

Heald Bank Offshore Race 2015

Hosted By Lakewood Yacht Club

Notice of Race

April 25 and 26, 2015

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

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1. **Rules:** The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2013-2016
2. **Race Area:** This is an offshore race in the Gulf of Mexico, which will start in the Galveston jetties at marker #11 and finish inside the jetties. Spinnaker yachts will sail a triangular course of approximately 90 NM. Non-spinnaker yachts will sail a two leg course of approximately 60 NM.
3. The **LYC Heald Bank Race** is the first event of the **Texas Offshore Racing Circuit (TORC)**. The others are the [HYC Offshore Regatta](#) and both [GBCA Offshore #1 and #2 Races](#). Boats sailing in the PHRF Spinnaker Class must be registered participants in all four offshore races to be in contention for the **Texas Navy Cup**. Boats sailing in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class will also be eligible for the **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy**, if they enter all four races.
4. **Classes:** PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non Spinnaker, Cruising Non-Spinnaker (Classic Canvas, i.e. Dacron sails), Cruising Poleless Spinnaker, One-Design and Multihull.
5. **Class Size:** A minimum of four boats constitutes a class. A fleet of fewer than four entries will be regarded as having failed to form and will be assigned to another fleet or the entry fee will be refunded upon request.

6. **Schedule:**

Wednesday, April 22, 2015	
Entry deadline	2100 hours
Friday, April 24, 2015	
Skippers' meeting	1930 hours
Saturday, April 25, 2015	
Warning for Spinnaker Yachts	1255 hours
Warning for Non-Spinnaker Yachts	1325 hours
Monday, April 27, 2015	
After Race "Steak & Stories" Party at LYC	1800 hours

7. **Measurement:** All classes except One Design and Cruising classes must have a current rating certificate from the cognizant rating authority (e.g. PHRF-GB, Texas Offshore Multihull Association, etc.) prior to the entry deadline. Cruising boats 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 2014 Harvest Moon Regatta®, the rating assigned then, and that all information provided in support of that rating remains current. The HMR database can be found via the HarvestMoonRegatta.com website on the Regatta Information/Enter the Race page at item 4, or click [this link](#) to access the database.
8. **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, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any yacht 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.
9. **Waivers:** No boat shall participate in any race of this series unless the skipper and all crew members have signed the appropriate waiver of liability provided with this NOR, and the waivers are turned in to the Race Committee before the Skippers' Meeting. Failure to provide a signed 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. At the discretion of the Race Committee Chair, signed crew member waivers may be accepted after the Skippers Meeting so long as they are received prior to the first race sailed by the signing crew member.

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=9848

A link to regatta information, including crew waiver, is available on the LakewoodYachtClub.com website in the lower right hand corner. A link to the list of all persons who have submitted waivers is also provided.

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.

10. **Insurance:** Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.
11. **Entry Fees:** The Entry Fee is \$75. 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 prior to the Entry Deadline.
12. **Entry Deadline:** The Entry must be submitted by 2100 hours on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but in addition to the entry fee will require a \$75 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access, Inc.
13. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.
14. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board of Lakewood Yacht Club located near the west end of the swimming pool.
15. **Scoring and Prizes:** Awards shall be presented to the first two finishers in classes of four and five yachts and to the first three finishers in classes of six or more yachts. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring. Trophies will be awarded at the award presentation of the LYC Shoe Regatta.
16. **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 race@lakewoodyachtclub.com or David Comeaux, Heald Bank Regatta Chair, at comeauxvi@earthlink.net or (832) 236-3292.