

2017 J/Fest Southwest Regatta – October 21-22, 2017

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, 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/109, J/PHRF Spin (Sym), J/PHRF Spin (Asym), and J/Cruising (Saturday racing only).
- 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 20th, 2017**, and includes:
 - REGATTA T-SHIRTS FOR SKIPPER AND CREW (max 6 shirts)
 - YOUR BOAT NAME on the official Regatta shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.2. **Regular Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Saturday, October 14th, 2017**, and includes:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.3. **Late Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2017** and will include an additional \$50 Late Fee. Included are:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner

3. Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Entry Fee is \$95 for all classes except for the J/Cruising Class which shall be \$75. A \$5.00 discount is available for US SAILING Members. The Late Entry fee is \$145 (\$95 + \$50 Late Fee) except for J/Cruising which shall be \$125. 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 20th, 2017

Early Registration deadline 1700 hours

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Registration deadline 1700 hours

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017

Late Registration deadline 1700 hours

Friday, October 20th, 2017

J/24 Weigh-in (2pm-7:30pm) 1400 hours

Skippers' meeting 1930 hours

Saturday, October 21st, 2017

J/24 Weigh-in (7am-8am) 0700 hours

Quantum Weather Briefing 0800 hours

J/22 tow assistance 0830 hours

1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours

Pool Party and Live Musice 1600 hours

Dinner 1800 hours

Band in Bar Lounge area 1900 hours

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

Quantum Weather Briefing 0800 hours

J/22 tow assistance 0830 hours

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/109, 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 J/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 2017 Bay Cup I, 2017 Shoe Regatta, 2017 Bay Cup II) or the boat is on the current Galveston Bay PHRF Valid List. As an exception, J/Cruising yachts may request a standard J/Boat class PHRF rating at registration if they do not possess a valid PHRF Certificate. For visiting boats the race committee will determine a PHRF rating if the competitor does not hold a current PHRF rating certificate as defined herein.

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=14412
- 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=14412&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 21st 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 21st, and return at 1:30 pm. Space is limited and reservations must be made on Regatta Network. Reservation deadline is October 14th, 2017.

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

- 15.1. Competitors are welcome to leave their boats in the Inner Harbor of LYC during the Regatta and additional dockage may be allocated to select J/Classes in the West Harbor, however reservations must be made in advance by contacting the LYC Harbor Administrator, Lynda Hall, at 281-474-2540.
- 15.2. We anticipate having a launch crane for the larger boats (>2 tons) available on Friday (10/20/17) afternoon and Sunday (10/22/2017) afternoon. **Reservations for launching of larger boats must be arranged in advance, no later than 7pm on October 14th, through the LYC Harbor Administrator, Lynda Hall (281-474-2540)** . 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. J/22 Class Only

- 17.1. Towing assistance from LYC to the race area will be provided at 8:15am prompt. Specific details will be provided at the briefing.
- 17.2. Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility, aka class membership), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply.

18. J/24 Class only

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

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/14627/J24AddendumNOR2017.pdf

19. J/70 Class only

- 19.1. Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3. Support boats and operators shall register during check in. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.
- 19.2. All boats shall be afloat before 1930 on October 20th, 2017. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.3. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.
- 19.4. 2017 J/Fest Southwest is a world qualifying event for the 2018 J70 World Championship. The J70 Class rules will apply. Please refer to the Class website “J70 Class US Qualifying System for 2018 J70 World Championship” for information.
- 19.5. All participants must provide a current World Sailing Classification and expiration date at registration. This will be verified. Per J70 Class rules, boats will be classified accordingly.

20. J/105 Class only

- 20.1. The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of class rules other than CR 7.2, 7.5, 7.6, or 7.9, or other non-part 2 rules of the RRS. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 20.2. CR 7.7 will apply.

Further Information: For further information please contact:

- Lakewood Yacht Club : (281) 474-2511 or race@lakewoodyachtclub.com
- Chris Lewis, J/Fest Committee Chair (713) 898-0900 or jfswatlyc@outlook.com