



**J/105 Midwinter Championship 2021
March 11-14, 2021
Organizing Authority: Bay Access
Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club
Seabrook, Texas, USA**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be the glass windows on both sides of the south poolside foyer entrance at Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC).
- 3.2 The race office is located adjacent to the LYC clubhouse lobby, telephone 281-474-2511, email lyc@lakewoodyachtclub.com.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel.
 - Race course to be sailed
 - Windward mark bearing and distance
 - General Race Committee intentions

If the race committee displays Numeral Pennant 0, alternate VHF channel 72 will be used.

- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LYC Flagpole immediately south of the clubhouse and east of the swimming pool.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Thursday, March 11	1500	Practice: 3-4 practice starts followed by 1 practice race.
Friday, March 12	1030	First warning signal, additional races to follow.
Saturday, March 13	1030	First warning signal, additional races to follow.
Sunday, March 14	1030	First warning signal, additional races to follow.
	1300	No warning signal after this time.

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The J/105 Class flag is a flag with the J/105 Emblem.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is Galveston Bay West of the Houston Ship channel, north of Eagle Point and south of Red Bluff. See SI Addendum 1.



9 COURSES

The diagrams in SI Addendum 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length is 0.75-1.5 NM.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark(s) are MarkSetBots with orange superstructure, orange tetrahedrons, and orange spheres.
- 10.2 The following marks are rounding marks: MarkSetBots with orange superstructure, orange tetrahedrons, and orange spheres.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated as an obstruction: The Houston Ship Channel. Reference is made to NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart US5TX54M, Upper Galveston Bay-Houston Ship Channel-Dollar Pt. to Atkinson (1/29/2021).

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a nearby finishing mark.
- 14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

15.2 Alternatively, a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3. The Scoring Penalty shall be **20%** of the boats entered unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the scoring penalty shall be **40%** of the boats entered.

15.3 J/105 Class Rule 7.7 will apply.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
35 minutes	90 minutes	45-60 minutes	20 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. However, the boat's score shall not be worse than Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 The Target Time is the time within which it is expected that all competitors will finish a race. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signals with one sound from the LYC Harbour prior to docking. The time will be posted on the official notice board.



- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the LYC Clubhouse lobby. Requests for hearing are to be filed with the race office and may also be filed electronically at the email address posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 The protest committee will endeavour to post the notice of protests and the hearing schedule within 30 minutes after the close of the deadline for filing protests. . Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the LYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 6.2, 24, 25, 26, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.6 Routine movement of autonomous marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments, marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that are not actively marks of the course presuming these collisions do not cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 17.7 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 does not apply.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 18.2 A boat's regatta score is the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat is required to check in by passing the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and in compliance with J/105 Class Rules.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee and in compliance with J/105 Class Rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the



committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2 Support person vessels shall comply with J/105 Class Rule 7.10.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

The race committee signal boat will display the traditional race committee flag (red, fouled anchor on a blue field with white letters "R" and "C", aside).

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be given for 1st through 3rd places.

29 RISK STATEMENT



RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

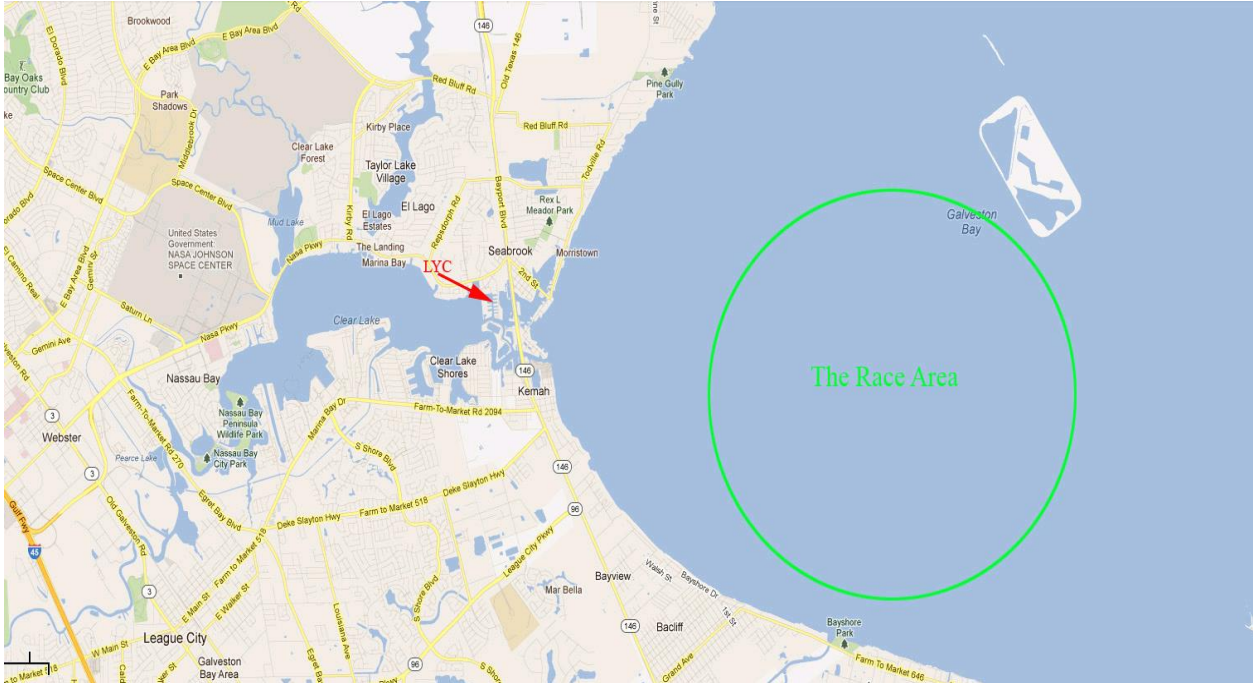
Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

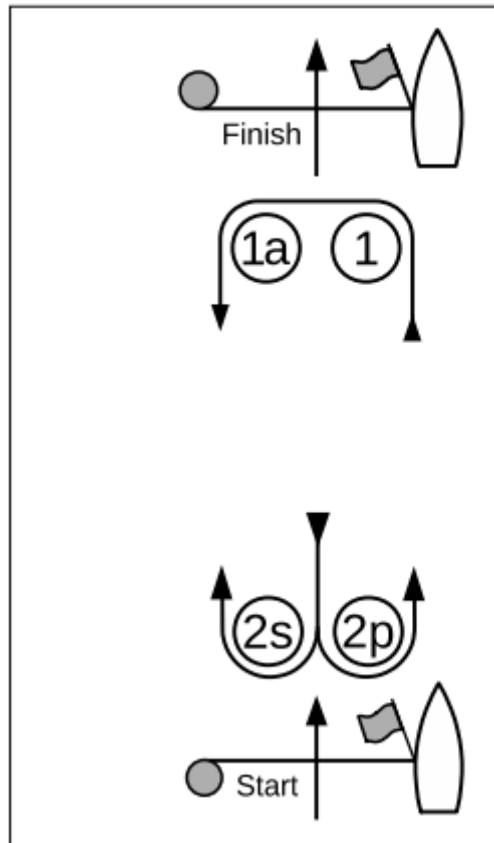
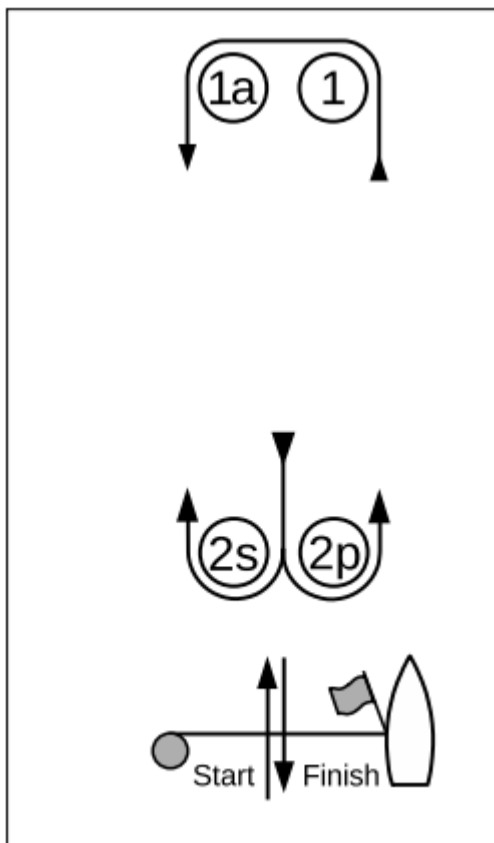


ADDENDUM #1





ADDENDUM #2



Windward Leeward with offset LEEWARD Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark rounding order</i>
4	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish
6	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish

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