

The 10th Annual Saltwater Challenge, Region 5 Championship, RC Laser Regatta

February 20–21, 2027 | Corpus Christi, Texas

Sponsored by The Coastal Bend Model Yacht Club, AMYA Club 334

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including **Appendix E** for RC sailing.
- The Prescriptions of US Sailing.
- The Class Rules of the RC Laser Class.
- These Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to the Racing Rules or Class Rules are noted in the relevant sections of these Sailing Instructions.

1.3 The Race Director (RD) shall have the same authority as the Race Committee.

1.4 Current AMYA membership is required for all U.S. citizens competing in this AMYA Region 5 Championship Regatta. Foreign competitors shall provide proof of current membership in their country's governing body for model yachting.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted at:

- <https://theamya.org/RegattaDetail.asp?RGID=10752>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CBMYC>
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3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated orally to all affected competitors before the Warning Signal of the relevant race or heat. When appropriate, changes shall be confirmed in writing.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Dates and Times

Friday, February 19

- 12:00–16:00 Practice / Early Check-In
- 19:00 Informal Group Dinner (*not covered by registration fee*)

Saturday, February 20

- 09:00 – 09:40 Check-in
- 09:45 Skippers' Meeting
- 10:00 First Race Warning Signal
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch Break
- 16:00 End Racing: No starts after this time
- 19:00 Formal Group Dinner (*included in registration fee*)

Sunday, February 21

- 09:30 First Race Warning Signal
- 12:00–12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:00 End Racing: No starts after this time
- 15:00 Trophy Presentation

4.2 The Race Committee will determine the number of races per day after considering weather, course, and equipment conditions.

4.3 The scheduled time of the **Warning Signal** for the first race:

- Saturday: 10:00
- Sunday: 09:30

4.4 If a postponement lasts over 10 minutes, the Warning Signal for the first race after the postponement will be made as soon as practical. A verbal announcement will occur at least 2 minutes prior.

4.5 Registration Deadline: The registration deadline is **February 1, 2027**. Registrations received after the deadline are considered **late registrations** and may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Director. No registrations will be accepted during event check-in.

5. RACING FORMAT

5.1 Single fleet racing will be conducted.

5.2 All competitors race and are scored as one fleet.

6. THE COURSE BOARD

6.1 A course board will be suspended from the Mirador at #60 S Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

6.2 The course **may** be changed **verbally** and/or by updating the course board.

6.3 Control Area

The Control Area shall extend approximately **25 yards on either side of the Mirador** at #60 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401. The Control Area shall not extend beyond the street to the rear of the Mirador. Competitors are expected to remain within the Control Area while racing. A competitor who leaves the Control Area does so at their own risk and **may not request Redress** for failing to hear signals, announcements, course changes, or hails made by the Race Committee.

7. THE START

7.1 The **AMYA two-minute starting sequence** will be used. The sequence begins when the audible countdown tape starts. The **starting signal** occurs when the countdown reaches zero. This changes **RRS E3.4(a)**.

7.2 The starting line and finish line are between the red marks indicated on the course board.

7.3 Boats whose starting signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

7.4 A boat starting later than **two (2) minutes** after her starting signal **shall** be scored **Did Not Start (DNS)**. This changes **RRS A5.2**.

7.5 If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee shall promptly hail "Recall (sail number(s))" and repeat the hail as appropriate. Failure of a competitor to hear the hail shall not be grounds for Redress.

8. HOLDS

8.1 Holds may be announced by the Race Director (RD) at his discretion for restroom breaks, weather changes, or scheduled lunch breaks.

8.1.1 Prior to the Warning Signal, a skipper may request a five-minute Hold to repair a technical problem. The granting of a Hold is at the discretion of the Race Director. Holds will not be granted immediately after another Hold.

8.1.2 Each skipper may request **one Hold per day**.

8.2 Competitors may make tuning or other adjustments during Hold periods.

9. TIME LIMITS

9.1 If no boat passes Mark 1 within **5 minutes**, the race **may** be abandoned.

9.2 If no boat finishes within **20 minutes**, the race **may** be abandoned.

9.3 Boats finishing more than **five (5) minutes** after the first boat to finish will be scored **DNF** without a hearing. This changes **RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2**.

9.4 At the Race Director's (RD) discretion, a race **may** be shortened or terminated before all boats finish when conditions, safety, schedule, or other circumstances make continuation impractical. Boats still racing will be scored in their observed finishing order. This changes **RRS 35 and A5**.

9.5 The Race Committee will record finishes by calling and recording boat numbers as boats cross the finishing line. Race Committee finish records are presumed correct in the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary. Failure of a competitor to hear their number being called shall not be grounds for Redress.

9.6 The Race Director's watch is **official** for all signals and time limits.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line is between the marks as indicated on the course board.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 There is no restriction on how a boat returns to the pre-start side after starting early, provided she complies with right-of-way rules.

11.2 A boat may touch a mark without penalty, except starting or finishing line marks when starting or finishing. This changes **RRS 31**.

11.3 A boat that may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2 shall take a **One-Turn Penalty (360°)** as required by **RRS 44.1**, as modified by **RRS E4.3**.

11.4 The Protest Committee may penalize a boat in accordance with the applicable provisions of **RRS Appendix E**.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 A protesting boat shall hail the other boat as required by **RRS E6.3**. The hail shall identify the protesting boat by sail number, followed by "Protest," followed by the sail number of the protested boat. **Sail numbers shall be hailed using their individual digits as required by RRS E2.1(c).**

12.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Director within one (1) minute after finishing or retiring. This notification is required for race-management purposes so that the Race Committee knows whether a protest may affect the next race. The formal protest shall be delivered in accordance with **RRS E6.5**.

12.3 Protests will be heard as soon as reasonably possible after the race in which the incident occurred, normally before the next race when practical.

12.4 The formal protest time limit shall be as provided in **RRS E6.5**: a protest, request for redress, or request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee no later than ten (10) minutes after the last boat in the heat finishes, or after the relevant incident, whichever is later.

12.5 Audibility of Protests

Competitors are responsible for remaining in a position where they can hear and respond to required protest hails while racing. A competitor who leaves the designated Control Area does so at their own risk and assumes responsibility for being unable to hear a protest hail. Failure to hear a protest hail while outside the Control Area shall not, by itself, invalidate a protest or provide a defense to the protested boat. A competitor making a protest hail shall comply with **RRS E2.1** and shall make the hail loudly enough that it could reasonably be heard by a competitor within the Control Area.

13. SCORING

13.1 The **Low Point System** of RRS Appendix A applies.

13.2 **One race** will be discarded for **every six (6) races completed**, up to a maximum of **four (4) discards**.

13.3 A minimum of **3 races** are required to constitute a regatta.

14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

14.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

14.2 Non-compliant equipment may result in disqualification from races sailed with that equipment.

15. AWARDS

15.1 Trophies and AMYA Region 5 Championship chevrons will be based on the final overall standings at the conclusion of racing.

15.2 At an awards ceremony held following the conclusion of racing, trophies, including AMYA Region 5 Championship chevrons, will be presented to the top three overall finishers.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate at their own risk (**RRS 4**). The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury.

17. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CORINTHIAN SPIRIT

17.1 Competitors are expected to maintain Friendly Competition.

17.2 A competitor alleged to have committed misconduct may be subject to action under **RRS 69.2 and 69.3**, including exclusion from the race or regatta.

17.3 Incidents under **RRS 2** will be reported to the AMYA Class Secretary and Executive Board for review.