



2021 Sunday Series I

NOTICE of RACE

May 2nd – June 27th, 2021 • MC Scows / PHRF / Portsmouth

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY.

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, Texas (“RCYC”), as the organizing authority, presents the 2021 SUNDAY SERIES I to be sailed on the southern end of Lake Ray Hubbard. Races will be conducted by race committees appointed by the Vice Commodore-Race from time to time. The Vice Commodore – Race shall appoint a technical committee as needed.

2. RULES.

- 2.1. **Racing Rules.** The series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* with the prescriptions of United States Sailing Association (“RRS”), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. **Other Rules.** This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions do not modify the rules and bylaws of the recognized fleets of RCYC or the By-laws, rules, and written policies of RCYC.
- 2.3. **Lake Ray Hubbard.** Activities on Lake Ray Hubbard are subject to the laws of the State of Texas, the rules and regulations of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and ordinances of the City of Dallas.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY.

- 3.1. **Open to Club Members.** The series is open to all members of RCYC.
- 3.2. **Fees.** No fees are required to participate in the Series.
- 3.3. **Eligible Sailors.** All categorizations of sailors are eligible to participate in the series.
- 3.4. **Registration.** Registration must be done online at www.yachtscoring.com or at the RCYC office. Members participating in a series using a Club Boat Program boat may use other boats in the program but the registration and scoring is by the member, not the boat.
- 3.5. **Acceptance of the Rules.** By entering a race in any series, each person in charge of a boat acknowledges the application of RRS 3 Acceptance of the Rules and agrees to inform crew of the application of the rules and the risks involved in racing sailboats. See also, section 9 Disclaimer of Liability.

4. SERIES SCHEDULES.

Races are scheduled for each Sunday afternoon beginning May 2nd and ending June 27th (“Race Days”). Any race abandoned and not re-started or not started on a scheduled race day shall not be re-scheduled.

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5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 5.1. Issued by VC-Race.** Sailing instructions shall be issued by the Vice Commodore – Race before the first Race Day. Sailing instructions may only be amended by the Vice Commodore - Race. This changes RRS 90.2.
- 5.2. May Authorize Oral Instructions on the Water.** Sailing instructions may authorize the Race Committee to announce courses, assignment boats to a one-design or handicap class, order of starts, changes of courses, and other race information consistent with this Notice of Race and the sailing instructions orally on the water.
- 5.3 Starting Times.** The first Warning Signal for the first race each Race Day will not be before 1400. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530.
- 5.4 Classes.** Starts will be given separately for:
 - MC Scows as a one-design class,
 - all keelboats, the PHRF Class, and
 - all other dinghies, the Portsmouth Class.

One-design boats other than MC Scows shall start with either the keelboat start or dinghy start as appropriate.

- 5.5 Courses.** Courses will be set as windward-leeward courses around temporary marks for the MC Scow Class. Courses for the PHRF Class and Portsmouth Class may be set as windward-leeward courses using temporary marks or other courses around permanent marks. Temporary marks may be used for the Starting Line and Finishing Line if permanent marks are used.

6. SCORING.

- 6.1. Separate Scoring.** The series will be scored separately for each class. The PHRF Class will be scored using the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet rule with the Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF ratings using the Time-on-Distance formula. The Portsmouth Class will be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick. Three or more one-design boats shall also be scored separately (though starting in one of the handicap fleets).
- 6.2. Low Point System.** The Low Point System of RRS A4 will apply.
- 6.3 Daily Award.** If 2 races are completed for a class on a Race Day, the scores will be applied for a daily score. Daily scores are determined by substituting “Race Day” for “series” in RRS A2.1 and RRS A8.
- 6.4 Series Score.** The series score for each boat shall be determined by excluding the worst scores of a boat as follows:

<i>Number of Races Completed by the Class</i>	5	10	15	20	25 or more
<i>Number of Boat's Worst Scores Excluded</i>	1	2	3	4	5

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This changes RRS A2.1.

- 6.5 Minimum Number of Boats for a Start.** The Race Committee will not give a start to a class unless at least 2 boats are in the starting area.
- 6.6 Requirement of Member Participation for Scoring.** Boats sailing the course but owned by persons not members of RCYC shall not be scored. Boats entered in a series but which have no RCYC member aboard as the person in charge during a race shall not be scored for that race.
- 6.7 Competitors Required to Work on Race Committee.** In order to be scored for the series, each person in charge of a boat entered in the series must participate on a race committee at RCYC during 2021. Competitors failing to do so will not be scored. This change will be applied retroactively. A substitute may serve in lieu of the competitor if approved beforehand by the competitor's Fleet Captain and the Vice Commodore – Race.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- 7.1. Post-Race Penalties and Arbitration.** The alternative dispute resolution procedures of RRS Appendix T – Arbitration apply.
- 7.2. Protests.** Protests shall be heard by a protest committee appointed by Vice Commodore - Race. Protest hearings may be deferred to another day.
- 7.3 Arbitrators and Judges.** The arbitrator and protest committee shall be appointed by the Vice Commodore – Race. If either has not been appointed, the arbitration and protest may be heard by any qualified person or persons designated by the Principal Race Officer or the highest rank flag officer of RCYC present.

8. AWARDS.

The number and type of awards will be determined at the conclusion of each separate series based on the number of boats and types of classes which participated.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Competitors participate in each series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. By participating in this event each competitor acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include trauma, hypothermia, and drowning caused by factors including foul weather, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors by other crew or other boats, moving about on an unstable platform, and fatigue. RCYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race.

10. INSURANCE.

Each participating boat must be insured with third-party liability insurance (as required for boats of RCYC members on RCYC premises). [DP]

11. OTHER RULES MADE INAPPLICABLE.

11.1. Substitution of Crew or Equipment. Substitution of crew and replacement or repair of damaged boats, sails, or equipment are allowed without limitation. This changes RRS 78.

11.2. Haul-Out. There are no restrictions on hauling out. This changes RRS 45.

11.3. Identification on Sails. Appendix G shall not apply. This changes RRS 77.

11.4. Class Rules. Class rules for number of crew, weight of crew, and membership in the class association shall not apply. This changes RRS 78.

12. PUBLICITY and ADVERTISING.

12.1. License. RCYC grants competitors, owners, and support persons a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-assignable, revocable right to produce and publish images and accounts of 2021 SUNDAY SERIES I events for personal, non-commercial purposes.

12.2. Agreement for Publicity. By participating in 2021 SUNDAY SERIES I events, competitors, owners, and support persons grant RCYC a royalty-free right to use images and descriptions of competitors, owners, and support persons for publicity purposes.

12.3. Advertising. There are no restrictions on advertising on boats, sails, equipment, or personal gear.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the RCYC website. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (located on the west window of the RCYC clubhouse) and may also be posted on the RCYC website.

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