

Lido 14 Class Championships Press Release

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Racing Lido 14s at the High Sierra Regatta (Huntington Lake, California) is one of the true “bucket list” events every Lido 14 racer should experience. Even better is to be able to sail the Lido 14 Class Championships on the lake.

In the past, when the Championships was held at Huntington Lake, we would sail the full High Sierra Regatta (HSR) and then sail additional Championship races afterwards – in some cases, lasting three full days. In this day and age, that’s a luxury that few can afford. So, the 2020 Championships will consist of Championship races on Friday July 9th and all the races of the High Sierra Regatta that weekend – making for a compact and exciting experience.

There have been some challenges in planning the event, most notably worries of a drought leaving the water at Huntington Lake too low (not likely to be an issue with the rains and snow fall this month) and the expanding COVID-19 epidemic. We sincerely hope that the epidemic will allow us all to attend; we will keep everyone up-to-date on any changes.

Another notable change for 2020 is that there will no Qualifying Series in the Championships. In a “normal” Lido 14 CCR, there’s a day dedicated to splitting competitors into two groups - the Gold and Silver flights. This year, all competitors will simply choose which group (Gold or Silver) they wish to race in. Many people are curious about this change and how it will work. First, the most important reason for not having a Qualifying Series is that we don’t need one; the purpose of a qualifying series in a sporting event is to winnow the number of competitors down to the amount that can fit on the starting line at one time. This is no different than having heats in a track and field race to get to the 8 or 10 that can fit in the lanes of the track. Huntington Lake, and the folks running the High Sierra Regatta and our Championships, are comfortable with up to 50 Lido 14s onto the starting line - more than we can imagine showing up.

What this also means is that every Lido 14 is going to sail together in every race - the five races of the High Sierra Regatta and the additional two races on Friday. They, of course, will be scored separately. It will look and feel a lot like times long past where that many Lido 14s sailed together on a regular basis - it’s a special opportunity for all.

The complete details will be in the Notice of Race for the Championships, which is expected to be published in March. In the meantime, you should now that...

All competitors in the CCR must enter both the High Sierra Regatta and the Class Championships Regatta - each with its own registration systems. The entry fee for the HSR is \$80 (\$75 if you are a US Sailing member). We’ve set the entry fee for the CCR to be \$25 so that the total cost is exceptionally low - well below the typical entry fee for the Class Championships.

The High Sierra Regatta registration is up and running. [Click here](#) to read more and enter.

Your selection of Lido 14 A or Lido 14 B division in the High Sierra Regatta and your selection of Gold or Silver in the Championships need to match (i.e. A = Gold, B = Silver). These can be changed right up to the close of registration for the Championships.

The Class Championships Regatta has its own website for registration hosted on the Regatta Network website. You can find the event website by either scrolling through the regatta calendar on www.regattanetwork.com or by [clicking here](#).

The Class Championship Regatta registration system cross links to our membership database. If you are not a member, please visit the membership menu on www.lido14class.com or [click here](#) to complete that process.

Please make your lodging plans soon - the High Sierra Regatta draws many people so even now some options have been sold out. You can learn more about lodging options by visiting the High Sierra Regatta webpage.

= The Lido 14 Class Association =