



Sailing Instructions
Catalina 22 John Hallett Memorial Regatta at Conroe Yacht Club
October 20-22, 2023

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion
of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1. COMMUNICATION:

- 1.1 [NP][DP] The RC will use VHF channel 72 to hail competitors regarding start times and information important to racing. The RC will attempt to hail boats OCS. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The RC may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and it may not enter into dialogue with competitors.
- 1.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 1.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 | The official notice board is located at the glass door of the Conroe Yacht Club clubhouse. During the event, amendments to the NoR/SIs will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 If racing is postponed ashore, changes may be posted no later than 1.5 hours prior to the revised schedule for the first warning signal, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 Oral changes may be given only on the water; communicated to each boat before her warning signal, either by VHF radio, by hail, or relayed through the fleet captain.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the lawn between the clubhouse and the marina.
- 3.2 Signal flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP is lowered.

4. CLASS FLAG

- 4.1 The Class flag shall be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 All courses will consist of drop marks an area southeast of the CYC yacht basin in Lake Conroe. See Appendix A.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) Signal Vessel will post the course by displaying the course number and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first leg.
- 6.2 The RC may broadcast the course, bearing and distance to the windward mark information before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Starting marks: RC vessel (starboard) with staff displaying an orange flag; pin end (port) is 2' yellow sphere.

7.2 Windward and Leeward marks: 4' yellow cylinders, offset at Windward mark is 18" red sphere.

7.3 Finish marks: Same as start line.

8. CHECK IN

8.1 [DP] Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.

8.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The Start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel on the starboard end and a yellow sphere on the port end of the line.

9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side (OCS) of the Start line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. 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 a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and signal the fleet in accordance with RRS 33.

10.2 The RC may broadcast a course change over VHF channel 72. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The Finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard side of the RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark, a yellow sphere, on the same side of the RC boat as the starting line.

11.2 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, at the finish line means "No more racing today".

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 The target time for races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.2 The overall time limit will be 1.5 hours for the first boat to finish.

12.3 The time limit for the first boat to round Mark 1 for the first time after the start is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

12.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

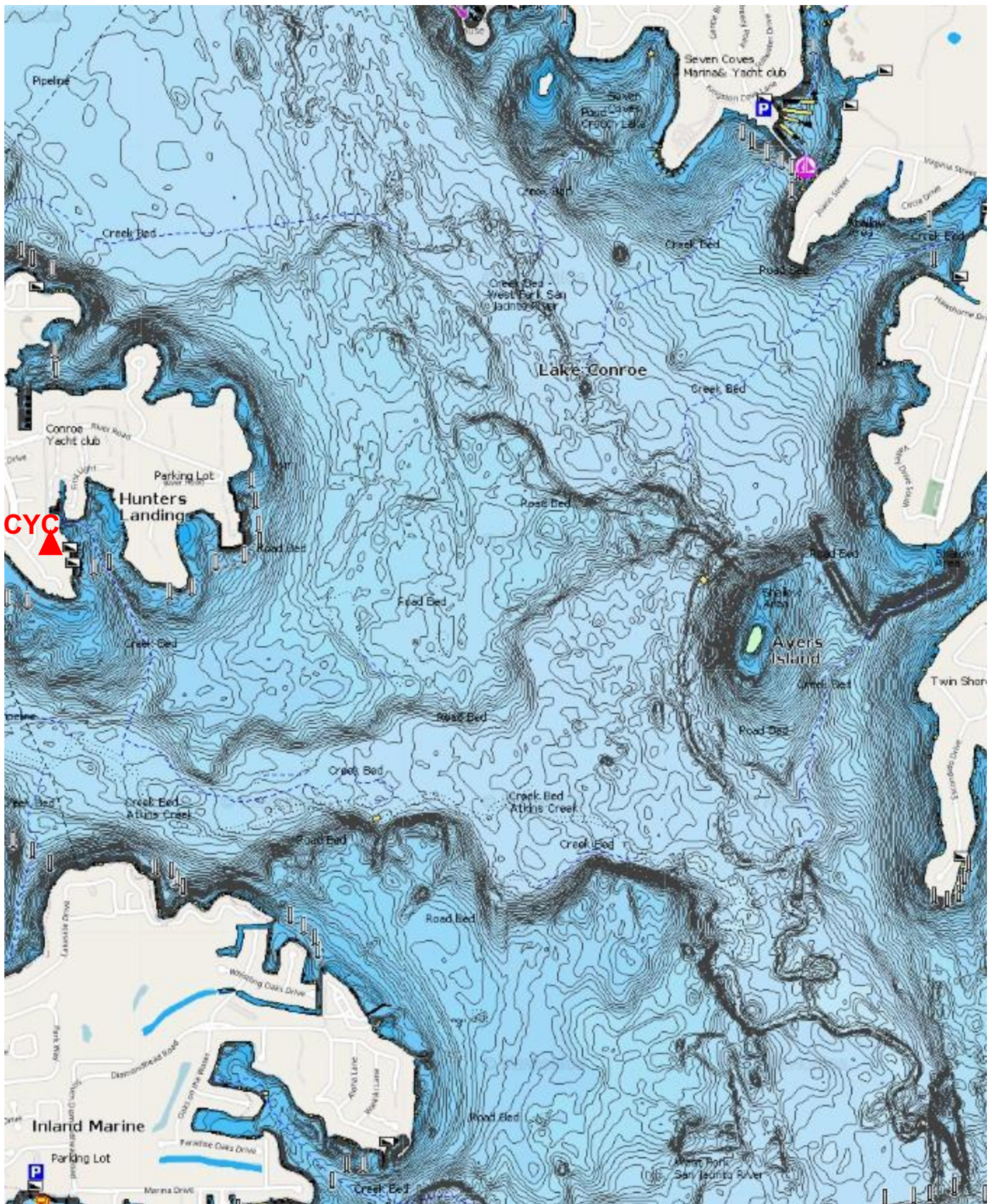
14.2 The Protest Time Limit (PTL) shall be sixty (60) minutes after the signal boat has returned to the dock. The resulting time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.3 Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress and where and when the hearings will be held.

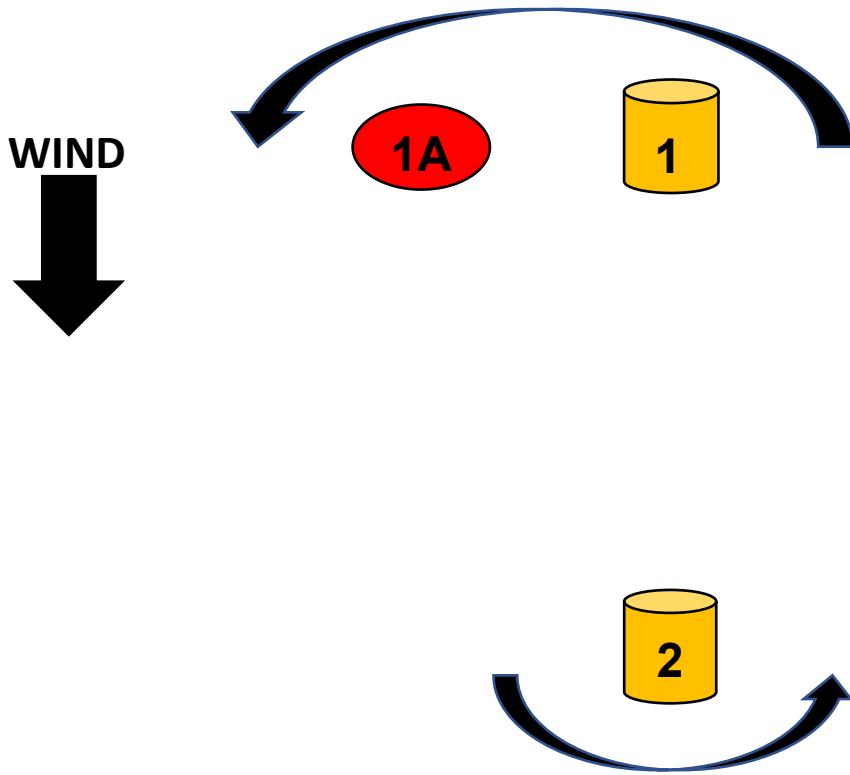
15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

Appendix A: Chart of Lake Conroe and race area.



Appendix B: Course Diagram and Course Numbers



WINDWARD FINISHES	
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE DESCRIPTION
W1	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - F
W2	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - F
W3	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - F
LEEWARD FINISHES	
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE DESCRIPTION
L1	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - F
L2	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - F
L3	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - F