



Offshore Race 2022

June 25-26, 2022

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



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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 in the NoR means that a boat is not subject to protest by another boat under this rule; this modifies R.R.S. 60.1. The Race Committee may file a protest if it has reason to believe a boat has failed to abide by the requirements or rule.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and by

1.1.1 The Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races ("SER") as published by US Sailing and as modified for this Regatta herein. [NP][DP]

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1.1.2 The rules of the Offshore Racing Congress Club Rule (“ORC Club”) for Monohulls ORC fleet.

1.1.3 The rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (“PHRF”) for Monohulls competing in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker and all Classic Canvas Fleets.

1.1.4 The rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) for Multihulls.

1.2 NA

1.3 When rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by VHF radio on the designated race frequency.

1.4 Competitors are reminded that, under the preamble of Part 2 to RRS, when a boat sailing under the rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules require that she comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (“I.R.P.C.A.S.”) or government right-of-way rules. In addition, the Sailing Instructions will provide that the rules of Part 2 of the RRS are replaced by the I.R.P.C.A.S. between sunset and sunrise.

1.5 Interfering With Commercial Traffic: If the Race Committee receives a confirmed report from a disinterested party that a boat interfered with commercial traffic in violation of the I.R.P.C.A.S. while transiting to the race area, while racing, or while transiting to her mooring after finishing, the Race Committee will protest that boat and seek disqualification. **ANY BOAT AND SKIPPER SO DISQUALIFIED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANY FUTURE LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB EVENT.**

1.6 RRS 62.1(c) will be modified so that a boat may be given redress in the event of giving help in compliance with RRS 1.1, even if help is to herself or her crew.

1.7 The following rules apply to the Classic Canvas Fleet only:

1.7.1 Power-driven winches are permitted. This changes R.R.S. 52.

1.7.2 Headsails, foresails, or oversized jibs, greater than the largest jib rated on entry, shall not be used in the Non-Spinnaker Fleet.

1.7.3 Two headsails may not be carried at the same time, except that while changing headsails, the replacing sail may be set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered. For purposes of this rule, a staysail on a cutter rigged boat is not considered a



headsail.

1.7.4 Pole lifts and down hauls may be used.

1.7.5 A whisker pole may be used to wing out a headsail, the luff of which must be attached to a headstay. A whisker pole or spinnaker pole may not be used to wing out an asymmetrical spinnaker.

1.7.6 Staysails shall not be used except on boats in the Cutter division to which the staysail is furled or hanked onto an inner forestay permanently attached at the mast.

1.8 Modifications to SER:

1.8.1 Lifelines: The requirements for lifelines are modified to allow vinyl or other coating on the lifelines provided any stained coating is removed to establish that the lifelines have not corroded. Competitors are advised to exercise special care to ensure that any coated lifelines have been tested prior to racing, as evidence of corrosion is not always visible.

1.8.2 Flares: The requirements for flares are modified to allow the use of Coast Guard approved flares in lieu of SOLAS flares so long as the type and quantity comply with the requirements of the paragraph and they are not older than the expiration date.

1.8.3 Special Requirements for Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines and Bilge Pumps on Multihulls: Jackstays and clipping points may be substituted for lifelines or pulpits, according to the following conditions:

- Jackstays shall be a dedicated piece of safety equipment installed before the start of the race and remain in place until the boat is securely berthed after finishing the race.
- Jackstays must be installed to allow a crewmember – while clipped on – to move readily between the working areas on deck and the cockpit, with minimum of clipping and unclipping operations.
- Each crew member shall have a safety harness (or combined with inflatable vest) and tether
- All crewmembers in the cockpit, on deck or nets between sunset and sunrise must be clipped on.
- In accordance with Multihull SER 2.5.2, a boat shall have a portable manual bilge pump of at least 10 GPM capacity capable of dewatering any part of the boat.



When not in use, the pump shall be attached to the boat.

1.9 In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7.)

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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1930 on June 21, 2022 electronically [here](#).

4. COMMUNICATION

4.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#).

4.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or as required to hail another boat to avoid collision or other incidents, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and a boat shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Boats shall be at least 27 feet length on deck.

5.2 The regatta is open to all boats of the ORC Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising Classic Canvas boats with a PHRF Rating (non-spinnaker or with spinnaker), One-Design, and Multihulls. Division splits and class selections will be adjusted at the discretion of the race committee.



5.3 Each boat must be properly documented with the U.S. Coast Guard or properly registered with a jurisdiction within the United States. Vessels registered with a jurisdiction outside the United States may enter with prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

5.4 Each boat shall conform to U.S. Sailing’s Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races, with exceptions and changes as listed herein.

5.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A minimum of three boats constitutes a class.

5.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing [the online form](#), together with the required fee, by the deadline in the Schedule below.

6. FEES

6.1 The required entry fee is \$60. It does not include any dinner tickets. 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 the deadline in the Schedule below.

6.2 Other fees:

6.3 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.

7. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	19 June	Registration Deadline	2100
Friday	24 June	Skipper’s Meeting @ LYC	1900
Saturday	25 June	Racing	First warning no earlier than 1200
Monday	27 June	Steak and Stories @ LYC Monday Night Grill	Awards at 1900

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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 2022 certificate.

8.2 In accordance with RRS 78, each boat racing in a ORC fleet shall have and provide a current 2022 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. 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.

10. THE COURSES

Boat Class	Distance courses, fixed marks, approximately 60 NM	Distance courses, fixed marks, approximately 90 NM
ORC Spinnaker	Yes	Yes
PHRF non-Spinnaker	Yes	No
One Design	Yes	Yes
Multi Hull	Yes	Yes
PHRF Classic Canvas class	Yes	No
PHRF Spinnaker	Yes	Yes

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For the PHRF Cruising Non-Spin and the Classic Canvas class(es) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 RRS Appendix V2 will apply.



12. SCORING

12.1 The scoring system is as follows: A2 is modified so that no races are discarded. The sailing Instructions will describe this in more detail.

12.2 One race is scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 PHRF and TOMA rating will use Time on Distance (TOD) scoring. ORC will use Time on Time (TOT) single number scoring.

13. BERTHING

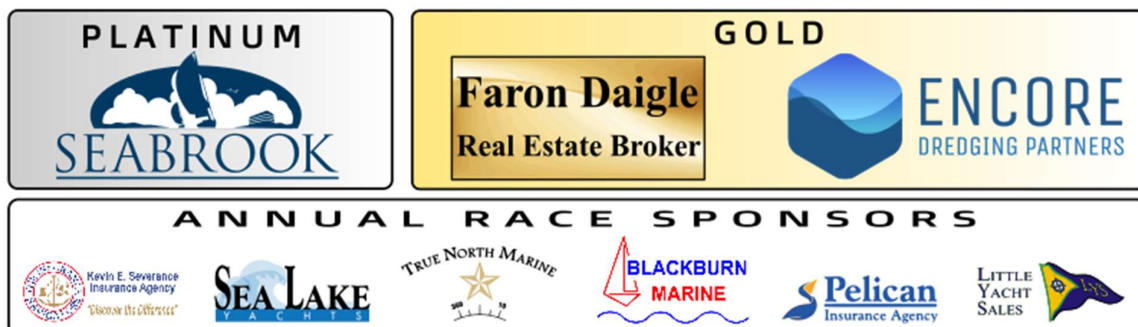
13.1 Racers are welcome to bring boats to the inner harbor of LYC before and after the regatta, but space may be limited for overnight storage. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting LYC Harbor Master at (281) 474-2540.

14. PRIZES

14.1 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.

15. 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 3, 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 be provided [here](#). 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.

16. 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or Bob Crosby, Race Committee Chair at (346) 315-6852 or RobertMartinCrosby@gmail.com.

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Attachment 1

