

# Texas A&M University at Galveston

host of the

## Troy Swetnam Memorial Regatta

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Procedural Rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) and these instructions. RRS 14(b) is amplified to emphasize the avoidance of “Damage.” Damage will be defined as any contact between hulls or equipment that diminishes the value, appearance or operability of the component. **Note that sailing out of the channel will be considered as causing damage.**
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices and instructions by the race committee may be oral or in writing and may be given at any time during the regatta.
3. **RACING AREA:** The racing area shall be in Offatts Bayou. Each boat must **STAY WITHIN THE CHANNEL MARKERS** when sailing to/from the racing area. Sailing outside of the channel will result in damage to the boat (see Rules above).
4. **SCHEDULE**

|                               | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Sunday</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Competitor’s Meeting/Check In | 0800            | 0800          |
| First Race                    | 0900            | 0900          |
| Remaining Races               | ASAP            | ASAP          |
| Last Race start NLT           | 1800            | 1400          |
5. **COURSE:** The attached diagrams show the available courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the course symbol for each course. The course will be announced verbally from the Race Committee (RC) boat. Courses may be modified verbally to include “twice around”. The starting line will be considered “closed” except when starting or finishing.
6. **MARKS:** Course marks shall be orange balls. The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange ball as the port end of the line, and the mast/flag aboard the RC boat at the starboard end.
7. **THE START:** Races will be started using whistle signals:

|                     |                |             |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 5 Whistles          | 3:15           | Attention   |
| 3 Whistles          | 3 Minutes      | Warning     |
| 2 whistles          | 2 Minutes      | Preparatory |
| 1 long and 3 short  | 1 1/2          |             |
| 1 long              | 1 minute       |             |
| 3 short             | 30 seconds     |             |
| 2 short             | 20 seconds     |             |
| 1 short             | 10 seconds     |             |
| 5..4..3..2..1..Long | 5..4.....Start | Start       |
8. **RECALLS**
  - 8.1 Boats starting prematurely may be signaled verbally by **bow** number.
  - 8.2 General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. The Race committee may display a prominent flag until all boats have properly started or until one minute after the start.
  - 8.3 The “One Minute Rule” will be in effect for each re-start of a “general recalled” start; no code flag will be displayed.
9. **THE FINISH**
  - 9.1 The finish line will be between the mast/flag on the RC boat and the adjacent mark.
  - 9.2 If a yacht is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the RC may, at its sole discretion, give a yacht a finish score and score her with the point equal to last place.
10. **SAFETY**
  - 10.1 Approved Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water.
  - 10.2 The RC may order a yacht rescued for the safety of the crew or yacht.
11. **PROTEST**
  - 11.1 Competitors shall verbally report the intent to protest to the Race Committee when finishing.
  - 11.2 Protests shall be written on forms and submitted within 15 minutes of the RC boat docking.
  - 11.3 The protesting and protested competitors shall provide one competitor each from non-involved schools to participate in the hearing.
12. **ROTATIONS** See rotation sheet provided.
13. **THE BOATS and RIGGING**
  - 13.1 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted. Ensure rudder lanyards are attached to the hull before leaving the dock.
  - 13.2 Follow the “four person rule” in lifting the boats directly from the water to the dolly at the end of racing. Place a lifejacket under the boom whenever using the dolly.

