

Lakewood Yacht Club's

2026 Bay Cup I

and

J/105 Invitational

March 7-8, 2026

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

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Notice of Race (NOR)

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Bay Cup I is the first in a series of the 2026 Bay Cup Series comprised of 3 events.

Bay Cup I is anticipated to be a distance race for all classes except the J/105 class which will be W/L races.

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

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and one design fleet class rules.
- 1.2** Racing rule(s) 20, 35, 52, 60, 61 and Appendix A have been changed or modified. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3** Boats in the Classic Canvas Class may use power driven winches. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.4** The time limit for boats to sail the distance course is 1700. The time limit may be extended by the Race Committee up to 1800 via VHF radio. This time extension will not be subject to redress, this changes RRS 61.1. 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).

Time Limits for the W/L courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

- 1.5 No score will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 1.6 The following US Sailing prescription does not apply: Prescription to Rule 63.1
- 1.7 When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. This modifies RRS 20.4(b)
- 1.8 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available electronically after 2100 Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is on Regatta Network website; a courtesy notice board will be located near the main clubhouse glass foyer entry door facing south located near the pool at Lakewood Yacht Club.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio continuously monitoring the channel stated in the SIs while racing.
- 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 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 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), Multihull and One Design class(es).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form ([available here](#)) and submitting it, together with the required fee, by the registration deadline. It is important for Skippers to list all crew members in their registration and update as required. Upon registration, you will receive an email – RETAIN THIS EMAIL as it has a link to update your registration, including uploading documents, updating the names of all crew, etc.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 **Except for the J/105s, a valid 2025 ORC, PHRF or TOMA certificate is required to complete registration.**

4.5 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 be entered in the regatta.

Note: We intend to use ONE crew waiver for all events organized by Bay Access and Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club during the current year. It is important for Skippers to list all crew members in their registration for each race, to facilitate comparison against the annual list of signed crew waivers. We encourage that Skippers have all potential crew complete crew waivers.

4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

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

5 FEES

5.1 The required entry fee is \$115,

The required entry fee for the J/105 is \$165,

which includes an after-race party for skippers and crew with hot appetizers and live music on Saturday.

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:

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

6 CREW LIMITATIONS n/a

7 [DP] ADVERTISING

7.1 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

7.2 By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The 2026 Bay Cup Series will be comprised of 3 events, Bay Cups I, II and III. Bay Cup I is the first in a series of the 2026 Bay Cup.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2025, 2100

9.2 Deadline to sign Crew Waivers: Friday, March 6, 2025, 1930

9.3 Skippers' Meeting and Check In: Friday, March 6, 2025, 1930

9.4 Date of racing Bay Cup I distance race(s): Saturday, March 7, 2025
Date of racing Bay Cup I J/105 races: Saturday, Sunday, March 7-8, 202

9.5 Number of races: There will be one or two races for the distance course with one race being completed to be considered a regatta. Six races are anticipated for the J/105 W/L course. 4 races are anticipated on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday with two races being completed to be considered a regatta.

9.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1030 each day.

9.7 Awards on the LYC club grounds for distance races: Saturday, March 7, 2026, following racing.
Awards on LYC club grounds for J105 races: Sunday, March 8, 2026 following racing.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 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.

10.2 Each multihull shall submit a current rating certificate from the Texas Offshore Multihull Association and uploaded to the boat's race registration.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT n/a

12 VENUE

12.1 The racing area will be in Galveston Bay.

13 COURSES

13.1 The distance courses will be set around fixed and dropped marks in Galveston Bay. The J105 courses will be around dropped marks as windward/leeward type courses.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix T applies.

15 SCORING

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

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS n/a

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS n/a

18 BERTHING n/a

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS n/a

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS n/a

21 DATA PROTECTION n/a

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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 [**CREW MEMBER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**](#)

A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers is available here [**CREW MEMBER 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 9.2 to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

23 [NP] INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

24.1 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.

No Bay Cup I trophies will be awarded for the J/105 class.

24.2 To qualify for the 2026 Bay Cup series trophy, a boat must compete in the same class during all the 2026 Bay Cup regattas.

24.3 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 with no races excluded.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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Addendum 1

The Invitational Regatta goal is to promote racing competition among J/105 owners from outside the Houston area (guests) with Fleet 17 J/105 owners. Owners with boats berthed in Houston will be shared with Guest Drivers whose boats are not berthed in Houston in a series of up to six races. Houston Owners/Drivers sail in the GOLD fleet in odd numbered races, outside Houston Guest Drivers sail in the PLATINUM Fleet in even numbered races. GOLD fleet Owners/Drivers shall bring two crew, PLATINUM fleet Guest/Drivers shall bring two crew. Each boat shall sail with six on board. Each Houston boat owner shall drive up to three (3) races, each Guest/Driver will drive the other up to three (3) races. The Owners and their two crew shall sail with the three guest crews in all six races.

The Owner must be a member of the J/105 Class Association with all dues paid and up to date prior to the first race.

This addendum modifies but does not replace the 2026 Bay Cup I Notice of Race (NOR). Any conflicts with this Addendum and the Bay Cup I NOR, this addendum shall apply.

1 RULES

1.1 J/105 Class Rules available at J105.org will apply.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 All Owner and Drivers must be eligible according to the J/105 Class Rules

4.2 The event is open to all boats of J/105 Fleet 17 that comply with the Class rules.

4.3 Guest Drivers do not pay registration fees, but their names and crew must be entered on the entry form.

4.4 Category for driver eligibility is Level 2, category for crew eligibility is Level A.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply.

6.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

7 [DP] ADVERTISING

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

15 SCORING

15.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No races will be excluded. This changes Appendix A2.1

For the Gold fleet the odd number races will be scored. And applied to Bay Cup Series and to the J/105 Invitational Gold awards.

For the Platinum fleet the even number races will be scored for the J/105 Invitational Platinum awards.

All Races will be scored to determine the Overall J/105 Invitational Award.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 On-the- water coaching is not permitted.

18 BERTHING

18.1 Boats shall be kept in assigned places while berthed in the harbor.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top 3 boats overall
- Top 3 Skippers of the Gold Fleet (Fleet 17 skippers living in the Houston area)
- Top 3 Skippers of the Platinum Fleet (*Guest skippers*)

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact

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