

Heald Bank Offshore Race 2020

June 27-28, 2020

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

Including Amendments as of June 19, 2020

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.

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 ORC Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising Classic Canvas 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, by Saturday June 20, 2020. [A list of all registered boats is available here.](#)

3.4 International Competitors, whether skippers or crew, are not eligible to participate in the regatta. For purposes of this rule, an International Competitor does not refer to a person's nationality, but instead is defined as a person who has travelled outside the United States in the 14 days before the start of the regatta, or who plans to travel outside the United States in the 14 days after the end of the regatta.

4. CLASSIFICATION

N/A

5. FEES

5.1 The required entry fee is \$60, which has been reduced from previous years as there will be no award ceremony or post-race party. A \$5 discount is available for US Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. The entry must be submitted by 2100 on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

5.2 Other fees:

5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair but will require a \$100 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 Sunday	21 0 June	Registration Deadline	2100
Friday	26 June	Virtual Skipper's Meeting	1900
Saturday	27 June	Racing	First warning no earlier than 1200

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 2020 certificate.

8.2 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a ORC fleet shall have and provide a current 2020 ORC Certificate

8.3 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 no later than 1930 on Thursday June 25th.

10. VENUE

The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico, offshore of Galveston Island, to seaward of Houston Ship Channel marker #11. See Attachment 1.

11. THE COURSES

Boat Class	Distance courses, fixed marks, 2-leg reaching course approximately ~ 60 NM	Distance courses, fixed marks, 3-leg triangular course approximately ~ 90 NM
PHRF-ORC 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. ORC will use Time on Time (TOT) single number 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 Cody Bartro 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.

19.2 The Heald Bank Offshore Regatta is one 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-ORC~~ 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, and if all three regattas are held during calendar year 2020. 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, and if all three regattas are held during calendar year 2020.

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 on LYC's website. 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.

SPECIAL NOTE Regarding Global Pandemic: It is the skipper's obligation to ensure the safety of each crew member, including taking precautions against communicable diseases. The Race Committee encourages participants to review guidelines as published by the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Texas Department of Health Services](#).

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

Contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or David Comeaux, Heald Bank Offshore Regatta Chair at (832) 993-5933 or email davidcomeaux@live.com.

Attachment 1

