

# Wednesday Night Series - 2025

## Sapphire Bay Yacht Club

## Lake Ray Hubbard, Texas

### Notice of Race

#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2025-2028 (RRS).

#### 2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SBYC website and on the Regatta Network event page.

#### 3 Communication

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located on the Regatta Network event page.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 71.

#### 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating.
- 4.2 Classes are defined as follows:

Class	PHRF Range or Other Definition
A	PHRF less than 121
B	PHRF between 121 and 211
C	PHRF greater than or equal to 212
D	Displacement over 6500 lbs.
E	Novice and casual racers

- 4.3 A boat that qualifies for the D Fleet may instead race a series with the fleet designated by their PHRF rating (A,B, or C). Any boat may register for the E Fleet.
- 4.4 Eligible boats enter by completing the Regatta Network entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, before the beginning of the series.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted through the end of the series. Late entries will be scored DNC for races before entry.

#### 5 Fees

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$25 for SBYC members, \$35 for non-members.

#### 6 Crew Limitations

- 6.1 Not applicable

## **7 Advertising**

7.1 Not applicable

## **8 Qualifying Series and Final Series**

8.1 Not applicable

## **9 Schedule**

9.1 Registration:

Online at Regatta Network

9.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement:

Not applicable

9.3 Dates of racing:

Racing every Wednesday night from March 12 through October 15, 2025

9.4 Number of races:

One race each Wednesday, weather permitting.

9.5 Scheduled time:

First warning signal at 6:25 pm for a 6:30 pm first fleet start on March 12 through April 2 and August 27 through October 15. First warning at 6:55 pm from April 9 to August 20.

9.6 Series schedule:

Wednesday night racing will be divided into four series:

Spring: March 12 through April 30

Summer I: May 7 through June 25

Summer II: July 2 through August 20

Fall: August 27 through October 15

## **10 Equipment Inspection**

10.1 Racers are personally responsible for ensuring all requirements of their assigned PHRF rating are met, including sail sizes and other equipment requirements.

## **11 Clothing and Equipment**

11.1 Not applicable

## **12 Venue**

12.1 Races will be held on the north end of Lake Ray Hubbard, south of the I-30 causeway.

## **13 Courses**

13.1 Courses for the A and B fleets will predominantly be Windward/Leeward.

13.2 Courses for C, D, and E fleets will be chosen to accommodate main/jib boats, to include reaching legs when feasible. Dead downwind legs will be avoided.

13.3 Race length will be approximately one hour when feasible.

## **14 Penalty System**

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, does not apply. Rule infractions are handled on the water under RRS 44.1 and by Protest Committee with disqualification.

## **15 Scoring**

15.1 The scoring system is RRS Appendix A4 Low Point System.

15.2 One completed race constitutes a series.

15.3 Series scoring:

- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.4 RRS rule A5.3 applies.

15.5 A boat serving Race Committee duty shall receive for that race a score equal to the average of scores they received for other races in that series, for one race. Additional races served as Race Committee duty in that series shall be scored DNS.

15.6 A boat that makes contact with the Race Committee boat shall be scored as DSQ. This changes Racing Rules 63.1 and/or A5.

## **16 Support Vessels**

16.1 Not applicable. The SBYC club boat will be anchored as a race signal boat and available for support purposes only in an emergency.

## **17 Chartered or Loaned Boats**

17.1 Not applicable

## **18 Berthing**

18.1 No berthing restrictions

## **19 Haul-out Restrictions**

19.1 No haul-out restrictions

## **20 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools**

20.1 No diving equipment or cleaning restrictions

## **21 Data Protection**

21.1 Not applicable

## 22 Risk Statement

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 22.2 To the fullest extent permitted by law, participants waive any rights they may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by the participant or their crew as a result of participation in this event and release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

## 23 Insurance

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

## 24 Prizes

- 24.1 Trophies will be awarded by fleet depending on number of entries in each fleet.

## 25 Further Information

- 25.1 For further information, contact the SBYC Vice Commodore at [vicecommodore@sbyc-tx.org](mailto:vicecommodore@sbyc-tx.org)