



Lakewood Yacht Club

RS21 USA Fleet I

2020 RS21 Halloween Regatta

October 31 - November 1, 2020

Lakewood Yacht Club

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Organizing Authority: Lakewood Yacht Club

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The RS21 Class Association rules will apply.
- 1.3. Any Center for Disease Control (CDC) or State of Texas guidelines in effect with respect to Covid-19 will be strictly followed.
- 1.4. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment, Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to Lakewood Yacht Club member skippers who are certified to charter the RS21 Class fleet. The certified LYC member charterer shall be on the boat at all times, shall assume responsibility, and may invite non-member or non-certified crew.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 3.3. The regatta will be sailed in two fleets: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. Competitors' choice of fleet is for the duration of the event.
- 3.4. Entries are limited to 24 teams.
- 3.5. All boats competing will be supplied from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 fleet.
- 3.6. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required.
- 3.7. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors; limit of six (6) sailors per team that may rotate races in the boat during on-shore rotations.

4. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 4.1. Register and book RS21 charter at: <https://rs21fleet1.com/>
- 4.2. The entry fee is \$50 per team.
- 4.3. The charter fee is \$300 (\$150/day per the RS21 Charter Manual)
 - 4.3.1. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.
 - 4.3.2. The charter fee applies and can be found in the RS21 Charter Manual at: <https://rs21fleet1.com/documents-and-forms/>
 - 4.3.3. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement.
 - 4.3.4. Boats will be available by 1200 the day before the regatta for practice.
 - 4.3.5. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 4.4. Cancellation and refunds in the event of COVID-19 closures:

- 4.4.1. If the event is cancelled by the OA specifically for COVID-19 concerns, a 100% refund will be issued for the entry fee and the charter fee.
- 4.4.2. If an individual team withdraws with no less than 48 hours notice prior to the start of the event, a 100% refund will be issued for the entry fee and the charter fee.

5. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 30

1200 Boats available for practice on a first come basis; open practice on Clear Lake.

Saturday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN

09:00 Registrant Check In: Poolside, Socially Distant
09:30 Competitors Briefing: Poolside, Socially Distant
10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
Racing and rotations throughout the day
After racing Upper Deck and Poolside Socially Distant Fun

Sunday, November 1

10:30 Harbor Start
11:00 First Warning Signal
Racing and rotations throughout the day
16:30 No start after
After racing Awards

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Thursday, October 29.
- 6.2. The sailing instructions will be posted online at <https://rs21fleet1.com/>

7. COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 7.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake unless wind conditions or direction necessitate moving the racecourse to the bay in order to race. It is the intention to hold all races on Clear Lake.
- 7.2. The race course configurations will be posted in the sailing instructions and at the event.
- 7.3. Windward/Leeward or Triangle courses will be used.

8. FORMAT AND ROTATIONS

- 8.1. If 12 or fewer teams are entered, all races will be sailed in the assigned chartered boat.
- 8.2. If more than 12 teams are entered, the fleet will be split into a rotation schedule.
- 8.3. Charterers may register as Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker. Both divisions will compete together, but will be scored separately. Competitors' choice of fleet at the start of the event is for the duration of the event.
- 8.4. Rotation schedule and format is subject to change based on the number of entries in both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions and will be posted at the event. Rotation schedule will attempt to distribute Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions equitably among rotations.

9. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. In accordance with RRS Rule 44, in the case of 44.1.b, the boat will be immediately disqualified for that race, potentially for the day and/or potentially for the entire event. There will be zero tolerance on collisions. [DP]
- 9.2. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag (this modifies RRS 61.1(2)), but shall hail protest and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing.
- 9.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.
- 9.4. Any protests which are not resolved through Arbitration will be held promptly at an outdoor location and will comply with all social distancing policies in effect at the time. Protest hearings will be kept as brief as possible.

- 9.5. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.
10. BERTHING
- 10.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.
11. RADIO COMMUNICATION
- 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
12. PRIZES
- 12.1. Prizes will be given for top three finishing teams in both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets.
- 12.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
14. HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
- 14.1. Competitors shall carry one U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each crew member on board.
- 14.2. PFDs are encouraged to be worn by all competitors while on the water.
- 14.3. See section 4.3 for cancellation policy.
- 14.4. Distancing and disinfecting measures will be in place, including but not limited to:
- Any CDC guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
 - Wearing gators or masks is encouraged.
 - Bring hand sanitizer for use on shore and on the water.
 - Open air briefings with maximum distance between teams.
 - Option for zoom or call-in briefings and protest hearings.
 - Outdoor social arrangements.
 - Staggered dock times.
15. FURTHER INFORMATION
- 15.1. For further information please contact:
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- LYC RS21 Fleet Manager:
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