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LYC Bay Cup I Notice of Race

March 3, 2012 Organizing Authority: Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway Seabrook, Texas 281-474-2511

1. Rules: The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009-2012.

2. Race Area: The race area will be in Galveston Bay.

3. Classes: PHRF Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising Poleless Spin, Cruising Non-Spin (Classic Canvas), Short-

handed Offshore Sailors (SOS), Multihull and One Design classes, if they form a class of at least four

boats.

4. Class Size: A minimum of four boats constitutes a class.

5. Schedule: Wednesday, February 29th

Entry deadline 1900 hours

Friday, March 2nd

Skippers' Meeting, Lakewood Yacht Club, Ballroom 1930 hours

Saturday, March 3rd

Warning gun for first start will be no earlier than Party, Food, Band, Lakewood Yacht Club Grounds 1800 hours

6. Measurement: All classes except One Design classes shall submit a current rating certificate from the cognizant

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rating authority (e.g. PHRF-GB, Texas Offshore Multihull Association, etc.) prior to the entry deadline. Certificates can be submitted via Fax (281 474-3502), email (race@lakewoodyachtclub.com) or at the Skipper's Meeting. Cruising boats without current PHRF rating, shall complete and submit the Cruising Class Rating Form online during the registration process from which a "club handicap" will be assigned by the Race Committee, or Cruising boats may submit a signed statement to Race Committee that the boat competed in the 2011 Harvest Moon Regatta® and that the boat is listed in the HMR database online at: http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AghlYbn7-

GnFdFFlbzJ5MlNuWktUdjZUaHU4QmpLLWc&hl=en and all information is correct and current.

- 7. Conditions of Entry: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (Bay Access Inc., Lakewood Yacht Club, the 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.
- 8. Waivers: 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 on-line entry form. Crew member waivers are submitted on-line at:
 https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=4909
 - A link to the crew waiver is available on the www.lakewoodyachtclub.com website in the lower right hand corner of the Home Page. A link to the list of all persons who have submitted waivers is also provided:
 http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=4909&custom_report_id=70
 - It is the skipper's obligation to insure 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Entry Fees: The Entry Fee is \$70. A \$5 discount is available for US SAILING Members. The Entry Fee is payable by credit card, yacht club reciprocal charge, or check. Entry fees will be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race Committee of the withdrawal on or before the Entry Deadline (February, 29, 2012).
- 11. Entry Deadline: The Entry must be submitted by 1900 on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee Chair but will require a \$75 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access, Inc.
- 12. Sailing Instructions: The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

Courses: Courses will be set within Galveston Bay, west of the Houston Ship Channel, south of the Bayport

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Ship Channel and east of the Seabrook/Kemah/Bacliff shoreline. We intend to offer two lines: A cruising line for the Classic Canvas class and possibly other classes. A pursuit start and up to two races are planned for the cruising line. A second line will be offered to racers competing in PHRF Spin and PHRF Non-Spin classes as well as One Design and other classes. Standard five minute timed starts are planned for this line. Courses for this line may include windward/leeward or digital N courses and distance courses around fixed and/or dropped marks. Up to three races may be offered. The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and will be described during the skippers' meeting.

- 14. Notices to Competitors: Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board at Lakewood Yacht Club.
- 15. Prizes and Scoring: Awards shall be presented to no more than 3 places in each class. In order to qualify for a series trophy you must race the same boat in the same class for Bay Cup I and Bay Cup II. PHRF scoring will use Time on Distance (TOD) scoring. The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. No scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A.
- 16. Docking/Launching: Space may be limited for in-water overnight storage of boats during the Regatta. Accommodations must be made in advance and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Please contact the Lakewood Yacht Club Harbor Administrator Lynda Hall at 281-474-2540. Launching cranes, ramps, and storage are available at no charge.
- 17. Advertising: As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Lakewood Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

Further Information: For further information please contact Lakewood Yacht Club at (281) 474-2511 or Gerhard Wittich, LYC Race Committee Chair at (713) 854-6240 or email gwittich@me.com

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