



Texoma Sailing Club

Grandpappy Point Marina



2023 TSC Sailing Program

Texoma Sailing Club is happy to announce our sailing plans for the 2023 sailing season.

Our recreational sailing program will consist of four fun sails to get everyone out on the water together. Each fun sail will have an educational element to it as well as building camaraderie in our group as we sail together. Our fun sails will include a club cruise in May where we will sail from Grandpappy for an overnight stay at Cedar Mills Marina.

Our racing program will consist of ten races that go towards the TSC Championship Series. To attract new racers, we will again offer a Novice Class for first year racers.

Attached you will find a summary of the 2023 schedule and some Frequently Asked Questions. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Fair winds,

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2023 Sailing Schedule

21-Jan	Member Orientation		
11-Feb	Training Event	Learn The Ropes	
11-Mar	Shakedown Sail	Fun Sail	GPS skills
25-Mar	Leprechaun Rally	Rally Style Fun Sail	Route planning
1-Apr	Beat the Taxman Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race
22&23-Apr	Spring Regatta		TSC Points Race
6-May	Cinco de Mayo Race	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
20-May	Cruise to Cedar Mills	Fun Sail	Overnight Cruise
27-May	Ladies at the Helm Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Female Skippers
10-Jun	Ol' Man o' the Sea	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race, Single Handed
24-June	Fun in the Sun	Fun Sail	3 Card Poker Run
	International Student		
7-July	Day	Fun Sail	
2-Sep	Wunderlick Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Night Sailing
23-Sep	Texoma Classic	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
7-Oct	The UnRegatta	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Lemans Start
28- Oct	Fall Fest Race	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
11-Nov	End of Season Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race

Recreational Program

The recreational program is meant to help improve your skills plus have a fun day on the water. Our fun sails are open to anyone wanting to participate.

- **Shakedown Sail** – Shake the dirt-dauber nests out of your sails and let's get out on the water for the first sail of the year. Using your GPS, plot a course and sail your planned route. Need to learn how to use your GPS or Chart Plotter? Help is on the way!
- **Leprechaun Rally** – Plan and sail a course, where arriving at your destination at a predetermined time is the goal. Good practice for those aspiring blue water cruisers. Closest to your planned time wins.
- **Cruise to Cedar Mills** – Join in with an overnight cruise to Cedar Mills marina. We will leave on Saturday for Cedar Mills Marina, spend the night, and return on Sunday.
- **Fun in the Sun** – Sail a course laid out by the day's leader and collect playing cards. Pick up your first card as you sail by the Race Committee. The second card will be received at a point to be announced. The third card will be given by the Race Committee at the finish. Best hand wins.
- **International Student Day** – Our annual sail with visiting foreign exchange students.

Racing Program

Two 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
- **Fixed Mark Racing** - Intermediate distance course around fixed waypoints with a duration of about 2-3 hours

Relaxed Starting - Select races will feature a start window to reduce the stress of starting the race.

Fleets - A minimum of two boats is required to form a fleet:

- Cruising
- Leisure (roller furling mainsails and/or wing and shoal draft)
- Novice (First-year racers)

Eligibility

TSC events are open to all sailors. Only TSC members will be eligible for TSC Series scoring.

TSC Spring and Fall Series

The 2023 TSC Spring Series will consist of the *Beat the Taxman*, *Spring Regatta*, *Cinco de Mayo*, *Ladies at the Helm*, and the *Ol' Man o' the Sea* races. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her one (1) worst score excluded in the Spring Series

The 2023 TSC Fall Series will consist of the *Wunderlick*, *Texoma Classic*, *The UnRegatta*, *Fall Fest* and *End of Season* races. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her one (1) worst score excluded in the Fall Series

TSC Championship Series

The 2023 TSC Championship Series will consist of all ten scheduled races. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her two (2) worst scores excluded.

Scoring

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

- For races where multiple races may be sailed (such as buoy races), combined results for all races will be that race's result.
- If a boat does not compete in a series race, scores of **DNR** (number of boats in that race plus 2) will be used.
- Service on RC will entitle a boat to a scoring adjustment for those races where RC is performed.
- Only TSC members are eligible for points. For non-members of TSC, points amass only AFTER application for TSC membership.

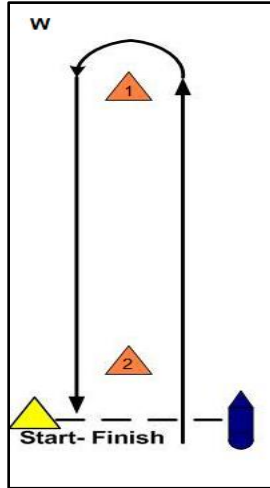
Race Committee

Any race program can only be successful if members are willing to serve on Race Committee. As a condition of participation in the Racing Program, all racers are required to volunteer for Race Committee duty.

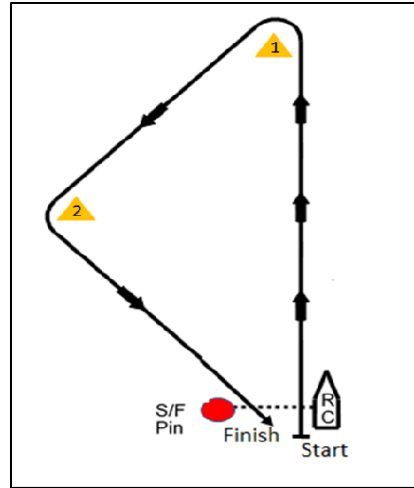
Race Courses

Drop Buoy Courses Typically less than 1 hour duration

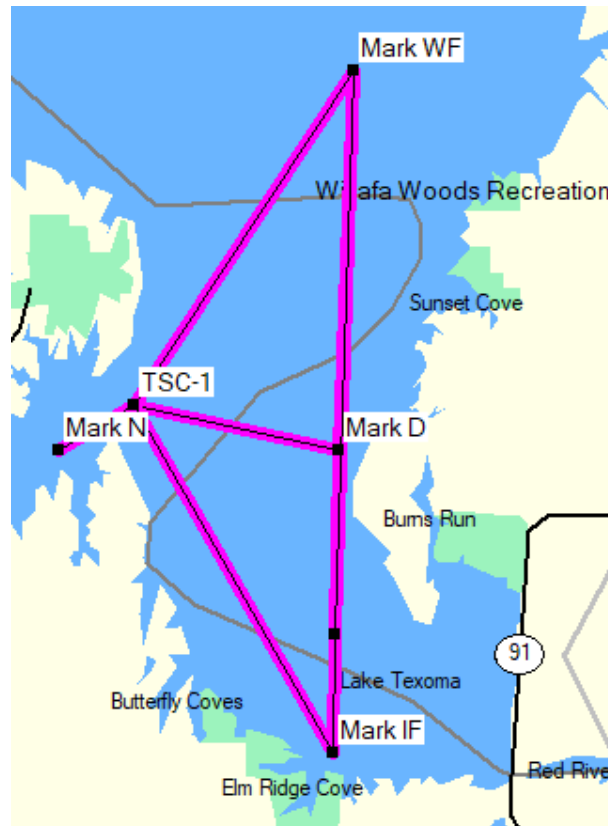
W – Windward/Leeward



T - Triangular



Fixed Mark (aka Flotilla Courses) Typically, 4-15 miles with 2 – 3 hour duration



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I've never raced before. It looks really intimidating.

A: We are committed to helping new Skippers and Crew learn the ropes of sailing well.

- Racing helps you to become a better sailor and learning how to get the best performance from your boat.
- Boats are handicapped to equalize different boat's sailing characteristics.
- On some races, 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.
- We have a Novice Fleet for first year racers. This will allow first year racers to compete against each other instead of competing against more experienced racers.
- Many boats are crewed by a couple. Since our emphasis is helping you to sail well, many couples enjoy learning to sail better when working together as a team. And for one race, the ladies are in charge of the boat!
- You can 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.

Q: What is the Recreational Program?

A: We have fashioned our Racing Program so that it is not intimidating. Yet, we realize that racing is not for everyone. Our Recreational Program will involve building "cruising" skills. Getting where you want to go is only half the problem. Our recreational sails will help build skills of not only sailing to a destination but getting there on time too.

Q: I don't want to race. What other things are there for me to be part of?

A: Serving on Race Committee is a way to be part of the club activities as well as having a fun day on the water. Helping with our Social Activities is also a great way to help the club.

Q: I don't have a boat.

A: We encourage members to sail with other members. If you don't have a boat, your boat is undergoing maintenance, your normal crew is not available, or maybe you are just too lazy to get your boat out of the slip for the day. We will help team you up with someone going out for the day.

Q: I just want to chill out and enjoy the day.

A: No problem. Go out for a casual sail or watch the racing action as a spectator. Or just hang out at the Clubhouse. It is a great place to spend some time visiting with other members.