



2021 RS21 North American Championship

Bay Access Sailing Foundation

June 10-13, 2021

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.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta 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 at the start of the event will be strictly followed. [NP]
- 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. [NP]
- 1.5. Privately owned RS21s must adhere to RS21 Class Rules except as noted herein.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Monday, June 07.
- 2.2. 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/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is located at the RS21 Dock area in the Northwest Harbor.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP]
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to all skippers to charter Lakewood Yacht Club RS21s who are certified by Lakewood Yacht Club to charter the Lakewood RS21 Class fleet and have executed the Lakewood RS21 charter agreement. The certified charterer shall be on the boat at all times, shall assume responsibility, and may invite non-certified crew. Regardless of whether the certified charterer is helming the boat he or she shall be responsible for all actions involving the boat.
- 4.3. Charterers may be certified up to 1700 on the day preceding the first scheduled race. Charterers may arrange to be certified on the day of the first race, prior to race, by special arrangement with the

Lakewood Waterfront Director. Arrangement must be agreed upon in writing at least 7 days prior to the first race.

- 4.4. The regattas is open to competitors who supply their own privately owned RS21 meeting all the requirements to make privately owned RS2s in every way equally equipped and rigged to the Lakewood Yacht Club owned RS21s as verified by the Technical Committee.
- 4.5. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required for charterers. Class membership is required for privately owned RS21s.
- 4.6. Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.RS21Fleet1.com.
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including charter fees.
- 4.8. Late entries will be accepted if charter boats remain available or for privately owned RS21s.
- 4.9. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - 4.9.1. Entries are limited to 24 teams on supplied charter RS21s. Charterers will be waitlisted on a first come basis.
 - 4.9.2. Entries of privately owned RS21s are limited to 2 entries until 12 supplied RS21s are chartered, 4 entries until 20 supplied RS21s are chartered, and 6 entries afterwards.

5. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$500 per team.
 - 5.1.1. Register at Regatta Network:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21990
 - 5.1.2. A late registration fee of \$100 per team is required for any registrations after the registration deadline.
 - 5.1.3. 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 give away(s) for skipper and crew members
- 5.2. All supplied boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet. Boats may not be chartered from any other individual or organization.
 - 5.2.1. Book RS21 charter at: <https://rs21fleet1.com/>
 - 5.2.2. The charter fee is \$1000 per team.
 - 5.2.3. LYC Members may charter a limited number of boats at a member discounted charter rate.
 - 5.2.4. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
 - 5.2.5. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing.
 - 5.2.6. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats.
 - 5.2.7. Boats will be available by 1200 the day before the regatta for practice.
 - 5.2.8. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 5.3. Cancellation and refunds in the event of COVID-19 closures:
 - 5.3.1. 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.
 - 5.3.2. If an individual team withdraws with no less than 48 hours notice prior to the start of the event specifically for COVID-19 concerns, an 80% refund will be issued for the entry fee and a 100% refund will be issued for the charter fee.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors; limit of six (6) sailors per team that may rotate races in the boat during scheduled onshore rotations. This modifies the RS21 Class Rules.
- 6.2. The following categorization requirements apply (see RRS 79):
 - 6.2.1. The permitted driver or skipper may be either a Group 1 or Group 3 Classification, this modifies the RS21 Class Rules.
 - 6.2.2. More than one driver or skipper may be designated for the event. This modifies the RS21 Class Rules.

6.2.3. Only one crew member, including the driver or skipper, may be Group 3 Classification.

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. The event may consist of a Qualifying series and a Championship series. If more than 4 races in each division have been completed in reasonably matched sailing conditions then the Organizing Authority intends to conduct a Championship series.
- 8.2. The Organizing Authority shall announce by 1900 on the second scheduled day of the regatta if a Championship series will be held.
- 8.3. Competitors will be assigned to Gold and Silver Division for the Championship Series for the final day of racing by their results in the Qualifying Series.
- 8.4. Gold and Silver Divisions will be of equal number if there are an even number of competitors. The Gold Division will be one greater in number if there are an odd number of competitors.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration

Registration opens for Lakewood Yacht Club members on March 4, 2021.

Registration opens for all other teams on March 18, 2021

Registration shall end on May 28, 2021.

9.2. Equipment Inspection

Equipment inspection for privately owned RS21s shall be by appointment only with the Lakewood Yacht Club Waterfront Director and shall be completed no later than June 10, 2021.

9.3. Dates of Racing

Thursday, June 10

1200 - 1600 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In followed by optional open practice. Practice boats available on first come, first serve basis during Registrant Check In and practice time may be limited based on availability of boats. Teams are encouraged to check in early to secure a practice time slot. No official practice race is planned but informal practice races may be organized by competitors.

Friday, June 11

0800 - 0930 Late Registrant Check In by Prior Arrangement Only
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 12

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 13

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

9.4. Number of Races

9.4.1. The Race Committee will endeavor to run as many races each day as possible.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Supplied RS21s shall be inspected by the Technical Committee prior to the first day of the regatta to ensure equal equipment and rigging for all boats and compliance with RS21 Class Rules.
- 10.2. All supplied and privately owned RS21's shall be equipped with Dacron Club sails and class masthead spinnakers.
- 10.3. Each privately owned RS21 shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.4. Owners of privately owned RS21s shall be responsible for verifying all equipment and rigging requirements with the Technical Committee prior to arrival at the event. No refund shall be provided or other liabilities accepted for boats which fail to meet these requirements.
- 10.5. Privately owned boats shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Technical Committee. Privately owned boats shall be tuned by the Technical Committee and the Owner may not adjust the tuning during the event. Privately owned boats shall arrive on-site no later than 1200 on the day preceding the first scheduled race and shall not leave the site until 2 hours after racing has concluded or 30 minutes after conclusion of any protests in which the boat is involved, whichever is later. Owners of privately owned boats shall be responsible for arrangements for berthing the vessel on-site or using crane hoist to dry store the boat on-site. [NP]
- 10.6. Privately owned RS21s shall be presented for inspection and verification of all equipment and rigging by the Technical Committee starting on June 8 and concluding by June 10. Appointments for inspection shall be made by the owner with the Technical Committee no later than May 28. The owner of the privately owned RS21 shall be present for the inspection and any tuning by the Technical Committee. [DP] [NP]

11. VENUE

- 11.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake adjacent to Lakewood Yacht Club.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions. The race courses are intended to be primarily windward-leeward type courses of approximately 20 minute duration.
- 12.2. The marks will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The marks are intended to be Marksetbot remotely controlled dynamically positioned marks.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. If a boat breaches RRS Rule 44.1.b, as judged by an Umpire and/or the Protest Committee, the boat will be disqualified for that race or up to the entire event if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2. The competitor may request redress for the decision of the Umpire and/or the Protest Committee. [DP]
- 13.2. Any boat found to have broken RRS Rule 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS Rule 43 may be disqualified for the entire event. There will be zero tolerance on collisions! [DP]
- 13.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag (this modifies RRS 61.1(2)), but shall hail protest and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing.
- 13.4. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.

14. FORMAT AND ROTATIONS

- 14.1. If 12 or fewer teams are entered, all races will be sailed in a single assigned chartered boat.
- 14.2. If more than 12 teams are entered, the fleet will be split into a rotation schedule with two or more divisions (i.e., A & B). The initial seeding of the rotations shall be based on prior results in RS21 and other comparable one design class regattas at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. The Organizing Authority's decision on division assignments will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. Boats may be assigned for each day or teams may rotate through boats in each group of races at the discretion of the Race Committee. Races will be sailed in groups of two, three, or four races for each division at the discretion of the Race Committee which will endeavour to run as many races as possible. The number of races in a set may be modified by the RC on the water by VHF announcement and by posting onshore on the official notice board.
- 14.4. The division assignments shall be divided as nearly equal as possible with as nearly possible equal numbers of privately owned RS21s divided among the rotations.
- 14.5. The division assignments will be redivided after each day of racing, except if fewer than two races have been completed by all divisions, based on the cumulative results to that point. Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. The divisions will be assigned based on the results of the preceding day's standings seeded A-B-B-A-A-B-B, etc. (or equivalent for the number of divisions used) from first place onward.
- 14.6. Privately owned RS21s shall race in only one division each. While not racing the boats shall stay well clear of the boats which are racing and may choose to return to shore but shall not haul out of the water.
- 14.7. Rotation schedule and division format is subject to change and will be posted at the event.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 15.2. The Qualifying series scoring system is as follows:
 - 15.2.1. Equal races must be conducted in all divisions in order for individual races to be scored. The Race Committee shall endeavour to run an equal number of races for each division. If an unequal number of races are run between divisions then only the races which all divisions have completed shall be scored.
 - 15.2.2. Four (4) races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a Qualifying series. If the Qualifying series is not completed then no Championship series shall be conducted and regatta results shall be based on the Qualifying series.
 - 15.2.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed in each division, a boat's Qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.2.4. When six (6) or more races have been completed in each division, a boat's Qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. The Championship series scoring system is as follows:
 - 15.3.1. Score total from the Qualifying series, not including any excluded scores, will carry over from the Qualifying Series..
 - 15.3.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed in the Championship series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores in the Championship series plus total score from the Qualifying series.
 - 15.3.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed in the Championship series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score in the Championship series plus total score from the Qualifying series.

16. BERTHING AND HAULING OUT

- 16.1. Chartered boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.
- 16.2. Privately owned RS21s shall be kept on-site in either a previously arranged in-water berth or on its own trailer. Owners of privately owned boats shall be responsible for arrangements for berthing the vessel on-site or using crane hoist to dry store the boat on-site overnight. Other than cases of an unforeseen emergency, privately owned RS21s may not be transported off premises until 2 hours following the

completion of the last race in which her crew intends to race or 30 minutes following conclusion of any protest in which the boat is involved, whichever is later. [DP]

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the competitor's briefing. [DP] [NP]

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each privately owned participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be given to the top three finishers in the Gold Division and the top two finishers in the Silver Division.
- 19.2. A perpetual North American Champion award will be named with the top finisher in the Gold Division.

20. HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS [NP]

- 20.1. See section 4.3 for cancellation policy.
- 20.2. 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 facemasks is required while onshore unless CDC and local facemask recommendations have been lifted.
 - Open air briefings with maximum distance between teams.
 - Option for Zoom or call-in briefings and protest hearings.
 - Outdoor social arrangements.
 - Staggered dock times.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact:
- Event Chair:
Larry Wise - 713-419-4329 - sailmom@gmail.com
- LYC Waterfront Director:
Terry Flynn - (832) 256-6865 - waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com
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