Lakewood Yacht Club's

2014 Bay Cup I
Notice of Race
March 1, 2014
Organizing Authority: Bay Access
2425 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586
(281) 474-2511

1. **Rules:** The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016.
2. **Race Area:** The racing area will be in Galveston and Trinity Bays.
3. **Classes:** Potential classes include PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising Poleless Spin, Cruising Non-Spin-Classic Canvas (i.e. Dacron sails), Shorthanded Offshore Sailors (SOS), Multihull and One Design Classes. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
4. **Class Size:** A minimum of four boats constitutes a class.

5. **Schedule:**

Wednesday, February 26: Entry deadline…………………………………………2100 hours

Friday, February 28: Skippers meeting, LYC lounge.......................1930 hours

Saturday, March 1: Warning signal for first start will be no earlier than…………………………………………………………………………………….1030 hours

Party, food, band, on the LYC club grounds………………………………1800 hours

6. **Measurement:** Monohulls racing in a PHRF fleet must be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a new certificate; a digital copy of the new certificate should be obtained from the PHRF secretary and uploaded to the boat's race registration. Multihulls shall submit a current rating certificate from Texas Offshore Multihull Association. Cruising boats will be assigned a "cruising handicap" by the Race Committee. Cruising boats that have competed in a recent Harvest Moon Regatta® and that are correctly listed in HMR database shall verify, during the online registration process, that the boat is listed in the HMR database online and all information is still correct and current. The database can be found via the HarvestMoonRegatta.com website on the Regatta Information/Enter the Race page at item 4, or click the link below to access the database.

> http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AghlYbn7-GnFdFFlbzJ5MlNuWktUdjZUaHU4QmpLLWc&hl=en

Cruising boats not listed in the HMR database or whose listing is not correct, shall complete and submit the Cruising Class Rating Form online during the registration process.

7. **Conditions of Entry:** 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, 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.

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.
    o **Skipper Waivers** are submitted with the online entry form.
    o **Crew Waivers** are submitted on-line at:
       https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=7782

   A link to the crew waiver is available on the LakewoodYachtClub.com on the Regatta Info Page at the top. A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers is also provided:
       http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=7782&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 $75. A $5 discount is available for US Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. Entry fees will be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race committee of the withdrawal from the race before the entry deadline. The entry fee includes one free dinner and two drink tickets. Additional dinner tickets will be available for $18.

11. **Entry Deadline:** The entry must be submitted by 2100 hours on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair but will require a $75 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access.

12. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

13. **Courses:** Courses will be set around fixed and dropped marks in Galveston and Trinity Bays.

14. **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board near the pool at Lakewood Yacht Club.

15. **Scoring:** PHRF scoring will use Time on Distance (TOD) scoring. No scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A.

16. **Awards:** 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.

    To qualify for a series trophy, a boat must compete in the same class during the 2014 Bay Cup I and Bay Cup II regattas and must be sailed by the same skipper.

17. **Docking and Launching:** Racers are welcome to bring boats to the inner harbor of LYC but space may be limited for overnight storage. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting harbor master Lynda Hall at (281) 474-2540. Launching cranes, ramps and storage will be available at no charge during the regatta.

18. **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.

For further information please contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or Gerhard Wittich, Bay Cup I Regatta Chair at (713) 854-6240 or email gwittich@me.com

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