



LYC Bay Cup I

March 4, 2017

Presented by: Lakewood Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 ("RRS").
- 1.2 The Penalty for violating RRS 31 by touching an anchored Committee Boat shall be to retire, and no exoneration is available. This modifies RRS 44.1 and 64.1(a).
- 1.3 The penalty for violating a rule of Part 2 with the result that another boat touches an anchored Race Committee Boat, shall be for the offending boat to retire.
- 1.4 For purposes of Sailing Instructions 1.2 and 1.3, touching a float and its line trailing from an anchored Race Committee Boat will not be treated as touching an anchored Race Committee Boat, but will be treated as touching a mark in violation of RRS 31 and penalties and exoneration will be controlled by RRS 44.1 and 64.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the west end of the pool at Lakewood Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail on the appropriate VHF channel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm at Lakewood Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 120 minutes".

5. RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The warning gun for the first start will be no earlier than 1030 hours.
- 5.2 One or two races will be held. If a second race is held, it will be sailed in the same waters as the first race (Trinity Bay or Galveston Bay).

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Class assignments and class flags will be identified and designated in Attachment B.

7. CRUISING CLASS RULES

- 7.1 Boats in the Classic Canvas Class may use sails made only of woven polyester such as Dacron.
- 7.2 Boats in the Classic Canvas Class may use power driven winches. This modifies RRS 52.
- 7.3 Two headsails may not be carried at the same time, except while changing headsails, the replacing sail may be set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered.
- 7.4 A whisker pole may be used to wing out a headsail, the luff of which must be attached to a headstay. A whisker pole or spinnaker pole shall not be used to wing out an asymmetrical spinnaker.
- 7.5 Boats in the Cruising Poleless Spinnaker Class may use only asymmetrical spinnakers, or symmetrical spinnakers flown like an asymmetrical spinnaker by means of a tacking device such as an ATN Tacker. No more than one spinnaker may be flown at a time and no more than two spinnakers may be carried on board. The Tack Point of

Spinnaker (TPS) must be attached at the centerline of the boat. TPS shall not exceed 125% of "J". Maximum Spinnaker Girth shall be no greater than 183% of "J" and Maximum Spinnaker Luff shall be no greater than 102% of "I". The spinnaker may be used with or without a pennant, adjustable tack line, snuffer, or furler. No other spinnakers are allowed.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The race area will be in Trinity Bay or Galveston Bay.
- 8.2 The starting area for courses 1-2 will be in Trinity Bay, east and north of Markers "3" and "4" of the South Boater Cut. The start for courses 3-4 will be in Galveston Bay, S of the Clear Creek Channel, approximately within half a nautical mile of Marker "1" of this channel. The approximate locations of the starting lines for different courses are described in Attachment A.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 and will use this channel to communicate with racers regarding the starting location and the starting sequence. Boats not having a VHF radio or one not operational will not use this as grounds for redress.

10. CHECK IN

- 10.1 Before the first Warning Signal of the first race, a boat shall check in with the Race Committee on the water by sailing past the stern of the anchored Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and hailing the boat's name or sail number, until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boats may not check in by VHF radio.
- 10.2 Failure to check in is not subject to protest by another boat.
- 10.3 In the event the Race Committee protests a boat for failure to check in, the penalty shall be disqualification for violation of rule 10.4.
- 10.4 At each boat's check-in, every person on board shall be visible on deck wearing or holding a personal floatation device (PFD).

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 Course descriptions are set out in Attachment A.
- 11.2 The "Approximate Start Areas" set out in Attachment A are shown for convenience only and are not intended to set out a specific location for the starting line or to set out specific bearings from the starting line to the first mark.
- 11.3 No later than the Warning Signal for each class, the Race Committee will display, through the use of numeral pennants, the course to be sailed for that start. The race committee may, in its discretion, set different courses for different classes.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Fixed marks will be those designated in the course descriptions in Attachment A. Inflatable marks will be orange tetrahedrons or orange buoys.
- 12.2 In the event of a race in Trinity Bay, inflatable marks will be named as follows and be located in the following approximate positions:

| Mark name | Lat | Lon |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| TB 1 | 29*32.950 | 94*53.300 |
| TB 2 | 29*34.750 | 94*53.600 |
| TB 3 | 29*35.500 | 94*51.500 |
| TB 4 | 29*33.600 | 94*50.650 |

- 12.3 In the event of a race in Galveston Bay, marks will be in the following approximate positions:

| Mark | Approximate Coordinate | Description |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Start/Finish Gate | N 29° 32.567' W 094° 59.545' | <i>RC Signal boat and a nearby orange Tetrahedron</i> |
| E | N 29° 35.787' W 094° 56.935' | <i>The Low Range Marker (Upper Range "A") in Galveston Bay. The mark is an orange and white structure near Houston Ship Channel Marker #73, 0.23 nm NNW of the old low range.</i> |
| H | N 29° 33.255' W 094° 56.542' | <i>A platform located in Galveston bay, approximately 1.3 nm WSW of the Houston Ship Channel marker #65.</i> |
| South Boat Cut 8 | N 29° 32.417 W 094° 55.080' | <i>A channel marker in Galveston bay, near the Houston Ship Channel marker 61</i> |
| Todville Rd beach Tet | N 29° 34.500' W 094° 59.300' | <i>An anchored 8' Tetrahedron</i> |
| San Leon beach Tet | N 29° 31.570' W 094° 57.400' | <i>An anchored 8' Tetrahedron</i> |

13. THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a ball or tetrahedron on the port end of the line.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 13.3 Boats starting late shall keep clear of boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats starting more than 20 minutes after the start of their class will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 13.4 The race will start in accordance with RRS 26.

14. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND CROSSING OF THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL

- 14.1 Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels operating in the Houston Ship Channel (HSC). Boats doing so will be subject to protest and will be disqualified.
- 14.2 The HSC is an obstruction. It may not be entered or crossed while racing.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 In the event the Race Committee decides to shorten the course for some, but not all classes, the Race Committee will display the class flag for the class or classes whose course is being shortened along with the "S" flag as required by RRS 32.2.

16. RETIRING

- 16.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by one or more of the following means: a) by radio using VHF Channel 72; b) by calling the LYC Office (281) 474-2511; c) by sailing past the Race Committee boat and announcing withdrawal and receiving acknowledgment.

17. THE FINISH

- 17.1 Except in the event of a shortened course pursuant to RRS 32, the Finishing Line for all courses will be between an orange ball, and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race Committee Boat.

18. TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 The time limit for boats to finish is 1530. If any boat in a class finishes within the time limit, other boats in that class that start but do not finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1 The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will use RRS Appendix T which has been modified for the 2017-2020 RRS. It includes arbitration and post-race penalties.
- 19.2 A boat intending to protest another boat or to request redress shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by one or more of the following means: a) by radio using VHF Channel 72; b) by calling the LYC Office (281) 474-2511; c) by sailing past the Race Committee boat and hailing their intent, identifying the other boat, and receiving acknowledgment. A list of notifications will be posted as soon as it is available.
- 19.3 Protest forms are available in the LYC Clubhouse Office. Protests shall be delivered there as soon as possible and within the protest time limit. Protestors and Protestees are requested to promptly go to the LYC Clubhouse Office to either wait for resolution or leave a reliable contact number.

- 19.4 The protest time limit will be sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat returns to the Lakewood Inner Harbor.
- 19.5 Notices of scheduled hearing times and locations will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit.
- 19.6 Notice of a protest by the Race Committee will be posted on the official notice board.
- 19.7 This Regatta will not use the US Sailing Prescriptions to the rules concerning Redress hearings, specifically Rules 60 and 63.2.

20. SCORING

- 20.1 All handicap classes will be scored using Time on Distance (TOD) scoring.
- 20.2 No score will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first two boats in classes or divisions of four or five boats, to the first three boats in classes or divisions of six or seven boats and to the first four boats in classes with eight or more boats.
- 21.2 Bay Cup Series awards will be given to the top finishers in each class, who will have competed in both 2017 Bay Cup I and 2017 Bay Cup II (same boat, same class, same skipper).
- 21.3 Prizes will be awarded during the post-race party Saturday evening.

22. INSURANCE

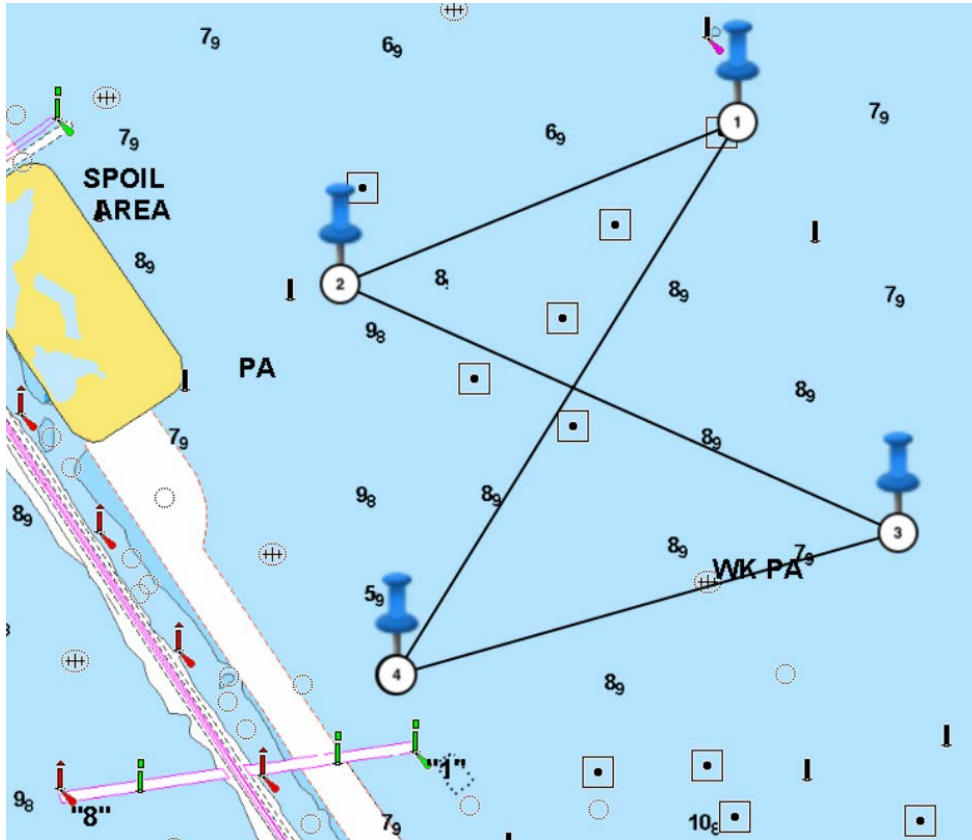
- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$ 300,000 per event.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

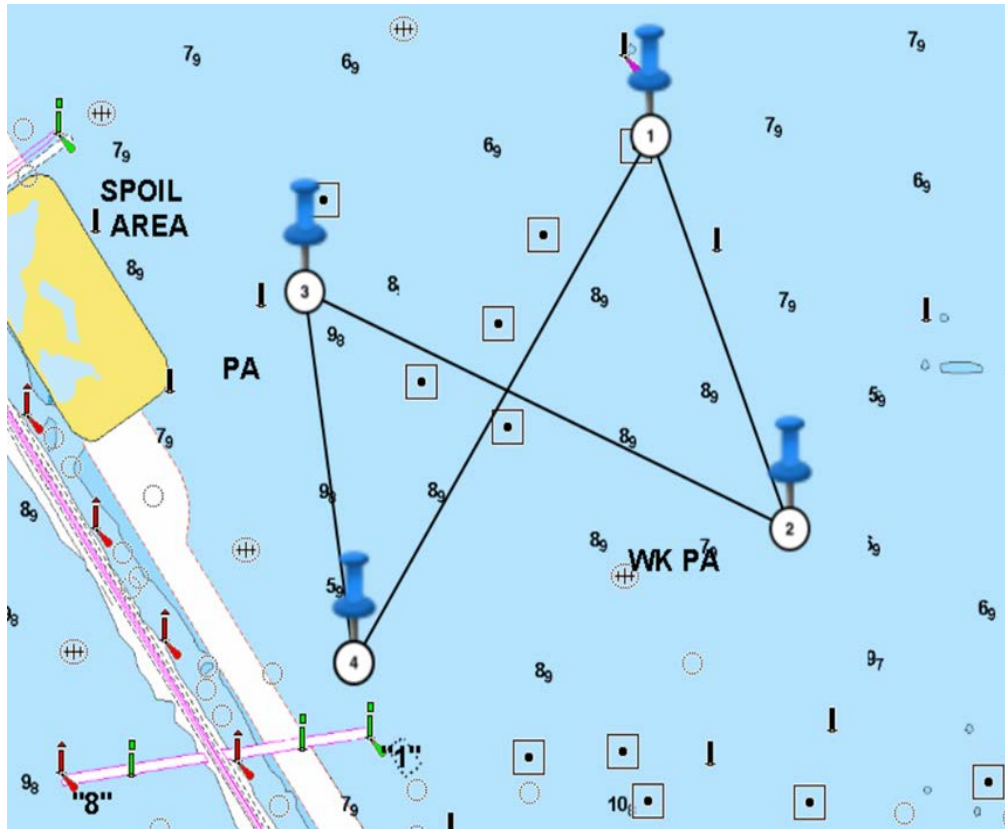
ATTACHMENT A: COURSES

2017 Bay Cup I Course 1



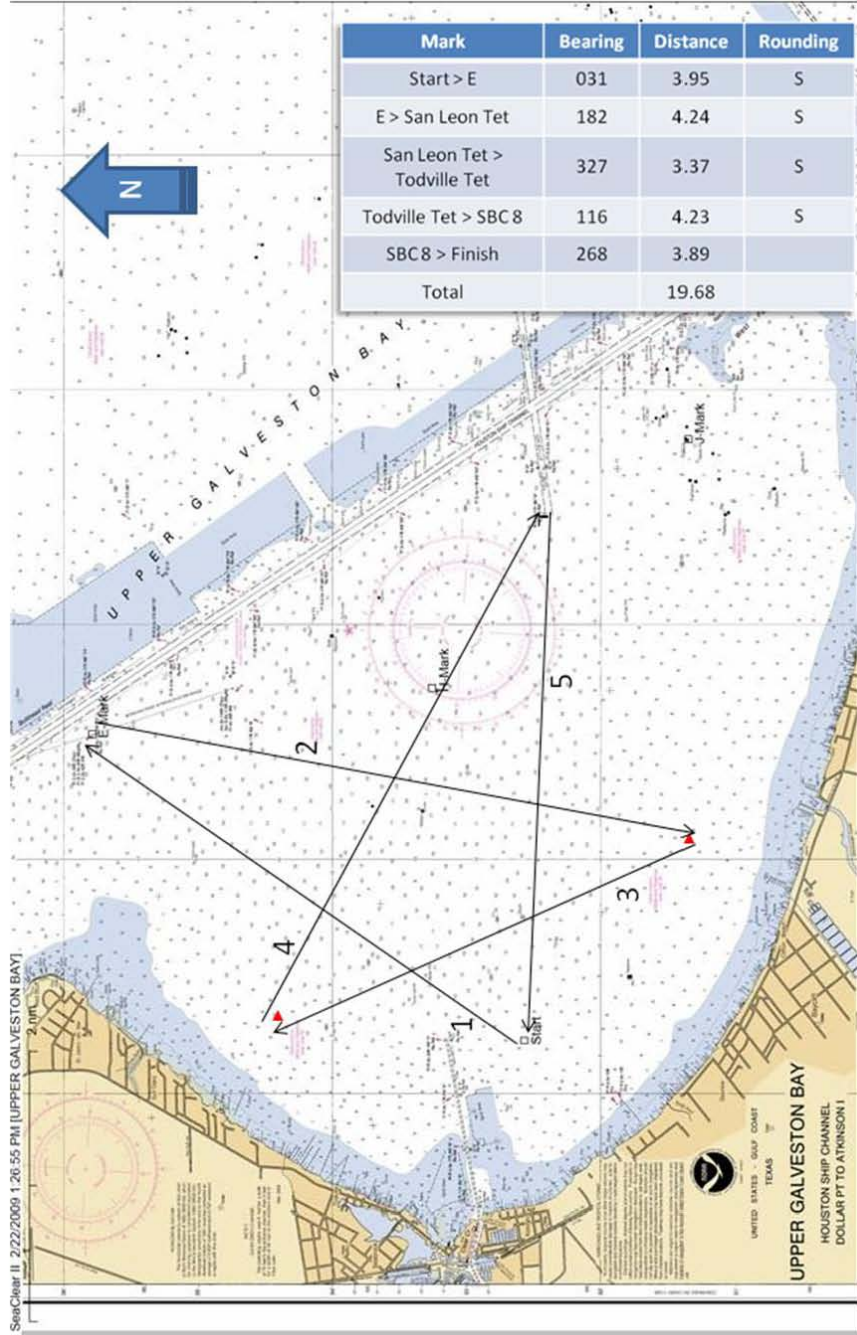
| | Location | Course | Distance | Instruction |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| Start | b/w signal boat & pin / near TB 1 | | | |
| 1 | TB 3 | 32* | 3.0 nm | Leave to port |
| 2 | TB 2 | 248* | 2.0 nm | Leave to port |
| 3 | TB 4 | 114* | 2.8 nm | Leave to stbd |
| Finish | b/w signal boat & pin / near TB 1 | 254* | 2.4 nm | |

2017 Bay Cup I Course 2

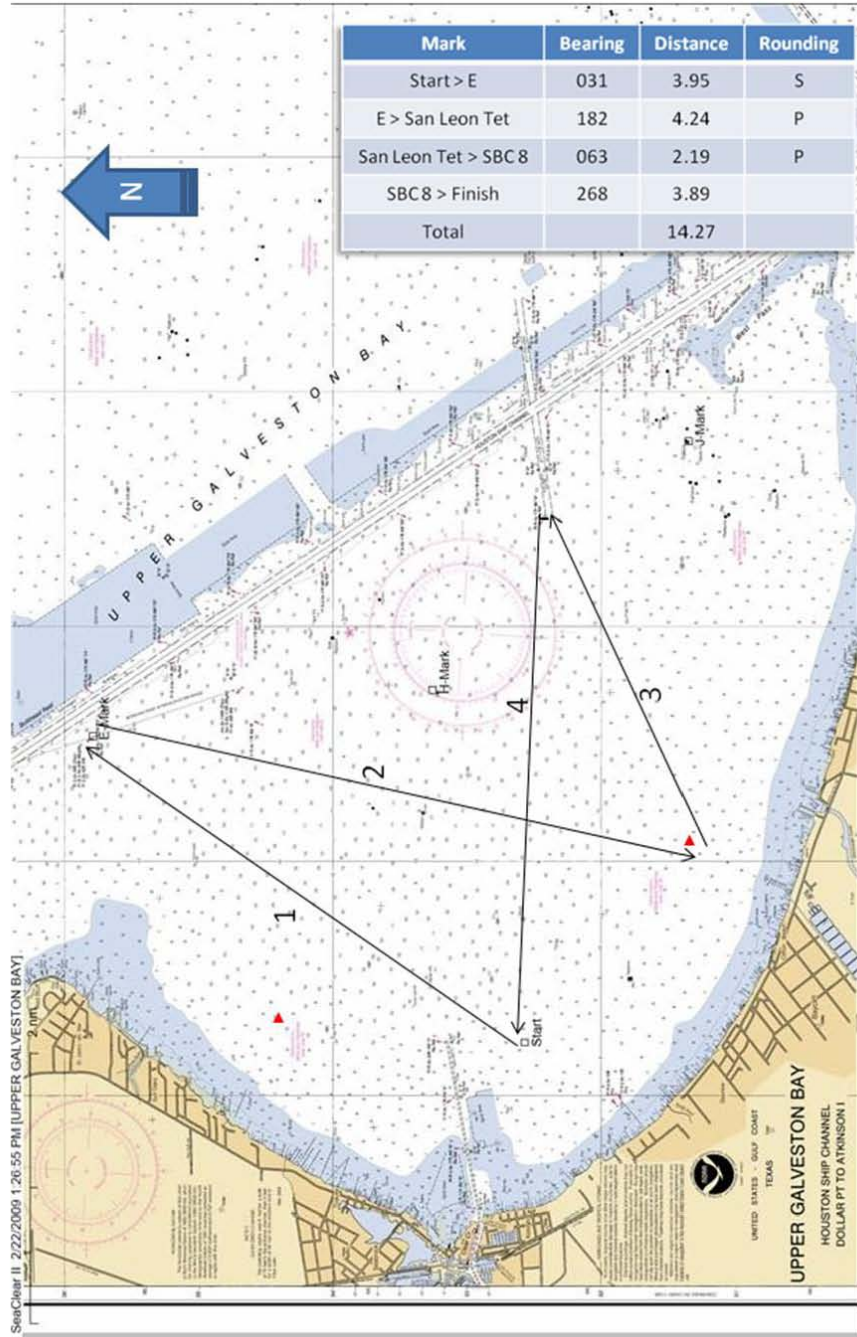


| | Location | Course | Distance | Instruction |
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| Start | b/w signal boat & pin / near TB 1 | | | |
| 1 | TB 3 | 32* | 3.0 nm | Leave to stbd |
| 2 | TB 4 | 159* | 2.0 nm | Leave to stbd |
| 3 | TB 2 | 294* | 2.8 nm | Leave to port |
| Finish | b/w signal boat & pin / near TB 1 | 172* | 1.8 nm | |

Appendix A - Course 3 "Star"



Appendix A - Course 4 "Bowtie"



ATTACHMENT B

CLASSES, CLASS DIVISIONS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

CLASS

CRUISING NON-SPIN CLASSIC CANVAS

PHRF NON-SPIN

CRUISING POLELESS SPIN

PHRF SPIN Non-Sprit

PHRF SPIN Sprit

FLAG

YELLOW

GREEN

PINK

PINK

PURPLE