

Lakewood Yacht Club's

2025 Bay Cup I

Notice of Race

March 1, 2025

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

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NOTICE OF RACE

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Bay Cup I is the first in a series of the 2025 Bay Cup Series comprised of 3 events. Bay Cup I & II will be distance races for all classes. Bay Cup III is currently anticipated to be a distance race for all classes except the ORC and J105 classes which may be W/L races.

1. RULES

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

1.2 Racing rule(s) 35, 52 and Appendix A will be changed as follows:

Boats in the Classic Canvas Class may use power driven winches. This modifies RRS 52.

The time limit for boats to sail the course is 1700. If any boat in a class sails the course within the time limit, other boats in that class that do not sail the course within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) equal to the number of finishing boats plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

No score will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3 The following US Sailing prescription does not apply: Prescription to Rule 63.1

1.4 Appendix T1 applies.

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 Race Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all boats with enough entries to form a class. Potential classes include ORC, PHRF non-Spin, Cruising Spinnaker Classic Canvas (using only Dacron sails), Cruising Non-Spin Classic Canvas (same), Multihull and One Design class(es).

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form ([available here](#)) and submitting it, together with the required fee, by the registration deadline. Upon registration, you will receive an email – RETAIN THIS EMAIL as it has a link to update your registration, including uploading documents, updating crew, etc.

3.2 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions: at the discretion of the Regatta Chair with a required \$100 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access.

3.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A minimum of four (4) boats constitutes a class, except that the Race Committee may designate smaller classes at its discretion.

3.4 A valid 2025 ORC, PHRF or TOMA certificate is required to complete registration.

3.5 All crew waivers are required to complete registration and are to be filed with the Race Committee no later than the start of the competitors meeting to compete in the regatta.

4. CLASSIFICATION n/a

5. FEES

5.1 Required entry fee is \$110 which includes the after-race party for skipper and crew with hot appetizers and live music. A \$5 discount is available for US

Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge.

5.2 Other fees:

5.2.1 Boxed lunches may be ordered online during registration for \$12.50 each. Boxed lunches are not available to late entries.

6. Does not apply

7. SCHEDULE

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| 7.1 Registration deadline: | Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 2100 |
| 7.2 Deadline to sign Crew Waivers: | Friday, February 28, 2025 | 1930 |
| 7.3 Skippers' Meeting: | Friday, February 28, 2025 | 1930 |
| 7.4 Date of racing: | Saturday, March 1, 2025 | |
| 7.5 Number of races: | There will be one or two races. | |
| 7.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is | 1030. | |
| 7.7 Awards on the LYC club grounds: | Saturday, March 1, 2025, following racing. | |

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each monohull boat racing in a handicapped fleet must be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a valid **2025 PHRF-GB or ORC certificate**, as appropriate; a digital copy of the new certificate should be obtained from the PHRF secretary or ORC and uploaded to the boat's race registration.

8.2 Each multihull shall submit a current rating certificate from the Texas Offshore Multihull Association.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically after 2100 Wednesday, February 26, 2025 on Regatta Network and the LYC website [or following this link](#).

10. VENUE

10.1 The racing area will be in Galveston Bay.

11. THE COURSES

The courses will be set around fixed and dropped marks in Galveston Bay.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM – Does not apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 Handicap scoring will use ORC or PHRF Time on Time (TOT)scoring, as appropriate. Multihulls will be scored using Time on Distance (TOD).

14. SUPPORT BOATS – not applicable

15. BERTHING – not applicable

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – not applicable

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – not applicable

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION - Information about communication frequencies will be addressed in the Sailing Instructions.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Two trophies will be awarded in classes with four or five boats, three trophies in classes with six to eight boats and four trophies in classes with more than eight boats.

19.2 To qualify for a series trophy, a boat must compete in the same class during all the 2025 Bay Cup regattas.

19.3 The Bay Cup Series will be comprised of Bay Cups I, II and III. The Bay Cup Series trophies will be awarded by treating each regatta as a “race” under RRS Appendix A2.

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, 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 or illness 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 each crew member has 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 can be submitted online here [Crewmember Waiver and Release of Liability](#).

A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers is available here [Crewmember Waiver List](#) and 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 the deadline identified above in 7.2 to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

20. 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Jim Marzonie at 713-315-1658 or jmarzonie@earthlink.net