



Wednesday Night Sailboat Races
From April 8th to September 16th, 2020
Clear Lake Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE 2020

1. RULES

- a. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, any applicable published rules of a participating one design class, and as modified by the sailing instructions.
- b. Changes to these rules shall be posted online at web sites <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19974> or <https://www.clearlakeracing.org>.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. This event permits tasteful advertising. Any advertising and anything advertised shall meet generally accepted moral and ethical standards.

3. SCHEDULE

- a. One race per class, each racing evening with a bye week after each series. All racing on Wednesday evenings unless otherwise announced.
- b. Warning signal for the first race will be at 6:15 pm.
- c. There are four (4) races scheduled per series and five (5) total series. **See published calendar below.**
- d. Races may be cancelled for individual classes, or for the fleet, for safety reasons, low water, or non-competitive conditions, or other reasons. No race may start later than 30 minutes prior to the official sunset time
- e. The party is never cancelled!



4. CLASSES

a. Three annual paid registered boats (as of Skipper's meeting) are required to retain any non-beginner class specifically listed below. **Four** boats who are registered and paid for the year are required to initiate a new class. Persons intending to initiate a new class shall notify the PRO, John Lacy, well in advance, to obtain assistance and clarification of requirements.

b. Expected classes are:

- i. One design: C22, J22, J24, RS21
- ii. Portsmouth: PM-A: Board boats/Multihulls, PM-B Board boat (beginner)
- iii. Handicap Keelboats: All Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker A, Non-Spinnaker B (Designed as a beginner class for competitors with less than five (5) years racing experience)
- iv. Any new class

5. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Registration is on-line at www.regattanetwork.com/.

- a. This is an open regatta. The regatta is open to all keelboats, boardboats, and multihulls. The depth of the lake is **about 5** feet, which is a concern for any boat drawing over 4.5 feet.
- b. If no handicap info is available, the race committee will assign a rating which may be adjusted for experience.
- c. This event is run according to US Sailing practices. US Sailing membership is encouraged and results in discounts but is not required.
- d. Familiarity with the Racing Rules of Sailing is assumed. **Commitment to Fair Sailing and the Corinthian Spirit of these rules is REQUIRED.**



e. Advance registration, including timely payment, is required. Payment may be made by cash, check or pay online at www.regattanetwork.com.

- i. In person cash or check at Winter Seminars, Opening Party/Skipper Meeting, or before 9 PM after race
- ii. Please sign up on www.regattanetwork.com and follow the instructions for mailing.

f. Fee Schedule

Period	# Races	US Sailing Member	Non-member
Year	20	\$200	\$210
Youth (all<18 at season end)	20	\$90	\$100
Series	4	\$60	\$70
Night	1	\$20	\$30
Youth Night	1	\$10	\$20
Late payment	each time	\$10	\$10

Other discounts may be given at RC discretion. Youth discount requires nightly check-in. Juniors racing may show ID of parent for \$10 nightly fee. The discount applies only to **completed** registrations and payment.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Official 2020 Sailing instructions will be posted on www.regattanetwork.com or www.clearlakeracing.org. For the racer's convenience unofficial hard copies may be distributed at the Competitor's Briefing.



- b. Competitors are responsible for the current Sailing instructions, changes to which will be posted on www.regattanetwork.com or www.clearlakeracing.org.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to Competitors will be posted on www.regattanetwork.com or www.clearlakeracing.org no later than 1 PM of the day it takes effect.

8. SAILING AREAS/COURSES

- a. All races will be conducted in the limits of Clear Lake, starting and finishing near the Villa Capri Restaurant to the extent permitted by weather and other circumstances.
- b. Specific courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and on unofficial course schematics which will be available on www.regattanetwork.com or www.clearlakeracing.org and at the Competitor's Briefing.

9. SCORING

- a. We will use simplified High Point Scoring, winner's score is the number of boats starting, per check-in sheet
- b. The sum of each competitor's (boat's) series scores will be used to determine the end of year Class Champion. Each series score will include one throw out. For end of season scoring only, the fifth series scores will **all** count double.
- c. All classes shall be scored either as one-design or using wind- indexed Portsmouth yardstick or another nationally published handicap converted to a time-on-time (TOT) factor.
- d. One race constitutes a series
- e. Handicap adjustment may be made and may be based on previous year's performances as well as on current results with adjustment applied as often as each race. **Similar boats or an individual boat will receive the new handicap.**



f. 2019 season winners in each handicap class **may** be assessed a handicap adjustment of 0.5%. Other adjustments may occur.

10. AWARDS

- a. Awards are made nightly, by series, and annually for each class depending on sponsorship availability. There are special awards annually for attendance, outstanding performance and for crew performance. The selection for the “**Boat of the Year**” trophy will include factors for performance, competition, and **attendance**.
- b. The breakdown for number of boats per prize award may change subject to availability .

Class awards are scheduled to be awarded as follows.

- i. 3 to 4 boats competing: 1st place only
- ii. 5 to 6 boats competing: 1st and 2nd place
- iii. 7 to 8 boats competing: 1st 2nd and 3rd place
- iv. 9 or 10 boats competing: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th place
- v. An additional prize for each added 3 boats starting subject to availability

A list of changes from prior years will be posted on the web site.
Known changes so far:

- Regatta Network
- New Rates
- New PRO
- **New Class Requirements**
- **Score Handicap adjustment revised**
- **Fee Schedule Year before or after Competitor's Briefing removed**



QUESTIONS: Use “Contact us” on www.clearlakeracing.org or contact the PRO, John Lacy, at **281-617-6151** or email john@wednesdaynightraces.com or John Butler at 1johnbutler@sbcglobal.net.

Published Calendar

Competitor’s Briefing/ Skipper’s Meeting 04/01/2020

Series 1 - 04/08/2020 – 04/29/2020

Series 2 - 05/13/2020 – 06/03/2020

Series 3 - 06/17/2020 – 07/08/2020

Series 4 - 07/22/2020 – 08/12/2020

Series 5 - 08/26/2020 – 09/16/2020