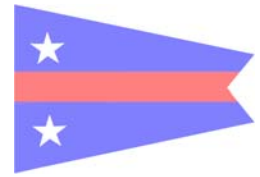




**Texoma Sailing Club**  
Grandpappy Point Marina



## **We Want To See You Racing in 2010!**

Dear TSC Members,

December 16, 2009

We are making many exciting changes to our 2010 racing schedule! They include:

- Creation of the TSC Points Championship, with the winners crowned at the end of the year,
- Addition of three two day, weekend regattas,
- Addition of racing to Cedar Mills and racing back the next day,
- Addition of two classes to the cruising fleet; Cruising Spinnaker and Leisure (Roller Furling Main)
- For 2010, the entire racing program is open to TSC members and non-members alike.

Attached, you will find the 2010 racing schedule and explanation of the regattas, some details on the TSC Points Championship and some Frequently Asked Questions. Given the number of changes that we are making, you are bound to have questions, comments and concerns. As such, we will plan on having an informational session at the clubhouse within the next month. In the mean time please email me at [sail@mdavidlong.com](mailto:sail@mdavidlong.com) with your thoughts.

Sincerely,

David Long  
TSC 2010 Race Captain  
US Sailing Club Race Officer

# Texoma Sailing Club 2010 Championship Racing Schedule

## January 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## July 2010

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Independence Day  
International Chase

## February 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Icebreaker I

## August 2010

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Falling Star Regatta  
*Ol' Man o' The Sea*

## March 2010

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Icebreaker II  
DST Begins  
Icebreaker III

## September 2010

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Wunderlick (Distance)  
Labor Day  
Sundowner I

## April 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Easter  
Lakefest

## October 2010

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Sundowner II  
Full Moon Regatta

## May 2010

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Texoma Classic  
Mothers Day  
Maritime Regatta  
Memorial Day

## November 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Sundowner III  
DST Ends

## June 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Solstice Regatta  
Fathers Day

## December 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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# Regatta Overview

**Icebreaker Series** – Buoy racing; 3 days of racing over a 3 week period; 6 to 9 races.

**Lakefest Regatta** – Buoy racing; 3 days (double TSC Championship points.)

**Texoma Classic Regatta (Destination)** – Pursuit start race to Cedar Mills on Saturday, then race back on Sunday.

**Maritime Day Regatta** – Buoy racing; 2 days; 6 races

**Solstice Regatta (Asbury Cup)** - Buoy racing over 2 days; 4 races.

**International Chase Regatta (Destination)** – Pursuit start race to Cedar Mills on Saturday, then race back on Sunday.

**Falling Star Regatta** – Buoy racing over 2 days; 6 races

**Ol' Man o' The Sea** – Singlehanded race (Does not count towards the TSC Championship, but the winner gets great bragging rights).

**Wunderlick Regatta (Distance)** – 100 and 50 mile distance race (double TSC Championship points)

**Full Moon Regatta (Destination)** – Pursuit start race to Cedar Mills on Saturday, then race back on Sunday. Starting times on Saturday will be late afternoon, with most of the racing after dark.

**Sundowner Series** – Buoy racing; 3 days of racing over a 3 week period; 6 to 9 races.

## Classes

A minimum of the following classes at each Regatta:

- RS - Racing Spinnaker
- CS - Cruising Spinnaker (Asymmetrical. Spinnaker (size restricted:  $\leq 180\%$  of J dimension), no bowsprit),
- C - Cruising, and
- L - Leisure (roller furling mainsails).

Starts and courses will be grouped based on participation levels.

## Regatta Awards

Each Regatta will have awards for the top finishers. These regattas are open to everyone (i.e. not requiring club membership).

## **TSC Championship Points System**

The 2011 TSC racing season includes the crowning of a champion for each racing class. The Championship Points competition is open only to TSC members.

### ***TSC Championship Point Trophies***

TSC Championship trophies will be awarded at the 2011 Commodore's dinner. The stature of these trophies will be commensurate with the esteem that is deserved for a year long points race. A boat is only eligible to win a single TSC Championship trophy.

### ***TSC Championship Points Scoring***

The scoring for the Championship Points uses the low point scoring system as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing (Appendix A), with the following changes:

- Only the boat's final place for each regatta or series will be counted toward her season standing in that particular boat's class - not her individual races.
- Given their regional importance, points for the Lakefest and Wunderlick regattas will be halved (i.e. twice the importance).
- The season standing will be composed of the best (6) six finishes (inclusive of Race Committee point credit, in which case would be the (5) five best finishes + the average of those (5) five regattas) in a given class.
- Only TSC members are eligible for points. For non-members of TSC, points amass only AFTER application for TSC membership. The exception being if the application for membership occurs anytime during a regatta weekend, then points from that regatta will be counted. This is assuming that the applicant is accepted for membership by the TSC Board.

### ***Race Committee TSC Championship Points credit***

Serving on a two day, destination or distance race committee will score as the average of your best 5 regattas. A maximum of (1) one race committee score will be used in calculating championship points. The method of selection for Race Committees is solely left to the discretion of the Organizing Authority's Race Captain.

Race Committee service for a series race will score as the average of all other races within the series (after any throw outs).

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: With all of these two day regattas and destination races, what about accommodations?  
A: Many of our boats can accommodate our crews overnight. We will work with Grandpappy Marina and Cedar Mills Marina for special rates for transient slips, cabins and camping spots. It's not unlike the current challenges for Lakefest and Wunderlick which have been manageable.
2. Q: I've had problems getting crew in the past. How is this going to help?  
A: The new schedule helps in a few different ways:
  - Getting a crew to commit to a single weekend regatta may be easier than getting them to commit to 4 or 5 Saturdays over the course of 2 months in our past series-based racing program.
  - The destination races (to/from Cedar Mills) and the Wunderlick distance race can typically be sailed shorthanded as opposed to more crew intensive buoy racing.
  - To be competitive in the TSC Points Championship, you need to compete in just over half of the events. So, you can focus your crew planning on just the weekends and races you want to compete in and know that you can get crew for.
3. Q: We really like the social activities that TSC has after most of the series races. How will that change?  
A: We have incorporated the social schedule into the racing schedule. The 2 day regattas, destination races and distance races will provide a great regatta atmosphere to our social events (i.e. more people will be staying overnight at the lake). The Cedar Mills Yacht Club is looking forward to hosting us for parties at their clubhouse when we sail there for our destination races.
4. Q: I've never raced before. I've attended a number of the classes TSC has provided, but it still really looks intimidating. How is this easier for me to start racing?  
A: The destination races to/from Cedar Mills will be pursuit starts. That is, your starting time will be based on your handicap and the starting line will not have all the drama that many of the buoy races have. These races will be a lot of fun and a really easy way to break into racing.
5. Q: I've raced before, but my PHRF rating makes it impossible for me to be competitive. How is this going to help?  
A: Your PHRF rating represents an overall, relative average of your boats performance over a wide range of conditions. With the TSC Points Championship taking the entire year into account, you will be encountering some conditions where your boat will fair better than others. Also, if you are in the cruising fleet, the addition of 2 more classes provides better segmentation of different cruising boats and a little less disparity in PHRF performance differences.
6. Q: Why the change to allow non-club members to participate in all of our races for 2010?  
A: There are about 300 sailboats at Grandpappy Point Marina. We have about 100 members. We typically have between 10 and 14 boats racing in our three race series. This is a way to attract more boats to our racing program and more members for our club. Consider this a one year "open house" for our racing program.
7. Q: One thing that is apparent is we will be racing more Sundays. What about church?  
A: We will have a prayer service on Sunday mornings.
8. Q: Do I need to declare which cruising class I'm competing in at the start of the year?  
A: No. You make your decision to the beginning of each regatta. At the end of the year, we will look for the class where you have competed in more than 50% of the regattas. For example, if you compete in some regattas in Cruising Spinnaker class and others in Cruising class, your Championship points will be kept separate for those classes. For race committee points credit, you will need to indicate which class to apply the credit at the end of the year.

9. Q: With the current racing series, we invest a large part of our Saturdays to get in only two races. Sometimes we're back at the clubhouse at 2:30... How does this new program change that?  
A: With the weekend regattas, we will continue to race until the time limit on Saturday, no matter how many races that makes. Our goal is to have 4 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. With the series races, it is the discretion of the race committee to have up to 3 races (as long as they start prior to the time limit).
10. Q: Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing says that the Low Points System may be inappropriate for scoring a long series (A12 - US Sailing Prescriptions). Why are you using this approach?  
A: The modifications we made correct the issues for scoring a long series. It is also the same system that the Texas Sailing Association uses to score their year long youth series.
11. Q: I see you have the Texoma Classic scheduled on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Isn't that the same weekend that DCYC has the Leukemia Cup?  
A: Yes it is. Cedar Mills Yacht Club has their big Cinco de Mayo party that weekend and is looking forward to hosting us. Given that this is a destination race to Cedar Mills, we don't believe this is much of a conflict with the DCYC Leukemia Cup, but we understand that some sailors, boats and crew will be attending DCYC Leukemia Cup instead.
12. Q: There appears to be some date conflict with the Sail Texoma Sailing Association. What's that all about?  
A: Sail Texoma Sailing Association is a new group started by Juan Mauri. We have met with Juan and it appears that the events may dovetail, if there are people interested in participating in both.  
Texoma is a big lake with a lot of sailboats on it. With two racing organizations on the lake, it provides more breadth and attention to the sport and to our lake. We share similar goals and will continue to cooperate together where we share common goals.
13. Q: For the Icebreaker and Sundowner series, it states that there are 6 to 9 races over three Saturdays. Why is there a "range"?  
A: If we have great sailing weather, and there is time to run another race before the time limit stated in the Sailing Instructions, we want to allow for this to occur.