



Sapphire Bay Yacht Club

2024 Summer Saturday Night Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- a. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)*.
- b. All boats shall provide to the race committee a completed registration form including a PHRF rating. To register, go to the Regatta Network's Event page:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28438>.
- c. There will be one fleet with pursuit starts based on the Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating for each registered boat.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the Regatta Network's event page: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28438>.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 am on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. No signals will be made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. Saturdays at 7:00 pm, July 13 – August 3
- b. One race per Race Day

6. THE COURSE

- a. The course will be posted on the official Regatta Network's event page no later than 3:00 pm on the day of each race.

7. MARKS

- a. The marks of the course will be the permanent marks/buoys of the lake as described in Appendix 1.
- b. Each of the permanent marks has been marked with an alpha or numeric designation as shown on the map. GPS coordinates for each of these marks are provided. (See Appendix 1.)

8. THE START

- a. Pursuit Starts will be used.
 - i. Start times will be calculated prior to and published to the official notice board on the Regatta Network's event page no later than 3:00 pm on the day of each race.
 - ii. A boat shall start by passing within 2 boat-lengths to either side of Mark S, no earlier than her assigned Start Time.
 - iii. All Start Times will be in official U.S. Central Time <https://www.time.gov>.

9. RACE TRACKING

- a. Participants are **encouraged to submit a RaceQs track**, to facilitate scoring in the absence of a Race Committee.

10. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be a line parallel to the I-30 shore, extending out to Mark S. Boats are to finish within one boat-length of Mark S.
- b. Upon finishing, each boat shall announce her finish over the radio (Channel 71) and take note of the competitors that finished ahead of and behind her (if any).
- c. At their earliest opportunity after crossing the finish line, boats shall text the name of their boat and finish time including seconds to Richard Clark 214-437-5764.

11. TIME LIMIT

- a. If no boat has rounded the first Mark by 7:45 pm, the race will be abandoned.
- b. If no boat has finished by 8:15 pm, the race will be abandoned.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.
- b. Competitors participate in the racing series at their own risk. See *Racing Rules of Sailing (2021/2024)*, Rule 3, "Decision to Race." The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after each race.