

2016 J/Fest Southwest Regatta – October 29-30, 2016



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Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Notice of Race

October 29th and 30th, 2016

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1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2013-2016, the safety regulations and rules of the individual one design classes, and Galveston Bay PHRF class rules for the J/PHRF and J/Cruise classes.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all J/Boats. Expected classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/105, J/PHRF Spin (Sym), J/PHRF Spin (Asym), and J/Cruise.
- 2.2. Classes require a minimum of 4 boats. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3. All classes without the sufficient number of boats are invited to participate in the J/PHRF (W/L) or J/Cruise (Distance) classes.
- 2.4. Registration:
 - 2.4.1. **Early Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Sunday, August 28th, 2016**, and includes:
 - REGATTA T-SHIRTS FOR SKIPPER AND CREW
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.2. **Regular Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Saturday, October 22nd, 2016**, and includes:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.3. **Late Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Wednesday, October 26th, 2016** and will include an additional \$50 Late Fee. Included are:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.4. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will require an additional \$100 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access.

3. Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Entry Fee is \$95. A \$5.00 discount is available for US SAILING Members. The Late Entry fee is \$145 (\$95 + \$50 Late Fee). 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 prior to the Late Registration Deadline.

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4. Schedule:

Sunday, August 28th, 2016

Early Registration deadline 1700 hours

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

Registration deadline 1700 hours

Wednesday, October 26th, 2016

Late Registration deadline 1700 hours

Friday, October 28th, 2016

Skippers' meeting 1930 hours

Saturday, October 29th, 2016

1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours

Pool Party 1700 hours

Dinner 1800 hours

Sunday, October 30th, 2016

1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours

No Starts after 1300 hours

Awards Presentation 1600 hours

5. Insurance

5.1. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

6. Race Area

6.1. The racing area will be in Galveston Bay, and generally East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2 and West of the Houston Ship Channel. Multiple separate lines are planned.

7. Courses

Windward/Leeward Courses: Potential classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/105, J/PHRF Spin (Sym), J/PHRF Spin (Asym), and other J/boat One-Design classes.

Distance Course: J/Cruise.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and online at Regatta Network and J/Fest Southwest website.

9. Notices to Competitors

9.1. 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.

10. Scoring and Prizes:

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores and no scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2 and A4.
- 10.2. Awards will be presented to the top third of each class, up to five. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring.
- 10.3. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants by sponsors.

11. Measurement

- 11.1. Boats competing in the PHRF and J/Cruise classes shall submit a current rating certificate from the cognizant rating authority (e.g. PHRF-GB) prior to the entry deadline, unless a current certificate is already on file with Lakewood Yacht Club (i.e., competed in 2016 Bay Cup I, 2016 Shoe Regatta, 2016 Bay Cup II) or the boat is on the current Galveston Bay PHRF Valid List.

12. Waivers

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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=12778
- 12.3. 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=12778&custom_report_id=70
- 12.4. 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.

13. Spectator Boat

- 13.1. A spectator boat (68' motoryacht) will be available on Saturday, October 29th for family and friends of J/Fest sailors to view the racing action. A fee of \$20 per person will be charged to defray the cost of lunch and beverage.
- 13.2. The spectator boat will leave the Inner Harbor of LYC at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 29th, and return at 1:30 pm. Space is limited and reservations must be made on Regatta Network. Reservation deadline is October 14th, 2016.

14. 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.

15. Docking/Launching

Competitors are welcome to leave their boats in the Inner Harbor of LYC during the Regatta, however reservations must be made in advance by contacting the LYC Harbor Administrator, Lynda Hall, at 281-474-2540. We expect to have the launch crane for the larger boats (>2 tons) available on Friday (10/28/16) afternoon and Sunday (10/30/2016) afternoon. Launch of larger boats must be arranged in advance by calling LYC to schedule a launch time. Launching crane for smaller boats (< 2 tons) and boat ramp are available at no charge.

16. Accommodations/Lodging

Nearby accommodations in Seabrook are available, and are offering special event rates. Refer to the link below for details and contact information.

<http://www.jfestsouthwest.com/lodging.html>

17. ADDENDUM TO NOR FOR J/24 CLASS

The NOR Addendum for the J/24 Class is available at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/12777/J24AddendumNOR2016.pdf

Further Information: For further information please contact Lakewood Yacht Club at (281) 474-2511 or race@lakewoodyachtclub.com or David Christensen, J/Fest Committee Chair at 832-439-5113 or email dc1sail@comcast.net .