

Lavon Yacht Club

2009 Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of US SAILING, the appropriate class rules (except as they are modified by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto). All events are classified as Category A events in accordance with RRS Appendix J 1.2 (2), Advertising.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Lavon Yacht Club Official Notice Board located on the marina office building. It is the Skipper's responsibility to check for any changes. Prior to the event, race information will be posted and updated as necessary on the LYC.org website calendar.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the first race of the event on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be flown from the clubhouse of the Lavon Yacht Club.

Code flag "AP" with two (2) sound signals means "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than sixty (60) minutes after "AP" is lowered. "AP" will be lowered with one (1) sound signal. This modifies RRS "Race Signal - AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races shall be scheduled in accordance with the current year's Sailing Calendar.

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Lavon, TX, within the area bounded by Collin Park Marina, the dam, the railroad trestle, and Ticky Creek Park.

7. COURSES

The diagrams titled "Race Courses" and dated 2/28/2008 show the buoy courses available to be sailed.

The map and table in Attachment B shows the distance / staggered start courses to be sailed.

The course to be sailed will be selected by the Race Committee, at their sole discretion.

International numeral pennants will be used to designate course selection. It may be necessary for the Race Committee to alter courses by instructions given orally, orally by radio, or written on the Course Board.

The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee Boat when using a stationed race committee.

8. MARKS

All original marks will be yellow and orange shapes, existing Corps bouys, or a combination. The starting and finishing marks will be yellow or orange shapes.

9. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by a member of

the Race Committee when using a stationed race committee. Alternately competitors shall hail the committee orally directly or by radio.

10. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

When using a stationed committee the Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. At the option of the Race Committee, the committee boat may elect to trail a line, not to exceed 30 feet in length, with an orange float attached, behind the Committee Boat. The float and line will be considered part of the Committee Boat and hitting either the float or running over the line will be treated as hitting the Race Committee Boat. Alternately the Starting Line will be between two stationary marks.

Boats are considered to be racing at their preparatory signal.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made..

A boat shall start no later than five minutes after her starting signal. Any boat not starting within five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS). Any late starting boat shall not interfere with another start.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Race Committee may attempt to recall boats, which are in violation of RRS 29.1, by a sound signal and an attempt to hail the yacht. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of a competitor to hear the hail or the order of hails made shall not constitute grounds for redress under RRS 60.

12. GENERAL RECALLS

If a general recall is signaled the warning signal for the restart will be made one minute after the first substitute is lowered.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When shortening the course, the race committee will display the 'S' flag accompanied by two sound signals. The number flag of the original course designation will be removed and the number flag corresponding to the shorter replacement course will be displayed. This changes RRS 32.2.

14. RETIRING FROM A RACE

Any boat that checks in and then withdraws or retires, shall notify the Race Committee, on the water if possible, or on shore upon the Race Committee's return to the harbor.

15. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between the marks used for the start of that race unless a change is communicated by the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall have the option of positioning the Committee Boat to either port or starboard of the finish mark.

Unless otherwise signaled with code flag N over code flag H, boats should standby for the next race. Code flag N over code flag H indicates that boats should return to the harbor.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each class is three hours. If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, all boats in that class must finish the course within thirty minutes of the first finishing boat in that class or within the three hour time limit, whichever is greater. This changes RRS 35.

Boats not finishing within the above will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

If boat(s) are significantly behind in a race and that is delaying the next start, the Race Committee may finish the boat and score the boat(s) as points equal to last place.

17. PROTESTS

The protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee and be acknowledged prior to leaving the finish area.

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and delivered within thirty minutes following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee boat.

After a protest is lodged, a pre-hearing involving one judge, the protestor, and the protestee will be held. If these three can unanimously agree on a resolution of the protest within fifteen minutes, no protest hearing will be held. If the pre-hearing participants agree that the protested or protesting boat infringed a rule, that boat shall be penalized as prescribed in RRS 44.3C. Once closed, a pre-hearing shall not be re-opened. This section modifies RRS Part 5, section B.

The times and location of protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted.

On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. This modifies RRS 66.

18. SCORING

All racing will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and RRS Appendix A.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS FOR REGATTAS

All boats shall be afloat prior to 1100 hours CDT on the day of the first scheduled race, and shall not be hauled or hoisted during the regatta, except with the written permission of the Race Committee Chairman. This provision shall not include races that are raced during a series or boats normally berthed on Hydro Hoist lifts at Collin Park Marina.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to hails described in section 11, the Race Committee may attempt to inform those boats in violation of RRS 29.1 by VHF radio. The VHF channel to be used will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting prior to the first race of the event. Race Committee requests that all racers with VHF radios relay information to nearby racers. Yachts not having VHF radios or one that is not operational cannot use that as grounds for requiring redress.

All Class Rules prohibiting the receiving of VHF broadcasts or cellular communications are waived.

21. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All yachts participating in races conducted by the Lavon Yacht Club shall carry all required safety equipment (i.e. personal flotation devices, fire extinguishers, navigation lights, and a sound producing device) and be in compliance with the prescriptions of the Texas Water Safety Act (i.e. registration certificate and numbers) and the United States Coast Guard.

All single handed racers must wear a USCG approved PFD.