



Wednesday Night Sailboat Races
From April 21 to September 1, 2021
Clear Lake Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE 2021

1. RULES

- a. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024(NEW), 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 on Regatta Network and at web site 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. All races on Wednesday nights 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.
- d. Races may be cancelled for individual classes, or for the fleet, for safety reasons, low water, or non-competitive conditions, or other reasons including government-imposed restrictions. No race may start later than 30 minutes prior to the official sunset time.
- e. The party will occur unless cancelled by government restrictions. Mask wearing at the party is in the Corinthian spirit of protecting your fellow sailor!

4. CLASSES



- a. Three annual-registered (and paid) 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. Use the "Contact us" feature on the web site.
- b. Expected classes are:
 - i. One design: C22, J22, J24, RS21
 - ii. Portsmouth : PM-A: Boardboats/Multihulls, PM-B Boardboat/multihull (beginner)
 - iii. Handicap Keelboats: Spinnaker (includes assym.), 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

Mandatory registration and payment is on-line using Regatta Network.

- 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 may 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 online to complete registration. Contact a race official for assistance, if needed.

f. Fee Schedule

Period	# Races	US Sailing Member	Non-member
Year	20	\$200	\$210
Series *	4	\$60	\$70
Night	1	\$20	\$30
Late payment	each time	\$5	\$5

Other discounts may be given at RC discretion. Youth discounts available, see John Lacy.

*Series fee applies only to one series and does not carry over. Series start dates are: April 22, May 19, June 16, July 14, August 11

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Official 2021 Sailing instructions will be posted on the CLRA website and on Regatta Network. A changelog will be supplied for the first issue.
- b. Competitors are responsible for the current Sailing instructions, changes to which will be posted on the CLRA web site/Regatta Network as required.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the CLRA web site/Regatta Network no later than 1 PM of the day it takes effect. Notices may also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/clratx.

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 online.
- c. In 2021 the courses will change. All courses will have fixed lap count. The orange mark near the Villa Capri Dock will be a standalone, (normally) downwind mark for keelboat courses and will be the final turning mark before finishing for all boats. Boats will not round the “Boater’s Resale” Finish mark until they have completed their required laps. This description of the changes is for information only and is not official.

9. SCORING

- a. We will use a simplified High Point Scoring where the winner’s score is the number of boats starting, per check-in sheet. If some boats are unable to finish because of the Sunset time limit, the winner’s high point score will only include actual finishers.
- 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 except series 5 will include one throwout, if four races are completed. The fifth series scores will **all** count double with no throwout in series 5.
- c. All classes shall be scored either as one-design or using a nationally published handicap converted to a time-on-time (TOT) factor. We are converting to US Sailing PY handicaps, which involves a linear conversion of last year’s numbers. It also eliminates wind-indexing.
- d. One race constitutes a series
- e. Handicap adjustment will be made as suggested by US Sailing. Boats will be handicapped by type per US Sailing.

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 relative to the competition. No class with fewer than 5 boats per non-cancelled race on average will be eligible.

- 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

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

- RRS revisions
- Course changes (info only here)
- Handicapping PY system
- Sunset rule changes

QUESTIONS: Use “Contact us” on this web site or contact the PRO, John Lacy at 281-617-6151, or by email at 1johnbutler@sbcglobal.net and john@wednesdaynightraces.com