

INTRODUCING

THE COMMODORE'S CUP CHALLENGE

Ahoy TSC! 

The marks are already in place and begging to be rounded. Introducing the Commodore's Cup, our 23-nm Grand Tour. You sail on your schedule between Sept 6 and Dec 31, 2025. Pick your day, pick your crew, and chase your best lap time. Make multiple attempts—your fastest corrected time is the one that counts. 

Cost & eligibility:

\$0 entry fee. TSC members only.

 Perpetual trophy + \$100 cash prize — *personally provided by the Commodore (not from club funds).*

Course (all to port): Bill's Buoy → Witt's End → Pete N Judi → WinningTack → Carmon's Corner → Tom's Turnaround → Bill's Buoy (Start/Finish in Little Mineral; 23.0 nm)

How to play (fast + fair):

1. Self-start & self-finish at Bill's Buoy (pass abeam within 100 ft).
2. Log GPS times (hh:mm:ss) at start, every mark, and finish.
3. Keep a GPS track or position fixes for verification.
4. Text a photo of your time sheet to the Race Captain at 832-444-2042 right after you finish.
5. We'll score via TSC PHRF (Time on Distance) and post standings on the site.
6. You may sail on any day, any weather, any crew. You may make as many attempts at sailing the course as you wish.

Gear & guardrails:

- GPS, VHF + cell phone on board.
- Electric winches OK; autopilots not allowed.
- Engine may run in neutral to charge batteries if needed.
- Governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing with a few tweaks (see SIs).

The lake is open, the marks are set, and bragging rights are wide open. Full SIs and a printable time sheet are attached/linked—skim 'em and go fly.

Fair winds and fast shifts,

Dave Long

Commodore, Texoma Sailing Club

TEXOMA SAILING CLUB 2025 COMMODORE'S CUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS Rule 26 and A5 are changed to allow for modified start sequence.
- 1.3. RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow use of electrically powered winches.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1. Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board by 1400 hrs. on day notice is to take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio and a working cell phone.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be displayed on the TSC Notice Board located at the TSC Clubhouse.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 5.1. This event will be held between Sept 6, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- 5.2. Boats may sail the course at any time or date at their discretion.
- 5.3. A boat may make multiple attempts at completing the course.

6. Equipment Requirements:

- 6.1. Use of electrically powered winches is allowed. Autopilots are not allowed. This changes Rule 52
- 6.2. Prior to and during the race, engines may be run (in neutral) to charge batteries as necessary.
- 6.3. All boats must carry a GPS or Chart-plotter capable of recording boat's position.

7. RACING AREA:

- 7.1. The races will be held on Lake Texoma. Courses will start and finish in the Little Mineral Arm.

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. All marks are to be left to Port.
- 8.3. The length of the courses determined by the Race Committee will be final.
- 8.4. In the event that your effort to complete the course must be stopped due to lack of wind, foul weather or other reasons, that attempt will be considered incomplete and the result will be scored DNF.

9. THE START:

- 9.1. The Start Mark will be a white TSC Permanent Buoy designated as Bill's Buoy.
- 9.2. A boat starts when she passes directly abeam and within 100' of the mark from the starting side of the course, leaving the mark to Port, and sailing on her proper course to the next mark.
- 9.3. The actual time the boat properly starts will be used to calculate results.
- 9.4. Each boat shall record their own start time in hh:mm:ss format. All boats will use GPS based time as standard.

10. MARKS:

- 10.1. Marks of the course are TSC permanent marks as described in Appendix A.
- 10.2. At each mark, the boat shall record their rounding time in hh:mm:ss format. All boats will use GPS based time as standard.

- 10.3. Each boat shall record the rounding or passing of each mark by (1) recording a position fix on her GPS, or (2) maintaining a track of her course on her GPS. A boat that provides a valid GPS fix or track indicating a mark has been rounded or passed on the correct side will be considered to have finished the course.
- 10.4. The fix or track shall be made on the primary navigation instrument used for the event; and must be maintained for inspection upon request by the Race Captain or Protest Committee.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The Finish Mark will be a white TSC Permanent Buoy designated as Bill's Buoy
- 11.2. A boat finishes when she passes directly abeam and within 100' of the mark from the finishing side of the course, leaving the mark to Port, and sailing on her proper course from the previous mark.
- 11.3. The actual time the boat properly finishes will be used to calculate results.
- 11.4. Each boat shall record their own finish time in hh:mm:ss format. All boats will use GPS based time as standard.

12. RECORDING TIMES

- 12.1. Each boat shall record her own times based upon the honor system. Each boat shall record her start time, time of rounding/passing each waypoint of the course, and finish time in hh:mm:ss format. The use of the provided time sheet is encouraged.
- 12.2. Each boat shall communicate her times to the Race Captain by telephone, text or in person, as soon as possible after finishing. Time sheet for reporting times is included in Appendix B. The preferred method of submitting times is to photograph the time sheet and text the photograph to the Race Captain. Mobile number for reporting times is 832-444-2042.
- 12.3. A timesheet must be turned in for each attempt, regardless if you fail to complete the course, or if you do not improve a previous time.

13. PROTESTS:

- 13.1. A protesting boat will inform the Race Captain by telephone/text of their intent to protest at the time the alleged infraction occurs, identifying the boat being protested.
- 13.2. A written protest must be filed with the TSC Race Captain or designee at the TSC Clubhouse within 30 minutes of the protesting boat docking after the race. A Protest Committee will hear and rule on protests as soon as possible. Protest forms are available at the TSC clubhouse.
- 13.3. A text notice will be sent informing the competitors when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

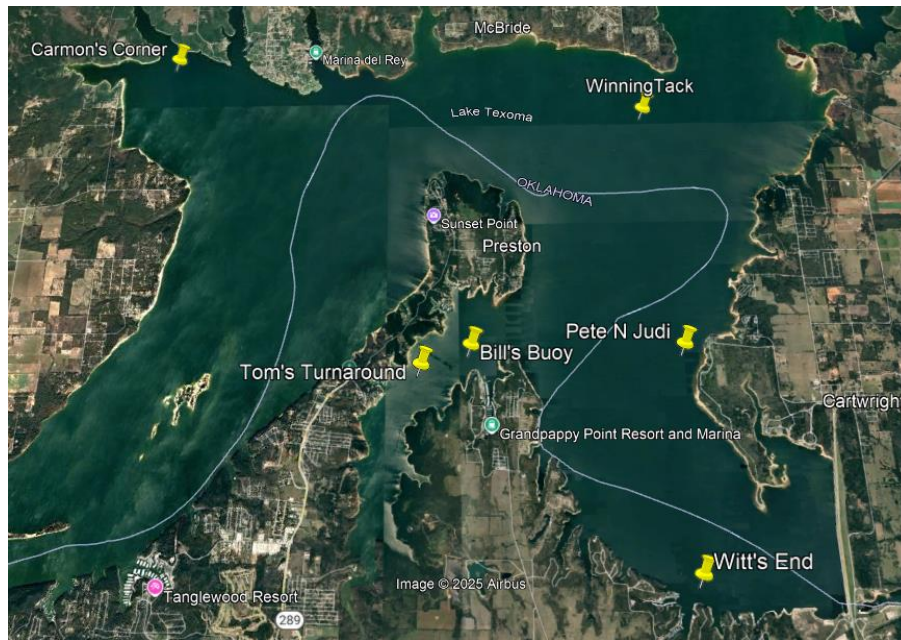
14. SCORING

- 14.1. The boat that completes the course in the fastest corrected time will be declared the winner.
- 14.2. All boats will be scored as a single Fleet.
- 14.3. PHRF Handicaps established by TSC will be used to calculate a boat's corrected time using a Time on Distance method to determine a boat's finishing place.
- 14.4. All attempts will be scored, including attempts where a boat fails to complete the course or posts a slower time.
- 14.5. Standings will be available for viewing on the TSC webpage after an attempt is scored.

15. AWARDS

- 15.1. The Commodore's Cup is a perpetual trophy, with a \$100 cash prize. The winning boat will be recognized at the annual Commodore's Party each January.

APPENDIX A



Mark	Formerly Known As	Coordinates
Tom's Turnaround	Mark A	N33° 51.790' W96° 39.190'
Pete N Judi	Mark D	N33° 51.700' W96° 35.940'
Carmon's Corner	Mark H	N33° 55.410' W96° 42.790'
Witt's End	Mark IF	N33° 49.300' W96° 36.000'
Bill's Buoy	Mark N	N33° 51.700' W96° 38.630'
WinningTack	Mark WF	N33° 54.723' W96° 35.790'

MARK ROUNDING ORDER	Distance (nm)
<u>THE COMMODORE'S CUP ROUTE</u> <u>Bill's Buoy</u> – to – <u>Witt's End</u> – to – <u>Pete N Judi</u> -to- <u>WinningTack</u> -to <u>Carmon's Corner</u> – to – <u>Tom's Turnaround</u> -to- <u>Bill's Buoy</u> (formerly N-IF-D-WF-H-A-N)	23.0

2025 Commodore's Cup
Time Sheet

Date: _____

Start: _____

1st Mark: _____

2nd Mark: _____

3rd Mark: _____

4th Mark: _____

5th Mark: _____

Finish: _____

I certify that the indicated times are true and
correct.

Skipper: _____

Boat: _____ Sail Number _____

Please photograph this form and text to 832-444-2042 as
soon as possible after finishing your attempt.