

## **CYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (as of 3/1/2019)**

**Conroe Yacht Club - 425 River Road - Montgomery, Texas 7756**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The Rules for all classes are changed so that membership in a class organization is not required for this regatta. Boats racing in a class will use the class rules.
- 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form and are identifiable and readable from both sides of the main sail. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** Races are open to all keelboats and board boats.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be made on the Notice Board located on the inside of the front sliding glass door in front of the CYC Clubhouse.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the CYC harbour.
- 5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

- 6.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee all race start times will be posted on the CYC website [www.conroeyachtclub.com](http://www.conroeyachtclub.com) for the initial race, subsequent races to follow as time permits.
- 6.2 For Regatta racing, the Notice of Regatta dictates all timings.

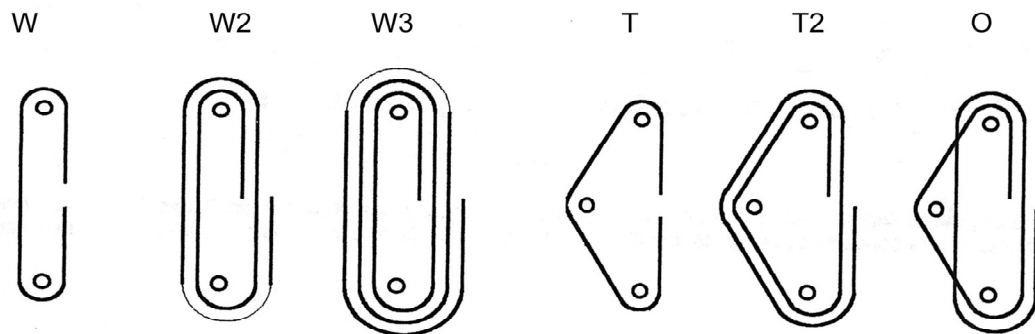
**7. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF START OF FIRST RACE:** Designation of class flags will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting. The order of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**8. RACING AREAS:** The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

**9. CHECK IN ON THE WATER:** Prior to the first warning signal of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This is a mandatory requirement and failure to do so will result in DSQ from the days races.

**10. RACE COURSES:**

- 10.1 The race courses as shown below.
- 10.2 The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.



**10.3** Unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg. During the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DSQ, unless they properly unwind.

**11. MARKS:**

**11.1** Marks will be orange tetrahedrons or round buoys as announced at the Competitor's Meeting or Notice of Regatta.

**11.2** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to the new location between races. No course changes will be made during a race.

**12. The START:**

**12.1** Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S – Sound Signal Starting System. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins to attract attention. The starts will be a five (5) minute sequence NON-ROLLING.

**12.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark. A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

**13. RECALLS:**

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rules 41 and 62.1

**14. THE FINISH:** The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

**15. TIME LIMIT:**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish or as announced at the competitors meeting or in any Notice of Regatta.
- 15.2 A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 40 *minutes* of the start or as announced at the competitors meeting or in any Notice of Regatta. This changes Rule 32.
- 15.3 Boats trailing the fleet that might delay start's, may be finished in place if their position is obvious and you are told by a chase boat to return to the start area. There is no re-dress if directed to return to the starting area.

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

- 16.1 A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing. This changes Rule 61.1.
- 16.2 Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse and delivered to the Race Committee or their representative within thirty (30) minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- 16.3 Before any protest is heard, a pre-hearing with one Mediator, the Protester and Protested will be conducted. If the protest is not resolved during the pre-hearing, a full protest hearing will be conducted per Rules Part 5. The person who served as Mediator may not serve on the protest committee. This changes Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
- 16.4 The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.

**17. SCORING:**

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Rules will apply, modified such that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be one throw (1) out if six (8) or more races are completed. Scoring will be Time-On-Time for Portsmouth boats for this regatta.

**18. SAFETY:**

A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse. This requirement is mandatory and failure to do so will result in the infracting boat being DSQ from the regatta.

**19. PRIZES:**

To be determined on a per Race Series, Regatta, or race.

## CYC - Normal 5 Minute Starting Sequence and Flags/sounds/VHF

Title	Action	Sounds	Time before Start
<b>Come within Hail</b>  Go by committee boat	  UP	Multiple horn blasts 	unknown
<b>Warning</b>  Class flag displayed  White flag if only one class	  UP	One horn blast 	5 minutes to START
<b>Preparatory</b>	  UP	One horn blast 	4 minutes to START
	  DOWN	One horn blast 	1 minute to START
<b>START</b>	  DO  WN	One horn blast 	0 minutes, START

**For VHF Broadcast, tune to channel 71**

**If there are more classes then then class flag colors will be announced at the Skippers meeting, Notice of Regatta or on the CYC website**