday, Oct 11

Breakfast	0830 - 0930
First Warning Signal, with additional races to follow	1030
Awards	Approx. one hour after Signal Boat docking

5.3. The RC will attempt to run as many races as possible. No more than seven races will be sailed.

5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday Oct 11, 2026.

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- 6. CLASS FLAG**
- 6.1. The class flag for the Portsmouth class will be Numerical Pennant #1.
 - 6.2. For all other classes, the class flag will be its Class Insignia.
- 7. RACING AREA**
- 7.1. The racing area is on Lake Ray Hubbard between the southern dam and Interstate 30 to the north.
- 8. COURSES**
- 8.1. The diagrams in **SI Addendum 1 – Courses** shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
 - 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9. MARKS**
- 9.1. Marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons. The offset will be an orange ball.
 - 9.2. The short weather mark (S1) will be an Orange Ball.
 - 9.3. The Starting Mark and the Finishing Mark will be orange balls.
- 10. THE START**
- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
 - 10.2. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Starting Mark OR orange flags on the Signal Boat and the Pin Vessel.
 - 10.3. A boat that does not meet the definition of start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
 - 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 11.1. For the long weather mark (1 and 1a), to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a Change Mark and remove the Original Mark as soon as it is practicable. When there is a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an Original Mark.
 - 11.2. For the short weather mark (S1), to change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark to a new position.
 - 11.3. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.
- 12. THE FINISH**
- 12.1. The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. Race time limit and the finishing window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
90 mins.	20 mins.

13.2. The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. The protest/request for redress time limit is 30 minutes after the Signal Boat has docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2. Hearing Request forms are available in the RCYC Race Office.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Commodore's Room, beginning at the time posted.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 17.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, International 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.

ADDENDUM 1 - COURSES

Course L (Windward/Leeward with Leeward Finish)	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – Finish
LS2	Start – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – Finish
L3	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – Finish
LS3	Start – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – Finish
* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)	

Course W (Windward/Leeward with Windward Finish)	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – 2s/2p – Finish
WS3	Start – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – 2s/2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – 2s/2p – 1* – 2s/2p – Finish
WS4	Start – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – 2s/2p – S1* – 2s/2p – Finish
* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)	