

2025 Hill Country Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028); the Notice of Race published for this event, these Sailing Instructions, and class rules.

- 1.1 Each skipper must complete the online registration entry form at Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29197 prior to 1000 April 26, 2025.
- 1.2 Sail numbers must match the registration form and be readable from both sides of the sail.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 is in effect, meaning that all competitors must wear a personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.4 Competitors must check in by sailing by the stern of the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing their class name and sail numbers to the RC Signal Boat before the preparatory flag is dropped during the starting sequence for the first race of their starting class each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).
- 1.5 Trapezes are permitted. This modifies RRS 49.1.
- 1.6 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty consisting of a prompt turn that includes one tack and one gybe in the same direction.
- 1.7 A boat receiving hands-on assistance from rescue/chase boats may continue to sail the course and finish unless they are benefitted unfairly compared to their competitors. This modifies RRS 41. The Race Officials may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 1.8 A boat that retires from a race must notify the RC before leaving the course area or the designated Beach Captain at their first reasonable opportunity upon arriving ashore. Failure to do so may be cause for disqualification from the regatta.
- 1.9 Competitors are encouraged, but not required, to carry a VFH radio and monitor RC communications on Channel 69. Competitors are allowed to communicate on Channel 69 only during emergencies, to notify the RC of their intent to file a protest, or to retire from a race or subsequent races. Information provided by the RC via VFH broadcasts is a courtesy to the competitors and does not alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts will not be considered grounds for granting redress.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be at Cabin #8 (also called #42).
- 2.2 Supplemental sailing instructions (called the supplement) will be posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, unless this time is changed in the supplement. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated on the water to each boat before her warning signal (RRS 90.2(c)) by displaying the L flag on the RC Signal Boat with one horn sound.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the event flag pole. Its location will be stated at the Competitors Briefing.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The planned time of the warning signal for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the Competitors Briefing.

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1300 on the last day of racing.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be the International Code of Signals numeral pennants (shown on the page following **SI 13**) or as stated at the Competitors Briefing.

6.2 The composition of each race starting class, the class flags, and the class starting order will be announced at the Competitors Briefing. It is possible that different boat classes will be grouped together for individual race starts but scored separately.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.2 The course diagrams are on the pages following **SI 13**.

7.3 They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Only windward-leeward courses will be used. Any of the following courses may be used:

WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSES

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Direction to Finish</u>
W1	(S) A (F)	Downwind
W2	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind
W3	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind

(S) – Starting line

A – Windward mark

C – Leeward mark

(F) – Finishing line

NOTE: The Starting/Finishing Line will be downwind of C mark.

7.3 The starting line (unless starting), RC Signal Boat, RC Boats while stationed at marks, rescue/chase boats, and line-sighting boats are obstructions.

8 MARKS

8.1 The description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks, will be described at the Competitors Briefing.

8.2 A barging buoy may be set to leeward of the RC Signal Boat as a warning to keep clear of the RC Signal Boat when starting or finishing a race. A barging buoy and its tether are

an extension of the RC Signal Boat and are thus considered to be both an obstruction and a mark while racing.

- 8.3** The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the leg length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

9 THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26. Looking upwind, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.2** The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. In either case, the class flag will serve as the warning signal for each five minute starting sequence.
- 9.3** Boats in a class whose warning signal has not been made must keep clear of the starting area to allow boats within their starting sequence to maneuver without hindrance.
- 9.4** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 FINISH

- 11.1** Looking upwind, finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1** Time limits, if any, will be announced at the Competitors Briefing. These may include:
- Race Time Limit - Time limit for the first boat to sail the course.
 - Finishing Window Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course.

If no boat has sailed the course within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1** A boat protesting another boat must immediately hail the word "protest" loudly and clearly to notify the boat she is protesting. A protesting boat is not required to display a red flag (this includes boats longer than 6 meters); this modifies RRS 60.2(a)(1).
- 13.2** A competitor who intends to file a protest must notify the RC Signal Boat upon finishing the race. If a boat that intends to protest is unable to notify the RC Signal Boat on the water, they must notify the RC or Beach Captain ashore of their intention to protest within the protest time limit.
- 13.3** Protests and requests for redress must be delivered within the appropriate time limit, which is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat reaches shore (the RC Signal Boat will signal their arrival by an audible blast once ashore upon conclusion of that day's races). The RC may extend the protest time limit at their discretion. When delivered, a protest shall be in writing and identify the protestor, the protestee, and the incident, clearly and legibly.

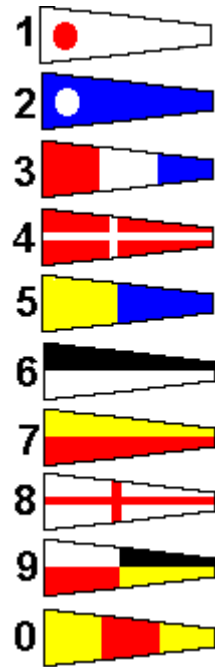
13.4 Arbitration may be used prior to a protest hearing, as described by Appendix T. Notices of hearings will be posted by the RC no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.



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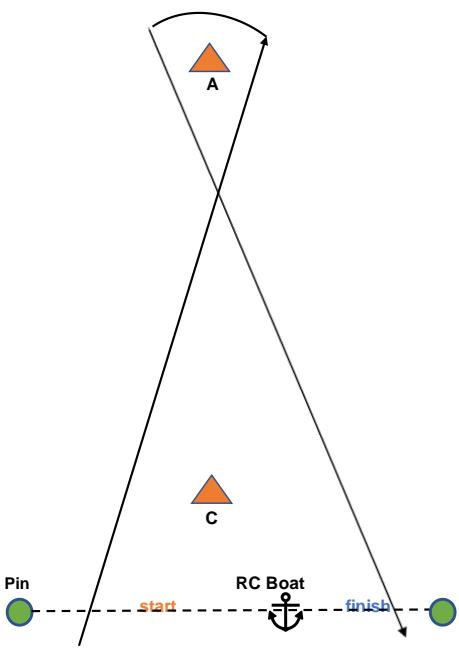
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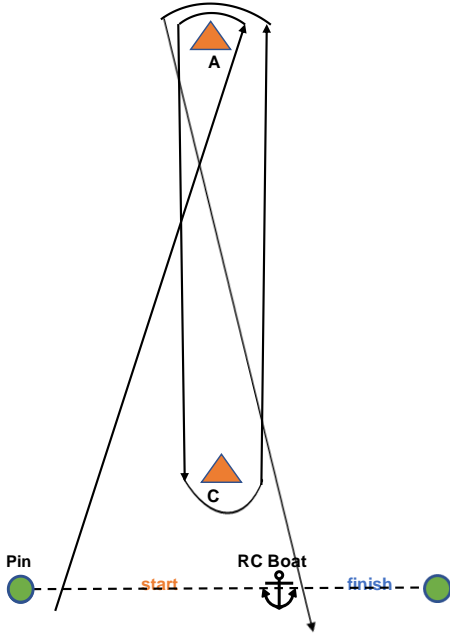


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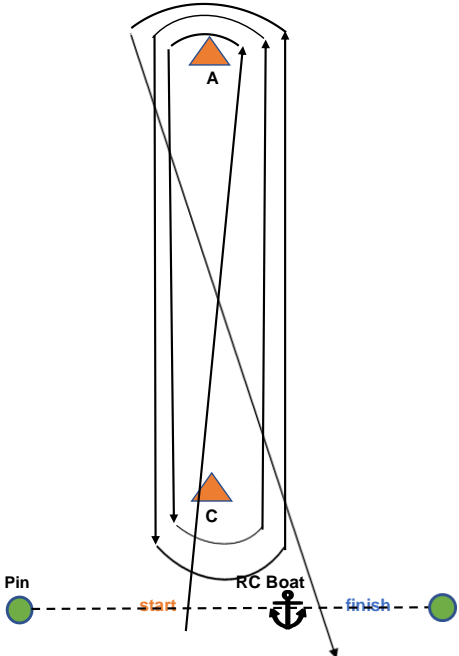
WIND
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W-1



W-2



W-3



SIGNAL BOAT ON-STATION FLAG