

NOTICE OF RACE 2016 Pro-Am Regatta Regatta #1 of the Spring Collaborative Fleet Series HILL COUNTRY YACHT CLUB (HCYC)



Saturday Mar. 19th, 2016

Eligibility: This is an open race. **All PHRF and centerboard boats** (board boats and multihulls) are eligible. Yacht club membership is **not** a requirement for race entry. Non-HCYC member entrants and crews are welcome to the HCYC facility. Single handed boat entries are welcome.

Collaborative Fleet Spring Series: In addition to the March Pro-AM regatta being a stand along regatta, this regatta shall also be regatta #1 of the Collaborative Fleet Spring Series. Guidelines for the Collaborative Fleet Spring Series are found in a separate document.

Rules: This race will be governed by the RACING RULES OF SAILING 2013-2016, this Notice of Race, and by the current version of the Canyon Lake Sailing Instructions as modified for HCYC use. Other changes or modifications to the above rules and sailing instructions may be announced and posted at the skipper's meeting.

Possible Classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF Big Boats, PHRF Cruisers, and Portsmouth (board boats). Three (3) or more boats may constitute a fleet. Fleets of less than 3 boats may be set at the discretion of the Race Committee. Actual fleets will be set and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

Races & Course:

This is a three race regatta around a course based on wind conditions on race day. The course will be set at the discretion of the Race Committee. The starting area will be on the main body of the lake between Canyon Park and Comal Park. Any change to the starting area will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

Race #1 will be one in which the Pro skipper is in control, at the helm or otherwise giving crew direction. Races #2 and #3 will be in which the Amateur takes the helm or otherwise is in control giving crew direction. There may be multiple amateurs on each boat.

Trophies: Trophies will be based upon registrations received per class. 3-4 boats = 1 trophy; 5-7 = 2; 8-9 = 3; 10 or more = 4. The minimum number of trophies per class will be one.

Timetable: End of Regular Registration: 11:59 PM, Friday, Mar. 18, 2016. Late registration is from 12:00 am, Saturday, Mar. 19, 2016 through 11:30 am. Registration made during the late period will incur a \$5 late fee. **Skipper's Meeting: 11:00 AM**, Saturday, Mar. 19, 2016. Warning signal for first start will be 12:55 pm.

Start of Race: 1:00 PM, Saturday, Mar. 19, 2015. Warning signal for first start at 12:55 PM.

Results Presentation: All racers, crew, and family are invited to the HCYC clubhouse after the races for 6 pm Social, 7 PM Irish Dinner, and Party with Line Dancing and 2 Steppin'.

Please note the Hill Country Yacht Club does not serve beer or alcoholic beverages. **Guests are welcome to BYOB**.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS #4, 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.

Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance at boat owner's expense.

Radio communication: HCYC race committee will be communicating on and monitoring channel 69. Racers are encouraged to have a working VHF marine band radio tuned to channel 69. For this regatta, please preface

all communication related to the race with "Hill Country". Example: "Hill Country race committee, this is Mary Celeste".

Entry Fees: Registration may be done online at <u>http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11933</u> Competitive registrations: \$25.00 per boat, by club charge or credit card through Regatta Network. Non-competitive registrations: \$5 per boat, by club charge or credit card through Regatta Network. Noncompetitive entries will not be eligible for trophies and will not contribute to class trophy count. Two dinners are included for non-HCYC members in each competitive registration. Additional dinners are available at \$5 per person.

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