

4 POINTS RACE

July 31, 2026

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, Texas 75032

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NOTICE of RACE

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY.** Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC), Heath, Texas, as the Organizing Authority, presents the 2026 4 POINTS RACE, a single late night race for keelboats and large multi-hulls.
2. **RULES.**
 - 2.1. The 4-POINTS RACE will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 2.2. The SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEARSHORE WATERS (monohull or multihull as appropriate) of the U. S. Sailing Association (SER) also apply. [DP]
 - 2.3. US Sailing Prescriptions (USSP) shall also apply.
3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY; REGISTRATION; FEES.**
 - 3.1 Eligible Boats. The 4 POINTS RACE is open to all keelboats with greater than 20 feet LOA and with a Lake Ray Hubbard Performance Handicap Racing Formula (LRH PHRF) rating.
 - 3.2 Eligible Sailors. All classifications of sailors are eligible to participate.
 - 3.3 Registration. Registration opens online on July 22, 2026, and closes July 31, 2026, at 2000. (<https://rcyc.org/regatta/Mu4onswRSR>) In-person registration at RCYC will be available as indicated in the Schedule (see section 4.).
 - 3.4 Entry Fee.
 - (a) There is no entry fee.
 - (b) Registration includes use of RCYC docks, including overnight tie-up, and shore facilities from July 30 through August 2. A Temporary Club Bar Membership is available for purchase of adult beverages and items from the restaurant menu.
 - 3.5 Acceptance of the Rules, etc. By entering the 4 POINTS RACE, each Person in Charge of a boat acknowledges:

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- (a) that the Person in Charge has informed each crew member and the parent or legal guardian of any individual under the age of 18 crewing on the boat of the risks associated with sailing (see section 11.1); and
- (b) that the Race is sailed under the RRS (see RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules).

4. SCHEDULE.

Friday 31 July

1700 – 1830	Late Registration, in-person at RCYC
1830 – 1900	Mandatory Competitors' Briefing
2000	Starting Time for Highest PHRF Rated Boat

Saturday 1 August

1830	Awards Presentation
1900	DJ Starts Playing

If the race is abandoned, it will not be re-scheduled or re-sailed.

5. VENUE; COURSE.

- 5.1. Venue. The Race will take place on Lake Ray Hubbard, south of the Interstate 30 causeway.
- 5.2. Course. The course will be one or more laps around 4 or more of the permanent marks on Lake Ray Hubbard beginning and ending with the "Club" mark off the shore just west of RCYC. The configuration and length of the course will be set so as to endeavor to provide a race of approximately 4 to 6 hours based on predicted conditions.
- 5.3. Pursuit Start. The Race will begin with a pursuit start with each boat's Starting Time based on its LRH PHRF rating using the Time-on-Distance formula.
- 5.4. Clock Reference. The reference for Starting Times and the official regatta clock will be that found at www.time.gov.

6. MEASUREMENT; CLASS RULES.

- 6.1 LRH PHRF Rating. Each boat shall have a valid, current rating from the Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF Committee. [DP] [NP] Boats which do not have a rating certificate, but which conform to the measurements of another boat of the same class may rely on that other boat's rating if there is no material difference between the boats.
- 6.2 Class Rules. A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 Compliance with Class Rules by 2000 on July 31, 2026, except as modified by section 6.3. [DP] [NP]

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- 6.3. Class Rules. Those class rules which may require that the Person in Charge or owner of a boat be a member of the class, require that sails be measured, limit the number of crew, limit the total crew weight, prohibit the use of certain sails or temporary equipment, and require that the boat have a current class rating certificate from the class association shall not apply. This changes RRS 78.
7. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO RACE.** The following requirements must be met for an entry to be valid and a boat to be scored:
- 7.1. The Person In Charge or his or her representative for the entered boat must attend the Competitors' Briefing.
- 7.2. All crew members must be listed on the boat registration, and each must sign an acknowledgement of risks by 2000 on July 31, 2026. [DP] [NP]
- 7.3. Each boat shall have a minimum of 3 capable sailors over the age of 18 years.
- 7.4. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. [DP] [NP]
8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; NOTICES TO COMPETITORS BEFORE RACE DAY; RULES MADE INAPPLICABLE.**
- 8.1. Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions will be available on the event website after July 25, 2026, and at the registration desk on July 31, 2026.
- 8.2. Inland Rules Apply. The Sailing Instructions will state that RRS Part 2 When Boats Meet is replaced with the [Texas Inland Rules of Navigation](#).
- 8.3. Notices to Competitors.
- (a) Changes to this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and other notices to competitors issued prior to Friday July 31, 2026, will be posted on the race website.
- (b) Changes to the sailing instructions made less than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the race will be posted on the official Notice Board at RCYC (located on the west window of the RCYC clubhouse), on the race website and emailed to competitors.
- 8.4. Identification on Sails. Appendix G Identification on Sails shall not apply. This changes RRS 77.
9. **SCORING; AWARDS.**
- 9.1. The Race Committee may assign boats to separate divisions based on LRH PHRF ratings and other factors.

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- 9.2. The Low-Point System of RRS A2 will apply. Each boat's finishing place will be its order of finish.
- 9.3. The number and type of awards will be determined based on the number of boats and types of classes which participate.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- 10.1. Post-Race Penalties and Arbitration. The alternative dispute resolution procedures of RRS Appendix T – Arbitration apply.
- 10.2. Protests, etc. Hearings of protests and request for redress will be heard by a panel of judges appointed by Vice Commodore - Race. Protest hearings may be deferred to another day. Judges may participate in a hearing remotely by electronic means.
- 10.3. Penalties Less Than Disqualification. In this Notice of Race or the sailing instructions:
 - (a) the notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification (see RRS Introduction, Notation);
 - (b) the notation [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing; this changes RRS 63.1 and A5; and
 - (c) the notation [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat; this changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 10.4. Competitors Accept Responsibility. By participating in the Race competitors accept full responsibility for all his or her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on shore activities before, during, and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue for home.
- 10.5. Complying With RCYC Rules and Policies. [DP] [NP] Competitors and Support Persons must comply with any reasonable requests or instructions from a regatta official or officer, member, or employee of RCYC regarding club rules and policies. Even if later shown to have been unnecessary, such requests are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with such requests may be considered misconduct.

11. RISKS; DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

- 11.1. Dangerous Activity. Sailing is an activity that has risks of damage to property and injury to persons including death. Personal risks include trauma, cold shock, physical incapacitation, hypothermia, circum-rescue collapse, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and drowning caused by factors including foul weather, low air or water temperatures, sudden changes in weather, exposure to abnormal

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or prolonged heat or humidity, failure of equipment, boat handling errors by other crew or other boats, moving about on an unstable platform, and fatigue. Risks are compounded when sailing between sunset and sunrise.

- 11.2. Decision to Race. Competitors in the 4 Points Race do so entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.
- 11.3. Disclaimer of Liability by Organizing Authority, etc. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, judges, RCYC, sponsors, or any other organization, official, or individual assisting in the 2026 4 Points Race) 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 any phase of the event.

12. PUBLICITY and ADVERTISING.

- 12.1. License. RCYC grants competitors, owners, and support persons a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-assignable, revocable right to produce and publish images and accounts of the 4 Points Race and related events for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- 12.2. Agreement for Publicity. By participating in the 2026 4 POINTS RACE events, competitors, owners, and support persons grant RCYC a royalty-free right to use images and accounts of boats, competitors, owners, and support persons present at the event for publicity purposes.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION.

U.S. Sailing. RCYC is a member of US Sailing. Its member number is 102890S.

Safety Equipment Regulations. The SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEARSHORE RACES as published by U.S. Sailing can be found at: www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations It is also posted to the electronic Notice Board on the regatta website.

Inland Rules. The [Texas Inland Rules of Navigation](#) are posted to the RCYC website and the regatta website.

Lake Ray Hubbard. Activities on Lake Ray Hubbard are subject to the laws of the State of Texas, the regulations of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and ordinances of the City of Dallas.

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Location of RCYC. The premises of RCYC are situated at 320 Rush Creek Drive, City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas, at the southeast corner of Lake Ray Hubbard. For directions, go to <https://goo.gl/maps/Hxg9bMM5FQBiWoLs5>

Lodging. For information on hotels in the vicinity, go to the City of Rockwall Hotels page at <http://rockwall.com/hotels.asp>.

Camping, Alcoholic Beverages, and Parking at RCYC. Information on the alcoholic beverages, camping, and parking policies at RCYC is posted on the regatta website.

The web page for the regatta is: <https://rcyc.org/regatta/Mu4onswRSR>

The primary regatta officials are: Regatta Director Jay Cutcher and Principal Race Officer: David Hoyer

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Jay Cutcher
Vice Commodore – Race
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July 22, 2026.