



J/80
NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
2015



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October 8-11, 2015

2425 Nasa Parkway

Seabrook, TX 77586 USA

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club and J/80 Fleet 2

The Organizing Authority is Bay Access and the J/80 USA Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2. a "Member" eThe regatta is vent in accordance with J/80 Class Rule (CR) C.3.
 - 1.3. No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except:
 - a) RRS/US 61.4
 - b) the prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1
 - c) RRS/US Appendix R
 - d) RRS/US Appendix T Section A, B and D
 - 1.4. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus 2 without a hearing.
 - 1.5. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time on the last day of racing for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be re-opened.
 - 1.6. RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."
 - 1.7. For boats chartered or loaned for this event, RRS G3 concerning national letters and sail numbers will apply.

2. ADVERTISING - Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open only to J/80 class boats in compliance with the J/80 Class Rules. All helmsmen must conform to section C 3 of the J/80 Class Rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and submitting the required documentation via the online entry website (www.regattanetwork.com) and paying the required fees.
- 3.3. Entries may be accepted after the late entry deadline of 1900 September 30, 2015 at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.4. To qualify as a competitor an entrant shall complete the registration and measurement process by 1800 on October 8, 2015. Crew weighing must be completed before racing.

4. CLASSIFICATION - ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply as required by CR C.3.3.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is as follows:
 - US \$ 300 for entries received by 2400 September 23, 2015.
 - US \$ 400 for entries received after 2400 September 23, 2015 and before 1900 September 30, 2015.The entry is payable in full by 1900 September 30, 2015 and is non-refundable after September 30, 2015.
- 5.2. Other fees: The entry fee includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and up to three crew. Social packages for additional crew and/or guests will be available for purchase online and at registration.
- 5.3. Docking will be available for all competitors at designated LYC docks at no charge.
- 5.4. Trailers and cars may be stored at no charge either on LYC premises or in designated off-premises location
- 5.5. As a convenience, Lunches may be purchased during registration on Regatta Network.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration and crew weighing will be on **Thursday, October 8, 2015** from **900** to 1800 at the Lakewood Yacht Club clubhouse (Ballroom Foyer). Late weigh in will be available by appointment from 0730 to 0830 on race days.

- 6.2. Boat measurement and inspection will be available on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 900 to 1800.
- 6.3. The skippers' meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Ballroom.
- 6.4. Racing is scheduled to begin on Friday, October 9, 2015 and continue through Sunday, October 11, 2015. Scheduled time of the first warning signal for each day is 1000.
- 6.5. On Friday and Saturday, no races will be started after 4pm. No race will be started after 1300 on Sunday, October 11, 2015.
- 6.6. Pre-ordered race day lunches can be picked up in the LYC Ballroom Foyer between 0730 and 0830 on race days.

7. MEASUREMENTS and INSPECTION

- 7.1. To complete the registration process, all boats and sails shall be inspected during the event measurement and inspection period. This shall be evidenced by submissions of a complete Boat Inspection, Measurement and Weigh form.
- 7.2. All sails to be used during the event are subject to fundamental measurement during the event measurement and inspection period.
- 7.3. All boats shall be measured (including weighing) during the event measurement and inspection period.
- 7.4. Further measurement or equipment inspections may be conducted before or after any race at the discretion of the race committee.
- 7.5. Changes or substitution of sails listed as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair or destroyed) may only be made with the written consent of the Class Measurer or their representative, and the Race Committee.
- 7.6. Changes to the crew list submitted at registration may only be made with the written consent of the race committee. Completed copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during crew weigh-in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.7. Bow numbers will be assigned by the race committee and given to each participating boat at registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be published online at www.regattanetwork.com.

9. **VENUE** - Attachment A shows the location of the club and the approximate racing area in Galveston Bay.

10. **THE COURSES** - The courses to be sailed will be windward - leeward.

11. **PENALTY SYSTEM** – In accordance with RRS Appendix T section A, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 will be changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that if six (6) or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.2. One completed race is required to constitute a championship.
- 12.3. A maximum of 12 races are scheduled.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Boats shall not receive a tow to the starting area except from other competing boats.
- 13.2. Rule 41 and the preamble to Part 4 of the racing rules will be modified to prohibit any outside assistance from the time a boat leaves her mooring and/or dock-slip for the first race of the day until she concludes racing for the day, except from other competitors, organizing authority boats, and support boats as permitted in NoR 13.3.
- 13.3. When not racing, boats may confer with their support boats in person without the use of electronic communications.
- 13.4. Berths for support boats will not be provided.

14. BERTHING - Boats shall be docked only in the designated LYC premises from 1800 October 8, 2015 until completion of racing on Sunday October 11, 2015.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1. Except in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15.2. All boats shall be in the water by 1800 on Thursday, October 8, 2015 and shall remain in the water through the end of the regatta, subject to the provisions of NoR 15.1.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS - From 1800 on Thursday, October 8, 2015 until the end of the regatta, underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats that are sailing in the event.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. 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.

17.2. The race committee intends to use VHF Channel 72 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts. All boats must carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on US channels 9, 13, 16, 69, 71, 72, 73 and 78.

18. PRIZES - Prizes will be given to the overall 1st through 5th place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Lakewood Yacht Club. The Lakewood Yacht Club, the J/80 Class Association, J/80 Fleet 10, and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

20. WAIVERS

20.1. No boat shall participate in this regatta 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.

20.2. 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=9914

20.3. A link to the crew waiver is available on the LakewoodYachtClub.com website. 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=9914&custom_report_id=70

20.4. 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 US\$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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23. NOR Accomodations Addendum :

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/9913/2015J80NAandJFestNORAddendum1Accommodations.pdf

Attachment A

