AUSTIN YACHT CLUB | LAKE TRAVIS | SEISA

2026 Texas Fall State Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DATES October 31 - November 1, 2026	**VENUE** Austin Yacht Club 5906 Beacon Drive Austin, TX 78734
FLEET High school single-division format	**BOATS** Club-provided E420s

Organizing Authority

Austin Yacht Club, Lake Travis High School, Griffin School, and Magellan International School, in conjunction with SEISA.

The winner will be declared the 2026 Texas Fall State Champion.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS), the US Sailing prescriptions, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District and West League Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR), and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

The NoR states that its coaching provision modifies ISSA Procedural Rule 8(aA). That event-specific provision is restated in SI 10.

2. Notices to Competitors and Changes

Notices to competitors, changes to these Sailing Instructions, and boat rotations will be posted on the official event page in TechScore.

Competitors are responsible for checking official notices before going afloat and between races.

3. Eligibility, Check-in, and Team Responsibility

This is a SEISA Level 1 event for eligible students in grades 8-12 associated with a high school team. Each team shall have a designated adult chaperone onsite during sailing/racing, as stated in the NoR.

Teams shall complete sailor check-in and registration by 0830 on Saturday, October 31. The mandatory competitors' meeting is at 0915. Required parent/guardian liability releases for sailors not registered in an AYC program were due October 27 under the NoR.

The NoR sets the entry fee at $50 per sailor, payable through Clubspot at registration. Competitors may not switch between a school's entered teams.

4. Regatta Format and Boats

The NoR provides for either one fleet or two fleets, with Saturday qualification and Sunday Championship/Silver fleets, depending on the number of registered teams. The race committee will announce the format, fleet assignments, and rotation process at the competitors' meeting and post the rotation schedule on TechScore.

Boats are club-provided E420s. Sailors shall not adjust standing rigging. Mainsheets may be configured 3:1 or 4:1. Intentionally changing settings or otherwise sabotaging a boat to impede competitors is prohibited and may result in disqualification. The NoR makes sailors liable for damage they cause; the Organizing Authority determines responsibility and costs based on the facts found, with a protest hearing if necessary.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 31	TIME	SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1	TIME
Check-in / rigging	0830	Report time	0800
Mandatory competitors' meeting	0915	First warning signal	0900
First warning signal	1000	Racing throughout the day	-
No warning signal after	1515	No race started after	1400

Times are local Austin time. Saturday's limit is the time after which no warning signal will be made; Sunday's limit is the time after which no race will be started.

5. Signals and Starting

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 Saturday and 0900 Sunday. Subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the preceding race, subject to the posted fleet and boat rotations. Starting signals, recalls, and race-management signals will be made in accordance with the RRS and ISSA Procedural Rules.

The race committee will display the applicable class or fleet signal and conduct starts in accordance with the RRS and ISSA Procedural Rules.

6. Racing Area and Courses

The racing area is on Lake Travis immediately outside Austin Yacht Club. The race committee will select and display the course designation for each start. The course designations and mark order are shown in the attached course diagram: W3, W4, or W5.

W3: Start - W - O - G - Upwind Finish.
W4: Start - W - O - G - W - O - Downwind Finish.
W5: Start - W - O - G - W - O - G - Upwind Finish.

All course marks shall be left to port. The diagram depicts the start/downwind finish line and the upwind finish line. The course letter and any applicable fleet/start identification will be displayed by the race committee before the warning signal.

7. Starting and Finishing Lines

As depicted in the supplied diagram, the starting line is between the orange triangular starting mark and the race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag. The same line is the downwind finish line for W4. The upwind finish is between the orange triangular mark and the race committee signal vessel at the upwind end of the course.

8. Scoring

The regatta will be scored in accordance with the ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throwouts. Fleet assignments and any qualification / Championship / Silver fleet scoring will follow the format announced by the race committee and the ISSA Procedural Rules.

9. Safety

A US Coast Guard-approved Type III or Type V personal flotation device (PFD) shall be worn while aboard a boat at all times, except for a brief period to add or remove clothing. Except for team pinnies, PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing. Team pinnies are encouraged but are not required.

All participants and personnel are expected and encouraged to render assistance to any boat or person in need, regardless of team. Each team's designated adult chaperone should be onsite throughout sailing/racing and familiar with the school's concussion and medical-emergency policies and RRS 4, Decisions to Race.

10. Coaching and Support Boats

Competitors may receive coaching - including instructions, assistance, equipment, or sustenance - only between races and below the starting line, as described at the competitors' meeting. This event-specific allowance modifies ISSA Procedural Rule 8(aA), as stated in the NoR.

Spectators may go on the water but shall remain outside the course and starting area. All support and spectator personnel shall keep clear of racing boats and obey race-committee instructions.

11. Protests and Redress

Protests and requests for redress shall be handled under the ISSA Procedural Rules and the RRS, as applicable. Competitors shall follow the applicable ISSA/RRS procedures for notifying the race committee and submitting a protest or request for redress.

12. Venue and Competitor Conduct

No competitor shall use marijuana, other unlawfully possessed controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages, on or off the water, as stated in NoR 12.1. An alleged breach is not grounds for a protest; the NoR describes the RRS 69.1 process and potential consequences.

Camping is welcome at AYC; contact the AYC office about cabin availability. Pets, fires, drones, and firearms are prohibited at AYC. To prevent the spread of zebra mussels, clean bilges and trailers when moving to or from Lake Travis, as directed by the NoR.

By participating, competitors grant the Organizing Authority and event sponsors the photography, audio, video, and reproduction rights described in NoR 13.

13. Event Contacts

Regatta Chairman: Jeff Brock | jeffbrock@me.com | (808) 639-3534
AYC Youth Sailing Director: Zach Steuer | zach@austinyachtclub.net | (737) 297-0639

APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAM

The course is designated by its course code. Follow the mark sequence shown; the start and finish are between the orange mark and the race committee signal vessel.

COURSE ORDER

W3



W4



W5



Schematic sequence; not to scale. All course marks are left to port.

W3: Start - W - O - G - Upwind Finish
W4: Start - W - O - G - W - O - Downwind Finish
W5: Start - W - O - G - W - O - G - Upwind Finish