

**2026 The Memorial Spring Open
Windycrest Sailing Club – Keystone Lake – Tulsa, OK
May 16 & 17, 2026**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** - The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 will govern the regatta, as amended by US Sailing, except as changed by the Notice Of Race; and these Sailing Instructions.
2. **ENTRIES** - Entries must be completed and all fees paid before the competitors meeting.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located in the Windycrest Pavilion.
4. **CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Race Committee (RC) may make changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) in accordance with instruction 3 prior to 8:00 am on the day the change is to take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted no later than 7:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.
5. **COMPETITORS' MEETING** - The competitors' meeting will be Saturday, May 16, at 10:45 am in the Windycrest pavilion.
6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** -
 - 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race signal boat (RC Boat).
 - 6.2 Flag AP flown with flag H denotes the warning signal will not be made less than 35 minutes after lowering flag H. One sound signal will be made when H is lowered. AP will continue to be displayed until one minute before the warning or other signal.
7. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** -

Saturday, May 16, 2026 Warning signal for Race 1- approximately 11:55 pm
Additional races to follow.

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Warning signal - approximately 9:55 am. Additional races to follow. No race shall start after 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 17, 2026. A race will be deemed to have started if the original start is within the deadline regardless of any recalls or postponements.
8. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in the Arkansas River arm of Keystone Lake.

9. ABANDONMENT AND SAFETY -

9.1 When a race is abandoned (flag N over H) due to threatening weather or other safety reasons, all boats are to discontinue racing and find a safe harbor. If this signal is made after one or more boats have finished, any boat or boats not finished may be scored at the discretion of the P.R.O., who may also order the race abandoned, this changes RRS 32.

9.2 Competitors receiving outside assistance after a capsize may continue to race and be scored. Such assistance is a courtesy and absence of assistance or delays in assistance shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 41.

9.3 Underwater hazards (stumps and a rock jetty) exist between the north shore of the cove and the adjacent breakwater. Enter and exit dock areas at the south end or middle section of the breakwater.

10. MARKS

10.1 Original mark W will be an orange ball. Original mark L will be an orange ball.

10.2 New mark W or L will be a yellow ball. Subsequent mark changes will be made with the original marks.

11. THE COURSE -

11.1 The diagrams attached show the components that make up the course. All marks shall be rounded as indicated in the diagrams.

11.2 The RC Boat will display the course to be sailed with a series of letters and numbers. The first letter indicates the course configuration. The first number indicates the number of complete and partial laps to be sailed. The remaining figures, if displayed, indicate the approximate compass heading from the start to the first mark.

11.3 For boats starting and finishing course W, mark W and L, if still in place, do not have a required side.

11.4 Course leg changes of 10 degrees or less to maintain proper course configuration shall not be signaled. This changes Rule 33.

12. CHECK IN - Prior to the warning signal for first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack by the stern of the RC signal boat and hail the boat's sail number until acknowledged by the RC Boat by repeating the sail number.

13. THE START -

13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat at the starboard end and a yellow ball at the port end.

13.2 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after the starting signal.

13.3 No race will be started in sustained winds, in the starting area, of over 20 miles per hour. All boats must be self-rescuing.

13.4 Class flags and initial starting order will be posted on the Notice Board following the Competitors Meeting.

14. RECALLS - Following the display of the individual recall signal, the RC will announce by voice or VHF radio the sail number of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Additionally, the RC may attempt to inform OCS boats from chase boats. Failure to hear a hail does not constitute grounds for Redress.
15. THE FINISH
- 15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an BLUE flag on an RC boat and a yellow ball.
- 15.2 If the RC signals a shortened course while sailing an "I" course, the start/finish line may be used as the finish line. This changes Rule 15.1
16. TIME LIMIT -
- 16.1 The time limit will be 100 minutes for each race. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish for that race. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 16.2 Any race in which no boat has rounded the first mark in 30 minutes after the start shall be abandoned.
17. PROTESTS -
- 17.1 Immediately after finishing a race, a boat intending to file a protest shall, if able, notify the RC Boat with the sail number of boat being protested. Likewise, all boats shall report their taking a 720 degree penalty (360 degree penalty for catamarans) when exonerating rules infractions.
- 17.2 Upon docking after the last race of the day, the RC shall sound a signal and post the time of landing of RC boat.
- 17.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Notice Board and placed on the Notice Board not later than 45 minutes from the landing of the RC boat.
18. SCORING - The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the Low Point System. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. Two (2) races are needed to constitute a regatta.
19. RADIO USE -
- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make phone or radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. The penalty for infraction of 19.1 is disqualification from the race in which the infraction is observed.
- 19.2 Boats carrying radios may monitor the competitor's channel, VHF channel 71. RC will use this channel for general information, recalls, and safety issues.
20. EMERGENCY SERVICES-
- 20.1 While on the water, radio or sail by any RC boat for assistance.
- 20.2 For Medical Emergency Services, call 911 and ask for Osage County Dispatcher, tell Osage County Dispatcher you are in Green Country Fire District,

and that you need EMSA dispatched with Green Country Fire District. Tell Osage County Dispatcher where patient is or will be located. Green Country Fire District will arrive and assist EMSA with location, gate access, and life support/basic first aid, unless a Paramedic or EMT is on duty who can perform advanced life support.

20.3 Follow same procedure above for Fire or Sheriff if needed.

Sailing Instruction 11.1—Course diagrams.

