



# Texoma Sailing Club

Grandpappy Point Marina



## 2024 TSC Racing Program

Texoma Sailing Club is happy to announce our sailing plans for the 2024 season.

Our racing program will consist of ten races that go towards the TSC Championship Series. We are changing our Novice Fleet (which will now be referred to as the Recreational Fleet) to include a variety of boats that do not fit the criteria of our traditional Cruising and Leisure Fleets. Our aim is to bring new boats and sailors into the club's activities.

Attached you will find a summary of the 2024 schedule and some Frequently Asked Questions. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

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## 2024 Schedule

20-Jan	Member Orientation		
		Racing Rules/Race	
10-Feb	Training Event	Committee	
25-Mar	Shakedown Sail	Fun Sail	
6-Apr	Beat the Taxman Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race
20&21-Apr	Spring Regatta		TSC Points Race
4-May	Cinco de Mayo Race	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
25-May	Ladies at the Helm Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Female Skippers
8-Jun	Ol' Man o' the Sea	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race, Single Handed
6-July	International Student Day	Fun Sail	
14-Sep	Wunderlick Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race, Night Sailing
28-Sep	Big Tex Race	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
12-Oct	Asbury Smith Cup	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race,
26- Oct	Fall Fest Race	Buoy Race	TSC Points Race
16-Nov	End of Season Race	Fixed Mark Race	TSC Points Race

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 –

- Cruising
- Leisure (roller furling mainsails and/or wing and shoal draft)
- Recreational (Mixed Fleet: including first-year racers, trailer-able boats or others)

### Eligibility

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

## TSC Championship Series

The 2024 TSC Championship Series will consist of ten scheduled races. If a race is abandoned or canceled, it will be removed from the number of scheduled races being scored unless it is rescheduled in the club calendar.

### 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 day's result.
- Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if seven or less races are completed. If eight or more races are completed, her two worse scores will be excluded.
- If the minimum number of boats to form a fleet during an individual race is not fulfilled, a boat that participates in her fleet alone will be scored **RCS-2** (2 points). All other boats in that fleet will be scored DNR for that race.
- If a boat does not compete in a series race, a score of **DNR** (number of boats in that race plus 2) will be used for that race.
- Service on RC will entitle a boat to a scoring adjustment **OOD** (Average of all scores including excluded scores) 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.

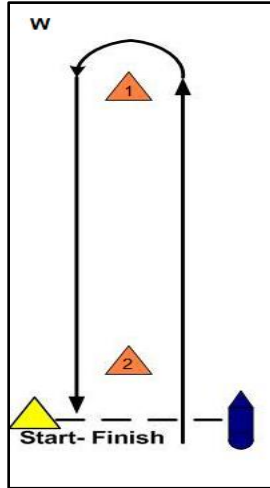
### Race Committee

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.

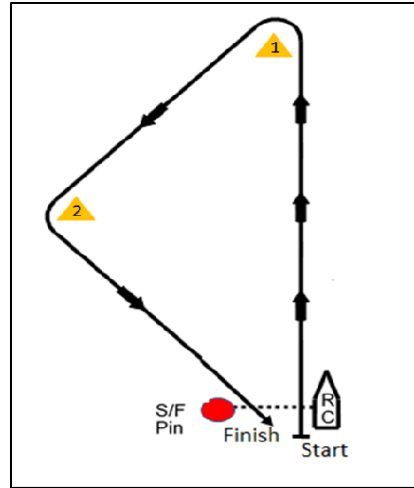
# Race Courses

## Drop Buoy Courses Typically less than 1 hour duration

W – Windward/Leeward

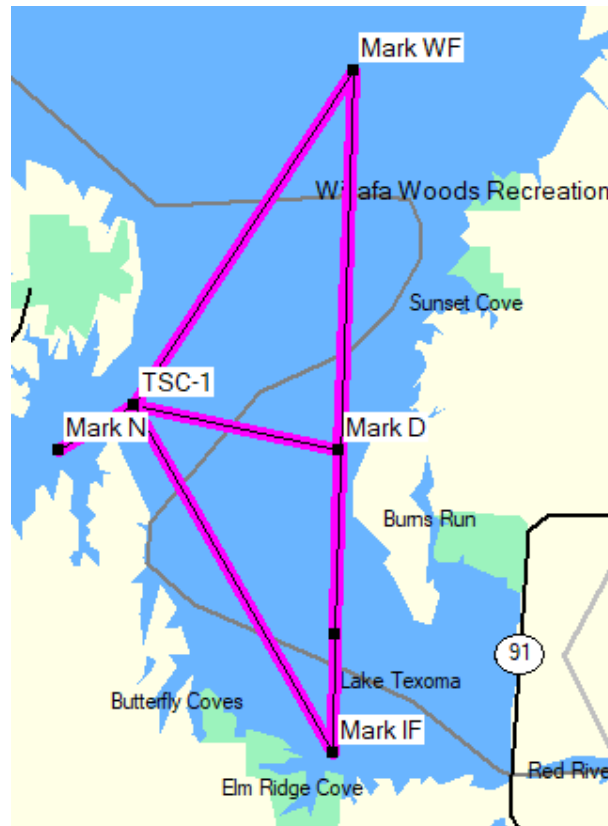


T - Triangular



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## 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 learn 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 Recreational Fleet for smaller boats. This will allow first year racers, and sailors with smaller boats to compete against each other instead of competing against the larger keelboat 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 onboard 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: 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.