

**TEXOMA SAILING CLUB
OL' MAN O' THE SEA RACE
JUNE 8, 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES:

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS Rules 26 and A5 are changed to allow for a starting window.
- 1.3. RRS Rule 32.2 is changed concerning shortening the course.
- 1.4. RRS Rule 33 is changed concerning notification of course changes.
- 1.5. RSS Rule 52 is changed concerning use of electrically powered winches.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board by 10:00 am on day notice is to take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Oral changes may be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound. Oral changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 69.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the TSC Notice Board located at the TSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the TSC Clubhouse.
- 4.2. Code Flag "L" means Notices to Competitors and/or changes to sailing instructions have been posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 4.3. Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the clubhouse area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

5. CREW AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

- 5.1. This is a single-handed race, where a single person will perform all functions of sailing the boat.
- 5.2. A boat may carry spectators or passengers aboard during the race. However, they are not allowed to help manage the boat or its equipment (including hiking from the rails) from the time the boat leaves her slip before the race until she returns to her slip after the race.
- 5.3. If sailing alone, a lifejacket must be worn at all times. While outside the confines of the cockpit, the use of a safety harness and tether is highly recommended. If entering the water for any reason, all persons must be securely tethered to the boat.
- 5.4. Electrically provided energy may be used to trim sails during the race. This changes Rule 52. Use of autopilots are prohibited.

6. RACING SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. This race will be held on June 8, 2024. Postponed or abandoned races may be rescheduled to a later date on the club's calendar.
- 6.2. Daily Schedule:

0930-1000	Registration at TSC Clubhouse
1000	Skippers Meeting at TSC Clubhouse
1155	First Warning Signal
1200	First start of the day
	No warning signal after 1430
1800	Awards Ceremony at TSC Clubhouse.

7. RACING AREA:

The races will be held on Lake Texoma and as indicated in the attached course diagram.

8. COURSES:

- 8.1. Courses are diagrammed in Attachment A to these sailing instructions. The diagram shows the order in which marks are to be rounded.
- 8.2. Mark M is to be rounded to Port. The gate at T is described as a line between the Committee Signal Boat and the Start/Finish Pin. Boats are to go through the gate and pass outside the signal boat or the pin when making the turn.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 8.4. The length of the courses determined by the Race Officer will be final.

9. MARKS:

- 9.1. Rounding marks will be yellow cylinders. Start/Finish pin will be an orange ball. More details will be announced during the skipper's meeting.

10. THE START:

- 10.1. A Five-Minute Starting Sequence will be used to start each individual Fleet. The start will open a 5-minute window for a boat to cross the starting line. The actual time the boat crosses the starting line will be used to calculate results. This changes RRS Rule 26.
- 10.2. A boat starting after her 5-minute starting window has closed will be scored as her Fleet start time plus 5 minutes. This changes RRS Rule A5.
- 10.3. The starting window is specific for the Fleet being started. Additional Fleets may be started while a window is open, each with their own starting windows.
- 10.4. Starting Flags for each Fleet are:

Cruising Fleet	Numeric Pennant 1
Leisure Fleet	Numeric Pennant 2
Recreational Fleet	Numeric Pennant 3
All Fleets Start Together	Numeric Pennant 9
- 10.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the starting pin.
- 10.6. Boats whose Warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 10.7. A boat or mark tied to the committee boat will be considered a part of the committee boat. Any boat which makes contact with this boat or mark will be considered as hitting the committee boat.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. When changing the course after the start, including notification of lost or missing marks, competitors will be notified of course changes by VHF radio. This changes Rule 33.
- 11.2. In the event that a race must be stopped due to foul weather or other reasons before the race can be shortened per Rule 32, the Race Committee may utilize the rounding times of the last mark rounded by all boats of a Fleet to score their race. This changes RRS Rule 32.2

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on race committee boat signal boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. PROTESTS:

13.1 A protesting boat will inform the race committee of their intent to protest upon finishing a race, identifying the boat being protested.

13.2 The Race Officer will make a sound signal upon docking. A written protest must be filed with the TSC Race Captain or designee at the TSC Clubhouse within 30 minutes from the time the Race Officer makes the sound signal upon docking. A Protest Committee will hear and rule on protests as soon as possible. Protest forms are available at the TSC clubhouse.

13.3 A notice will be posted on the TSC Notice Board after the expiration of the filing time limit informing the competitors when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of the skipper who is party to a protest to read the board.

14. SCORING

14.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

14.2. PHRF handicaps will be established by the TSC Chief Handicapper. His assignments shall be final.

14.3. The Time on Distance method will be used to calculate a boat's corrected time to determine a boat's finishing place.

15. AWARDS

15.1. All boats will be recognized in order of finish.

APPENDIX A
OMOTS COURSES

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start – M - Finish
W2	Start – M – T – M - Finish
W3	Start – M – T - M -T – M - Finish

