

# Bob Barnes Regatta 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 [Regatta Network event page](#).

#### 3 Communication

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located on the [SBYC website](#).  
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 Deadline for entry is September 6, 2025.

#### 5 Fees

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$100. Early registration fee is \$75. Entry will include one tee-shirt, box lunch, and dinner at pavilion. Additional shirts and meals will be available for purchase at registration.

#### 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:

September 13, 2025.

9.4 Number of races:

Up to two Rule 26 races for Fleets A, B, C, D.

One pursuit race for all Fleets.

9.5 Scheduled times:

- Skipper's meeting: 9:00 in the Sapphire Bay Marina Easy Days Pavilion
- First warning signal at 10:00 am for a 10:05 am start.
- On-water lunch break.
- Pursuit race start at 1:00
- Post-race party at 4:00 at Sapphire Bay Marina pavilion.

## **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 Meetings and party will be based at Sapphire Bay Marina. 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 and D fleets will be chosen to accommodate main/jib boats, to include reaching legs when feasible. Dead downwind legs will be avoided.

13.3 Afternoon pursuit race will be for all classes, around Lake Ray Hubbard fixed marks, with a target duration of about two hours for the highest rated boats.

- Official regatta clock and reference for starting times is found at [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov).

- Final course selection will be made on day of event. Courses and individual start times will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and made available at the Easy Days Pavilion.
- Any changes to the start time of 1:00 pm will be communicated by VHF channel 71.

## **14 Penalty System**

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, does not apply.

## **15 Scoring**

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

15.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

15.3 Regatta scoring:

A boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 RRS rule A5.3 applies.

15.5 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.

## **17 Chartered or Loaned Boats**

17.1 Not applicable

## **18 Berthing**

18.1 No berthing restrictions

18.2 Slips are available at no cost at Sapphire Bay Marina overnight before and after the event. Bring your own dock lines. Visitors are encouraged to join SBYC for a social on Friday evening after delivering boats to SBM.

## **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)