

**2019 Heald Bank Offshore Race
and Pirates Pursuit Bay Race
AND THE BUCCANEER BASH
*Pirates' Pig Roast awards Party***

June 28 – 29, 2019

Lakewood Yacht Club

2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586

Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation

(281) 474-2511

Gulf of Mexico off Galveston Island and Galveston Bay

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Racing Rule A2.1 will be changed as follows: No score will be excluded. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Lakewood Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The offshore race is open to all boats of the following fleets: ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Spin Racer Cruiser, PHRF Non-Spin, PHRF Non-Spin Cruising Canvas, One-Design, and Multihulls. The bay Pursuit option is open to PHRF Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, and One Design. Division splits and class selections will be adjusted at the discretion of the race committee.

3.1.1 PHRF Racer/Cruiser class eligibility is determined by the definitions on the PHRF GB website: <http://www.phrfgb.com/racer-cruiser-definitions> and per those definitions is scored using the spinnaker rating.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online form](#) and paying the required fee by Monday June 24, 2019.

3.3 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: at the discretion of the Regatta Chair and will require an amount equal to the regular entry fee as a tax deductible donation to Bay Access in addition to the entry fee.

3.4 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A minimum of three boats constitutes a class.

4. CLASSIFICATION

N/A

5. FEES

5.1 The required entry fee for the overnight offshore race is \$80. The entry fee for the more casual Saturday bay race is \$60. A \$5 discount is available for US Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. The entry fee includes one free Pirates' Pig Roast wristband and two drink tickets. The entry must be submitted by 2300 on Monday, June 24, 2019 to avoid late fees.

5.2 Other fees:

Priority table reservations will be available for boats whose skipper and affiliated crew and guests purchase eight or more Buccaneer Bash wristbands through the Regatta Store. Additional wristbands for the Buccaneer Bash and Pirates' Pig Roast may be purchased for \$25 each at the Regatta Store [here](#).

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

N/A

7. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	24 June	Registration Deadline	2300
Thursday	27 June	Check in Skipper's Meeting	1830 1930
Friday	28 June	Offshore Racing at Galveston Jetties	First warning no earlier than 1400
Saturday	29 June	Bay Race Pursuit starts Buccaneer Bash Pirates' Pig Roast and Award Party at LYC	First start no earlier than 1045 1800

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a PHRF fleet shall be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a 2019 certificate.

8.2 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a multihull fleet shall submit a current rating certificate from Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA).

8.3 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in an ORC fleet must have a current rating certificate from the Offshore Racing Congress.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically after 1930 on Thursday June 27th at [here](#).

10. VENUE

10.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbor

10.2 Attachment 2 shows the location of the offshore racing areas

10.3 Attachment 3 shows the location of the race area for casual bay race option

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Bay Pursuit Race Course(s) will set out in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Offshore courses are in the table below.

Boat Class	Distance courses, fixed marks, 2 leg reaching course approximately ~60 NM	Distance courses, fixed marks, 3 leg triangular course ~90 NM
ORC Spinnaker	No	Yes
PHRF Racer/Cruiser Spinnaker	No	Yes
PHRF non-Spinnaker	Yes	No
One Design	No	Yes
Multi Hull	Yes	Yes
PHRF Cruising Canvas Non Spin class	Yes	No

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 N/A

12.2 For the PHRF Non-Spin classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring system is as follows: A2 is modified so that no races are discarded. The sailing instructions will describe this in more detail.

13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 For the offshore race, PHRF and TOMA ratings will use Time on Time (TOT) scoring with a B factor of 600 used for very light conditions, 550 for average conditions, and 480 for heavy conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

N/A

15. BERTHING

15.1 Racers are welcome to bring boats to the inner harbor of LYC before and after the regatta, but space may be limited for overnight storage. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting harbor master at (281) 474-2540.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

17. 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 regatta.[DP]

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.[DP]. The Race committee will communicate with competitors via Marine VHF radio on a channel specified in the sailing instructions and may communicate via text messaging.

19. PRIZES

19.1 One trophy will be awarded in classes with three boats. Two trophies will be awarded in classes with four or five boats, three trophies in classes with six to eight boats and four trophies in classes with more than eight boats.

19.2 The Heald Bank Offshore Regatta is one of three events of the **Texas Offshore Circuit (TORC)**. (The GBCA Texas Race Week and the HYC Offshore Regatta constitute the other two events.)

19.2.1 • **Texas Navy Trophy**. Boats sailing in the ORC Spinnaker Class will be eligible to compete for the TORC championship trophy, the Texas Navy Trophy, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class. For purposes of Texas Navy Trophy scoring, two races of the Texas Race Week Regatta will be scored, along with one of either the LYC Heald Bank or HYC Offshore. Eligible yachts will be scored against each other, and not against ineligible yachts.

19.2.2 • **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy**. Boats sailing in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class will be eligible for the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Bay Access Sailing Foundation, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. No boat shall participate in this race unless the skipper and all crew members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability prior to the skippers' meeting. At the discretion of the race committee chair, crew member waivers may be accepted after the Skippers' Meeting but prior to the race start. Failure to submit a waiver for each crew member will result in the entry being incomplete, and the boat will not be considered to be participating in the event. Skipper waivers are submitted with the online entry form. Crew waivers are submitted on-line [here](#).

A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers will also be provided [here](#). It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to check in on race day to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

21. INSURANCE

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

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Website <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17208>

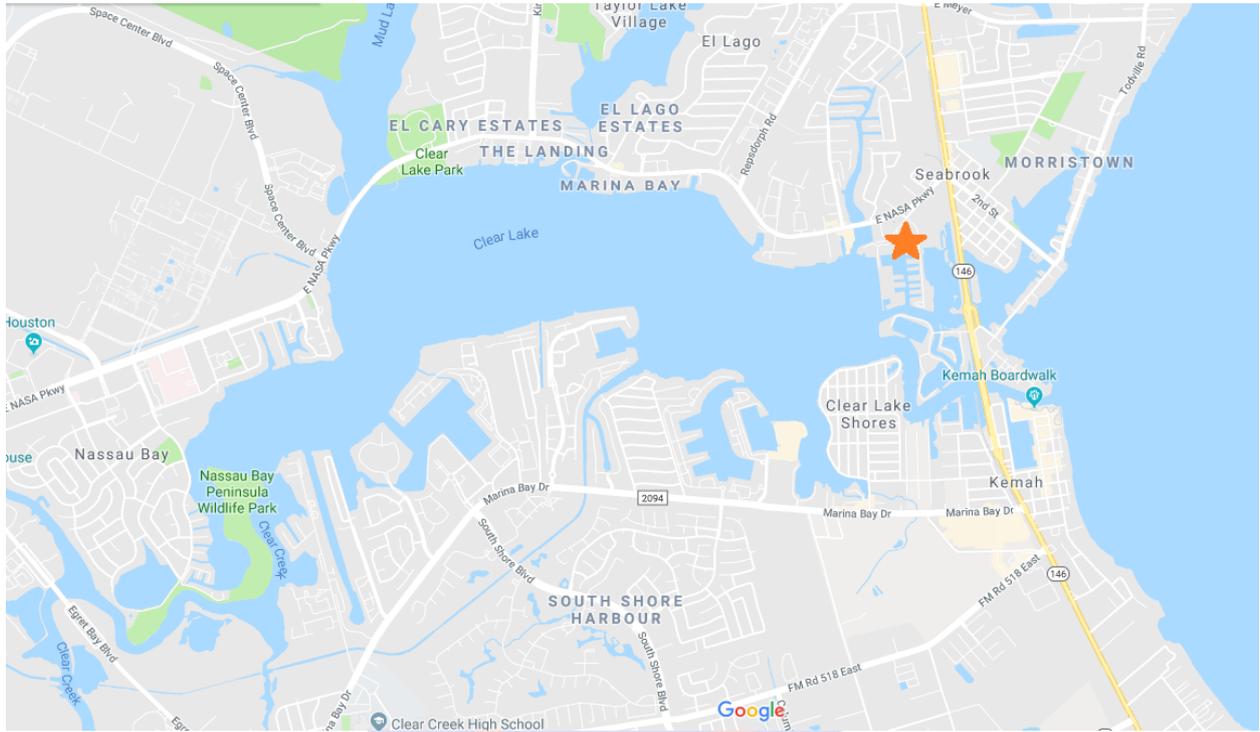
Contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or Andrea Todaro, Heald Bank Offshore Regatta Chair at (281) 658-3610 or email atodaro@SBCGlobal.net.



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Attachment 1

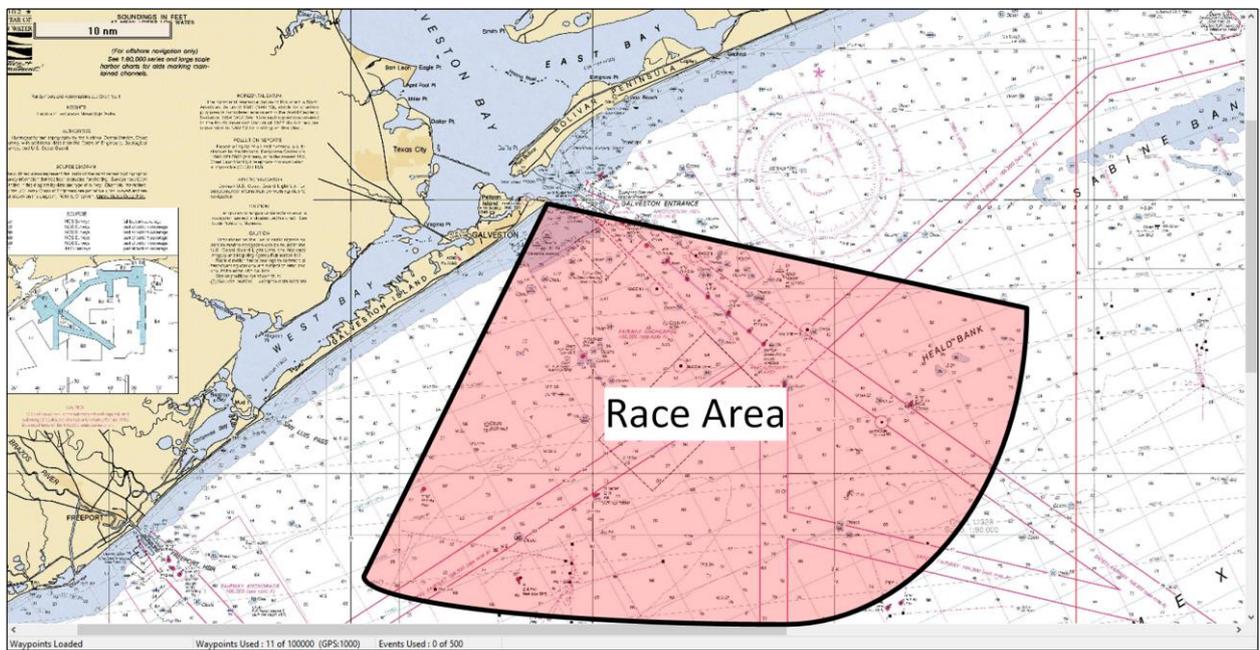
Harbor Location



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Attachment 2

Offshore Race Area



Attachment 3

Bay Race Area



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