



FWBC 91ST ANNUAL COWTOWN STAMPEDE REGATTA

2020 Annual Regatta & J/24 Cowtown Stampede

October 30 - November 1, 2020
Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as well as the Class Addendums added to these instructions as per class instructions. Class addendums are listed by class in the addendums section of these instructions. In the event of a conflict between these instructions and the class addendum, the class addendum shall govern.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east window of the FWBC Bar.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 AM on Saturday the 27th, and 8:00 AM on Sunday the 28th, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the harbor flagpole.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. The schedule of races will be as follows:

5.2. On Saturday, there may be a lunch break on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.3. On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 2:00 PM.

6. Class Flags and Group Assignments

6.1. Class flag assignments will be posted on the official notice board by 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 31.

7. Racing Area

7.1. Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.

7.2. The following area is designated as an obstruction: Marker buoys surrounding the Azle Water Pump Station. Boats shall not sail between the marker buoys and the pump station.



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8. The Courses

- 8.1. Courses are illustrated in Attachment 2, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the race committee signal boat.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.3. Offset marks will be located approximately 6-8 boat lengths from Mark 1 at approximately a right angle to the weather leg.

9. Mark Descriptions

- 9.1. Course marks, 1, 2S & 2P will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark and the offset mark will be red/orange spheres. The finishing marks will be small red tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. New marks for the bourse, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow cylinders.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26. Combined fleet starts may be used and will be signaled with the starting fleets' class flags (numeral pennants). The race committee may sound several brief signals prior to the first warning signal in a starting sequence.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark, a red sphere.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the name or number of each recalled boat on VHF radio (See SI 18). If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. This changes RRS 41. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
 - a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
 - b) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers
- 10.6. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. If a subsequent start's class flag has been displayed, it shall be removed and voided.

11. Changes to the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If the race committee displays fleet numbers on the signal board, then the change of course applies only to those fleets whose numbers are signaled. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.



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12. The Finish

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. Time Limit

13.1. If no boat of a class has not passed the first mark of the course within 1 hour of the starting signal of the class, the race will be abandoned.

13.2. A race shall be abandoned if no boat sails the course and finishes within 2 hours from the starting signal for her fleet.

13.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk located in the front of the Junior Sailing Room located next to the FWBC Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after their race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the official notice board.

14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the times and locations of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15. Scoring

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta (changes RRS A2.1).

15.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores (changes RRS A2.1).

15.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1. Check-In: Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's sail number.

16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical by radio or by notifying the harbor master to contact them.

17. Support Boats

17.1. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.



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18. Radio Communications

- 18.1. The race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 68.
- 18.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in a fleet and as determined by the organizing authority.

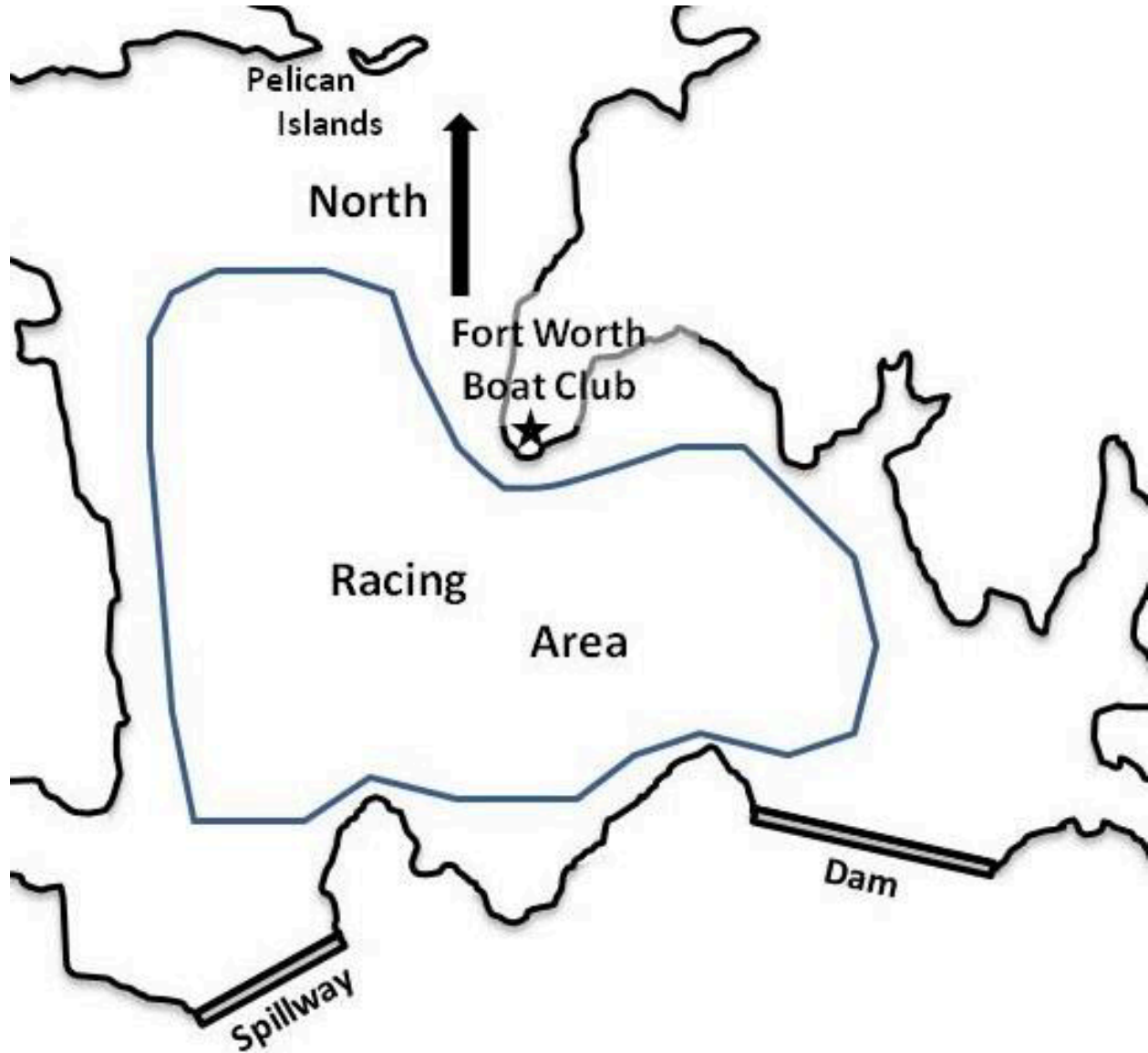
20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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Attachment 1 - Racing Area





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Attachment 2 - Courses

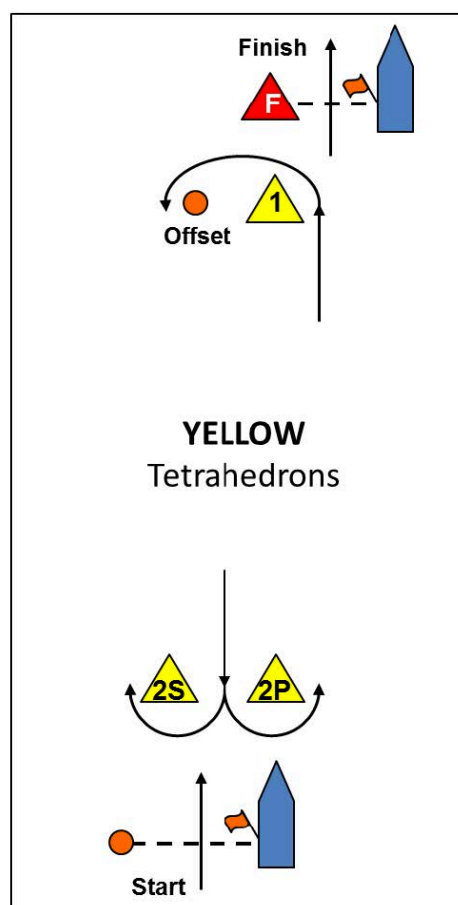
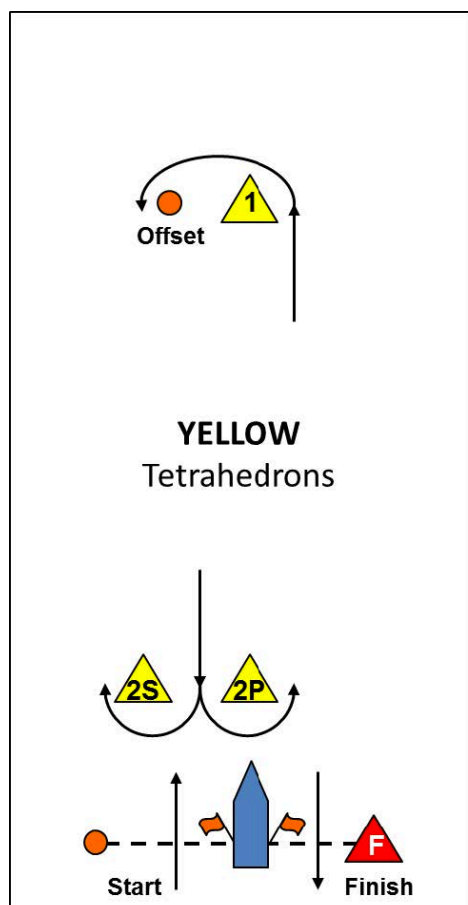
1. Courses

1.1. The courses to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2. Windward/Leeward Course

2.1. The course will be in the following order of rounding, leaving course marks to port. The offset mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
W4	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish
		W7	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish





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Addendum 1

J/24 Class Only

The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class only shall be amended as follows. Where there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2020 J/24 Texas Circuit and the 2019 International J/24 Class Rules ("Class Rule").
- 1.2. In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and current (completed annually) Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. A boat without a Measurement Certificate is granted a waiver for the 2020 Circuit season. This changes Class Rule A.11.1.
- 1.3. Bow numbers assigned to each boat pursuant to the J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta.
- 1.4. RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:
 - C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."
 - C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.
- 1.5. Boats may use mobile telephones during racing if use of same is provided for in Sailing Instructions as means to communicate with race officials. This changes Class Rule C.5.2(b)(1).
- 1.6. Pursuant to Class Rule Section C, boats shall comply with all Class Rules while racing, as amended or waived herein.

2. Protests

- 2.1. RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck at its first available opportunity.
- 2.2. The boat being protested shall respond by conducting the necessary turns pursuant to the RRS sections governing the infraction. Competitors shall make all good faith efforts to resolve any protests on the water.
- 2.3. The Official Protest process shall be at the discretion of the regatta organizer.



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3. Haul-Out Restrictions

3.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission by submitting a request in writing to the race officials. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively. Any replies to haul-outs shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

4.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched and the end of the regatta.

4.2. Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.

4.3. The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

5. Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

5.1. Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). Crew will not be weighed; however, boats should still achieve to not exceed the 400 kg (882 lbs) weight limit and crew shall remain the same for all races of a single regatta. Any crew substitution shall be given only in exceptional cases and by submitting a written request to the race officials at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.

5.2. Not more than one mainsail, one jib and one genoa shall be carried aboard. In the event a mainsail, jib or genoa is damaged beyond repair during the regatta, boats may request a sail replacement by submitting a request in writing to the race officials. Said request may be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with Class Rules.

5.3. Class Rule C.10.2 is changed to allow boats to carry aboard two (2) spinnakers, subject to the following:

5.3.1. The Sail/Royalty Tag Nos. for all sails used during each regatta must be declared in permanent writing on the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

5.3.2. Spinnakers may be used interchangeably during a regatta; however, in the event one of the declared spinnakers is lost or damaged beyond repair during a regatta, a replacement spinnaker is not allowed and the boat must sail only with the remaining declared spinnaker.

5.4. Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1., the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker shall make a valid attempt to have the same sail numbers as their boat's hull number. Any boat whose sail numbers do not match their hull number may race in the regatta without a written request, unless the Sailing Instructions state otherwise.

5.5. Any requests and replies to sail number changes, crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.



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6. Shorthanded J/24 Racing, if available

6.1. In the event the race officials have provided for a shorthanded fleet in which a J/24 will compete with one (1) to two (2) persons, or three (3) persons if not competing on the Texas Circuit racecourse, those boats will not be scored in the overall Texas Circuit scores. Further, while these boats should endeavor to comply with the Class Rules, they may not be protested or penalized for not doing so.