



2020 RS21 North American Championship
June 19-21, 2020

Lakewood Yacht Club
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Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation

NOTICE OF RACE

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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 & series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The RS21 Class Association rules will apply.
- 1.3. Any Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
- 1.4. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment, Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 3.2. Entries are limited to 24 teams.
- 3.3. All boats competing will be supplied from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 fleet.
- 3.4. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required.
- 3.5. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors; limit of six (6) sailors per team that may rotate races in the boat.

4. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$500 per team.
 - 4.1.1. Register at Regatta Network:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20782
 - 4.1.2. Entry fee includes:
 - Box lunch for skipper and crew each full race day (Friday and Saturday)
 - Post-race refreshment Friday
 - Competitor dinner for skipper and crew post-race Saturday
 - Event hat for skipper and crew members
- 4.2. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.
 - 4.2.1. Book RS21 charter at: <https://rs21fleet1.com/>
 - 4.2.2. The charter fee is \$1000 per team.
 - 4.2.3. LYC Members may charter a limited number of boats at a member discounted charter rate.
 - 4.2.4. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
 - 4.2.5. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing.
 - 4.2.6. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement.
 - 4.2.7. Boats will be available by 1200 the day before the regatta for practice.

- 4.2.8. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 4.3. Cancellation and refunds in the event of COVID-19 closures:
 - 4.3.1. If the event is cancelled by the OA specifically for COVID-19 concerns, a 100% refund will be issued for the entry fee and the charter fee.
 - 4.3.2. If an individual team withdraws with no less than 48 hours notice prior to the start of the event, an 80% refund will be issued for the entry fee and a 100% refund will be issued for the charter fee.

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 18

1200 - 1600 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In followed by open practice on Clear Lake

Friday, June 19

1000 Skippers Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
1400 - 1500 Lunch Served Onshore
1530 Harbor Launch
1600 Racing Resumes
1900 Racing Completed for the day
Post race Drinks and snacks post race

Saturday, June 20

1000 Skippers Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
1400 - 1500 Lunch Served Onshore
1530 Harbor Launch
1600 Racing Resumes
1900 Racing Completed for the day
Post race Competitor Dinner

Sunday, June 21

1000 Skippers Briefing
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
No start after 1430
1600 Awards after racing

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Monday, June 15.
- 6.2. The sailing instructions will be posted on the Lakewood Yacht Club official Notice Board prior to the first day of the regatta as well as online at <https://rs21fleet1.com/>

7. COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 7.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake.
- 7.2. The race course configurations will be posted at the event.

8. FORMAT AND ROTATIONS

- 8.1. If 12 or fewer teams are entered, all races will be sailed in the assigned chartered boat.
- 8.2. If more than 12 teams are entered, the fleet will be split into a rotation schedule.
- 8.3. Rotation schedule and format is subject to change and will be posted at the event.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 9.1. In accordance with RRS Rule 44, in the case of 44.1.b, the boat will be immediately disqualified for that race, potentially for the day and/or potentially for the entire event. There will be zero Tolerance on Collisions! [DP]
10. BERTHING
 - 10.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.
11. RADIO COMMUNICATION
 - 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
12. PRIZES
 - 12.1. Prizes will be given for top five finishing teams.
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
 - 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
14. HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
 - 14.1. See section 4.3 for cancellation policy.
 - 14.2. Distancing and disinfecting measures will be in place, including but not limited to:
 - Any CDC guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
 - Wearing gators or masks is encouraged.
 - Bring hand sanitizer for use on shore and on the water.
 - Open air briefings with maximum distance between teams.
 - Option for zoom or call-in briefings and protest hearings.
 - Outdoor social arrangements.
 - Staggered dock times.
15. FURTHER INFORMATION
 - 15.1. For further information please contact:
 - Event Chair:
 - Marie Wise - 713-419-5329 - sailmom@gmail.com
 - LYC Waterfront Director:
 - Terry Flynn - (832) 256-6865 - waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com
 - LYC RS21 Fleet Manager:
 - Mark McNamara - (203) 273-3368 - mark@kosailing.com