# Heald Bank Offshore Race 2018

# Buccaneer Bash & Pirates' Pig Roast

August 17-18 2018

### Lakewood Yacht Club

#### 2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586

#### **Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation**

(281) 474-2511

Gulf of Mexico off Galveston Island

## NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Racing Rule A2.1 will be changed as follows: No score will be excluded. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

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#### 2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Lakewood Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the organizing authority.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the PHRF Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising boats with a PHRF Rating (non-spin or with Spinnaker), One-Design, and Multihulls. Division splits and class selections will be adjusted at the discretion of the race committee.

3.2 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A minimum of three boats constitutes a class.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form, together with the required fee, at https://lakewoodyachtclub.com/regattas-781.html and selecting the link to the Heald Bank Offshore Regatta by Saturday August 11, 2018.

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION

N/A

#### 5. FEES

5.1 The required entry fee is \$80. A \$5 discount is available for US Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. The entry fee includes one free dinner ticket and two Texas Navy Rum tickets. The entry must be submitted by 2300 on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

#### 5.2 Other fees:

Additional Dinner tickets for the Buccaneer Bash and Pirates' Pig Roast may be purchased for \$25 each at the Regatta Store here. Regatta Pirate Shirts are also available in the store.

5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair but will require an \$80 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access Sailing Foundation in addition to the entry fee.

#### 6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

N/A

#### 7. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time	
Saturday	11 August	Registration Deadline	2300	
Thursday	16 August	Check in Skipper's Meeting	1800 1930	
Friday	17 August	Racing	First warning no earlier than 1400	
Saturday	18 August	Buccaneer Bash Pirates' Pig Roast and Award Party at LYC	1800	

#### 8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a PHRF fleet shall be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a 2018 certificate.

8.2 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a multihull fleet shall submit a current rating certificate from Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA).

#### 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically after 1930 on Thursday August 16th at here.

#### 10. VENUE

10.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbor

10.2 Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing areas

#### 11. THE COURSES

Boat Class	Distance courses, fixed marks, 2 leg reaching course approximately ~60 NM	Distance courses, fixed marks, 3 leg triangular course ~90 NM
PHRF Spinnaker	Yes	Yes
PHRF non- Spinnaker	Yes	No
One Design	Yes	Yes
Multi Hull	Yes	Yes
PHRF Cruising Non Spin class	Yes	No
PHRF Cruising Spinnaker	Yes	Yes

#### **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

N/A

12.1 For the PHRF Cruising Non-Spin and the PHRF Cruising spin class(es) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

#### 13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring system is as follows: A2 is modified so that no races are discarded. The sailing Instructions will describe this in more detail.

13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 PHRF and TOMA rating will use Time on Distance (TOD) scoring.

#### 14. SUPPORT BOATS

N/A

#### 15. BERTHING

15.1 Racers are welcome to bring boats to the inner harbor of LYC before and after the regatta, but space may be limited for overnight storage. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting harbor master Lynda Hall at (281) 474-2540.

#### 16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

#### 17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.[DP]

#### **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.[DP]

#### 19. PRIZES

19.1 One trophy will be awarded in classes with three boats. Two trophies will be awarded in classes with four or five boats, three trophies in classes with six to eight boats and four trophies in classes with more than eight boats.

19.2 The Heald Bank Offshore Regatta is the third of three events of the **Texas Offshore Circuit (TORC).** (The GBCA Texas Race Week and the HYC Offshore Regatta constitute the other two events.)

19.2.1 • **Texas Navy Trophy.** Boats sailing in the PHRF Spinnaker Class will be eligible to compete for the TORC championship trophy, the Texas Navy Trophy, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class. For purposes of Texas Navy Trophy scoring, two races of the Texas Race Week Regatta will be scored, along with one of either the LYC Heald Bank or HYC Offshore. Eligible yachts will be scored against each other, and not against ineligible yachts.

19.2.2 • **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy**. Boats sailing in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class will be eligible for the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class.

#### 20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Bay Access Sailing Foundation, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. No boat shall participate in this race 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. Skipper waivers are submitted with the online entry form. Crew waivers are submitted on-line here.

A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers will also be provided here. 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 \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

#### 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

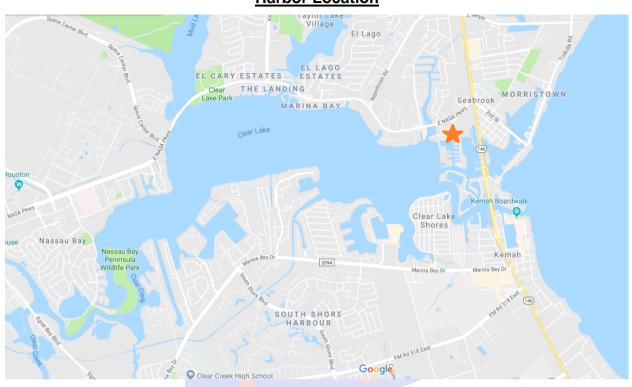
Event Website http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17208

Contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or Bob Hunkins, Heald Bank Offshore Regatta Chair at (281) 216-4082 or email rdhunkins@comcast.net



## Attachment 1

#### Harbor Location



**Attachment 2** 

