



Texoma Sailing Club

Grandpappy Point Marina



2021 TSC Sailing Program

Texoma Sailing Club is happy to announce our sailing plans for the 2021 sailing season.

In order to promote participation in the racing program, the emphasis of this year's sailing program is to provide fun challenges that will help sailors improve their sailing skills. The schedule will call upon a variety of skills that can be developed during the year to help sailors hone their sailing skills to become better sailors and how to get the best performance and fun out of their boats. Also, we will be allowing sailors to single-hand their boats if they choose.

In addition to our racing, we will have several fun events for everyone in the club.

Attached you will find a summary of the 2021 schedule and some Frequently Asked Questions. Please feel free to email me or telephone me with any questions.

Fair winds,

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2021 Sailing Schedule

27-Feb	Member Orientation and TSC Racing and Tactics Seminar		
13-Mar	Spring Shakedown Cruise		
27-Mar	Icebreaker Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race
10-Apr	Beat the Taxman Race	Drop Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
24&25-Apr	Spring Regatta		
15-May	Spring Flotilla Fun Sail		
29-May	Ladies At The Helm	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Female Skippers
12-Jun	The UnRegatta	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Modified Rules
26-Jun	Ol' Man o' the Sea	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Single Handed
10-Jul	Summer Raftup		
4-Sep	Wunderlick Race	Distance Race	TSC Points Race, Night Sailing
18-Sep	Fall Raftup		
25-Sep	Asbury Smith Cup	Distance Race	TSC Points Race to CCYC
9-Oct	Sundowner Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race to CCYC
23-Oct	Octoberfest Race	Drop Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
6-Nov	End of Season Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race

Non-Racing Events

2021 will feature some events that will appeal to those sailors who do not want to participate in the racing schedule, but we hope we can persuade you to give racing a try. We will have two fun sails with the goal for the club to sail as a group to different parts of the lake. This will hopefully get boats into newer waters they have not sailed in before. We will also have a couple of club raft-ups in a quiet cove, where boats can raft together and socialize the afternoon and evening away.

Race Formats

Three race formats will be used throughout the season

- **Buoy Racing** - Closed course racing around a standardized course with a duration of about 45-60 minutes per race
- **Flotilla Racing** - Intermediate distance course with a duration of about 2-3 hours
- **Distance Racing** - Point to Point races; or distance racing of 12 miles or more.

Fleets

A minimum of two boats in the following fleets at each Series is required to form a fleet:

- C - Cruising
- L - Leisure (roller furling mainsails and/or wing and shoal draft)
- New fleets may be started based upon demand. Starts and courses will be grouped based on participation levels.

Eligibility

TSC races are open to all competitors. Only TSC members will be eligible for TSC Championship scoring.

Daily Awards

Each day's racing will have awards for the top finishers. Additional awards are planned throughout the year.

TSC Championship Series

The 2021 TSC racing season includes the crowning of a champion for each racing fleet. The Championship Series is open only to TSC members. Championship awards will be presented during the 2022 Commodore's Party.

The scoring for the Championship Series uses the low point scoring system as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing (Appendix A and A9), with the following changes:

- A boat qualifies for scoring in the series if she sails 50% of the races in the 2021 season.
- Results the Spring Regatta will not be utilized for Series scoring.
- For days where multiple races may be sailed, the day's combined results will be that day's result.
- If a boat does not compete in a series race, scores equivalent to DNC will be used for that boat.
- Service on RC will entitle a boat to a scoring adjustment for those races where RC is performed.
- Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but less than seven (7) races of races scored. If seven (7) or more races are scored, her two worst scores will be excluded.
- Only TSC members are eligible for points. For non-members of TSC, points amass only AFTER application for TSC membership.

New Skippers

We want to welcome new members to the sailing program. We are planning a Member Orientation Session to introduce the club officers and explain the club's activities and operations

To help skippers learn the ins-and-outs of sailing on Lake Texoma and racing, we will hold a TSC Racing and Tactics Seminar to help everyone understand the basics of sailing in our sailing program and races.

Both of these programs are planned for the afternoon of February 27, before the Commodore's Party.

Race Committee

Any race program can only be successful if members are willing to serve on Race Committee. As a condition of participation, all skippers are required to volunteer for Race Committee duty. Open slots in the RC schedule may be assigned to those racers who do not volunteer; or races may be cancelled due to lack of a Race Committee. In order to keep things fair, a scoring adjustment will be provided in the series and Championship scoring on races served on Race Committee.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: I've had problems getting crew in the past. What can I do?
A: The new schedule helps in a few different ways:
 - Most of the boats are crewed by a couple. You don't need a large crew to be competitive.
 - This year, we are allowing boats to be single handed in most races. (This will not apply to drop buoy races, the Spring Regatta or the Wunderlick).
 - You can miss a race because Championship scoring allows a limited number of "throw-outs"
 - We've retained the "no warning after" time limit at 3:25 on races. This better accommodates crew that need to be back in town on Saturday night.
- Q: I've never raced before. It looks really intimidating. How is this easier for me to start racing?
A: We are committed to helping new Skippers and Crew learn the ropes of sailing well.
 - Our race emphasis is on improving your boating skills, not winning. We want to help you to become a better sailor and learning to get the best performance from your boat.
 - We have introduced a "Start Window" to take the stress out of the start. This will spread the fleet out during the start so that you do not need to "battle" for starting position with other boats.
 - A variety of races builds different skill sets.
 - Some of our races this year are fun races, where getting out on the water with other members is the whole point of the event. It is a great way to make new friends in the club.
 - If you are new to racing, you could crew on another boat. Racing boats are always in need of crew. Contact the Race Captain if you would like to find a crew position. Or just show up race day. We can find you a place to participate.
 - Some of our more experienced skippers can serve on your boat, coaching you as you learn the ropes of racing.
- Q: How does the PHRF rating help me be competitive?
A: The PHRF rating system strives to equalize different boat's performance so that, theoretically, the boats should be equal, and your performance should be the result of the skipper's and crew's skills.
 - Your boat will be handicapped upon base handicaps established by US Sailing, which included boats like yours sailing all over the country.
 - You may appeal your boat's handicap if it seems unfair against similar boats.
- Q: Where do the races take place?
A: Most of the races will start and finish in Little Mineral Arm just outside the Grandpappy Harbor. The exception would be for drop buoy races that start out in the main part of the lake.
 - Races will take you over most of the open water area of the lake over the course of the year.
 - Course lengths are determined by weather conditions and estimates of how long it should take a boat to sail the course.
- Q: I don't want to race. What other things are there for me to be part of?
A: We will have two non-racing on the water events this year. Called flotilla sails, the goal is to have our boats sail as a group to different parts of the lake. Sailing as a group is helpful in improving your sailing skills and enjoying the sport of sailing. We will also have a couple of raft-ups, where boats gather together for an afternoon and evening of socializing with friends on the water.