



# 2021 RS21 North American Championship

**Inclusive Dates: November 11-14, 2021**

**Race Days: November 12-14, 2021**

Bay Access Sailing Foundation and Lakewood Yacht Club  
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Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation

## 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.

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

### 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) guidelines for COVID-19 in effect at the start of the event will be strictly followed. [NP]
- 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. [NP]
- 1.5. Privately owned RS21s must adhere to RS21 Class Rules except as noted herein.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than November 10, 2021.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be posted on the Lakewood Yacht Club official Notice Board prior to the first day of the regatta as well as online at <https://rs21fleet1.com/2021na/>

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is online at <https://rs21fleet1.com/2021na/>
- 3.2. All boats shall bring and carry a VHF radio (not provided) capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP]
- 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. While racing, 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. [DP]

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to all skippers to charter Lakewood Yacht Club RS21s who are certified by Lakewood Yacht Club to charter the Lakewood RS21 Class fleet and have executed the Lakewood RS21 charter agreement. The certified charterer shall be on the boat at all times, shall assume responsibility, and may invite non-certified crew. Regardless of whether the certified charterer is helming the boat he or she shall be responsible for all actions involving the boat.
- 4.3. Charterers may be certified up to 1700 on the day preceding the first scheduled race. Charterers may arrange to be certified on the day of the first race, prior to race, by special arrangement with the Lakewood Waterfront Director. Arrangement must be agreed upon in writing at least 7 days prior to the first race.
- 4.4. The regattas is open to competitors who supply their own privately owned RS21 meeting all the requirements to make privately owned RS2s in every way equally equipped and rigged to the Lakewood Yacht Club owned RS21s as verified by the Technical Committee.
- 4.5. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required for charterers. Class membership is required for privately owned RS21s.
- 4.6. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://rs21fleet1.com/lyc/>
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including charter fees.
- 4.8. Late entries will be accepted if charter boats remain available or for privately owned RS21s.
- 4.9. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
  - 4.9.1. Entries for charterers are limited to 12 teams on supplied charter RS21s. Charterers will be waitlisted on a first come basis. If additional charter boats become available they will be chartered through Lakewood Yacht Club and the allowable number of team entries shall be increased accordingly.
  - 4.9.2. Entries of privately owned RS21s are limited to 2 entries until 12 supplied RS21s are chartered, and unlimited entries afterwards.

#### 5. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$500 per team.
  - 5.1.1. Register at Regatta Network:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=23057](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=23057)
  - 5.1.2. A late registration fee of \$100 per team is required for any registrations after October 31, 2021 at 2359 hours.
  - 5.1.3. Entry fee includes:
    - Box lunch for skipper and crew each full race day (Friday and Saturday)
    - Post-race refreshment Friday
    - Competitor Social skipper and crew post-race Saturday
    - Event give away(s) for skipper and crew members
- 5.2. All supplied boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet. Boats may not be chartered from any other individual or organization.
  - 5.2.1. Book RS21 charter at: <https://rs21fleet1.com/>
  - 5.2.2. The charter fee is \$1000 per team.
  - 5.2.3. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
  - 5.2.4. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing.

- 5.2.5. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats.
- 5.2.6. Boats will be available by 1200 the day before the regatta for practice.
- 5.2.7. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors with a limit of six (6) sailors per team that may rotate races when onshore. This modifies the RS21 Class Rules.
- 6.2. The following categorization requirements apply (see RRS 79):
  - 6.2.1. The permitted driver or skipper may be either a Group 1 or Group 3 Classification, this modifies the RS21 Class Rules.
  - 6.2.2. More than one driver or skipper may be designated for the event. This modifies the RS21 Class Rules.
  - 6.2.3. Only one crew member, including the driver or skipper, may be Group 3 Classification.

## 7. ADVERTISING

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

## 8. SCHEDULE

### 8.1. Event Schedule

#### **Thursday, November 11**

1200 - 1600 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In followed by optional open practice. Practice boats available on first come, first serve basis during Registrant Check In and practice time may be limited based on availability of boats. Teams are encouraged to check in early to secure a practice time slot. No official practice race is planned but informal practice races may be organized by competitors.

#### **Friday, November 12**

0800 - 0930 Late Registrant Check In by Prior Arrangement Only  
1000 Skippers Briefing  
10:30 Harbor Start  
11:00 First Warning Signal  
Post race Drinks and snacks post race

#### **Saturday, November 13**

1000 Skippers Briefing  
10:30 Harbor Start  
11:00 First Warning Signal  
Post race Regatta Social

#### **Sunday, November 14**

1000 Skippers Briefing  
10:30 Harbor Start  
11:00 First Warning Signal  
1400 No Start After  
1600 Awards after racing

## 8.2. Number of Races

8.2.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled.

8.2.2. Four (4) races are scheduled for each day of racing. Two extra races per day may be sailed, provided the championship never becomes more than two races ahead of schedule.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Supplied RS21s shall be inspected by the Technical Committee prior to the first day of the regatta to ensure equal equipment and rigging for all boats and compliance with RS21 Class Rules.

9.2. All supplied and privately owned RS21's shall be equipped with Dacron Club sails and class masthead spinnakers.

9.3. Each privately owned RS21 shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

9.4. Owners of privately owned RS21s shall be responsible for verifying all equipment and rigging requirements with the Technical Committee prior to arrival at the event. No refund shall be provided or other liabilities accepted for boats which fail to meet these requirements.

9.5. Privately owned boats shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Technical Committee. Privately owned boats shall be tuned by the Technical Committee and the Owner may not adjust the tuning during the event. Privately owned boats shall arrive on-site no later than 1200 on the day preceding the first scheduled race and shall not leave the site until 2 hours after racing has concluded or 30 minutes after conclusion of any protests in which the boat is involved, whichever is later. Owners of privately owned boats shall be responsible for arrangements for berthing the vessel on-site or using crane hoist to dry store the boat on-site. [NP]

9.6. Privately owned RS21s shall be presented for inspection and verification of all equipment and rigging by the Technical Committee starting on November 9 and concluding by November 11. Appointments for inspection shall be made by the owner with the LYC Waterfront Director no later than November 6. The owner of the privately owned RS21 shall be present for the inspection and any tuning by the Technical Committee. [DP] [NP]

## 10. VENUE

10.1. All races will be held on Galveston Bay or on Clear Lake adjacent to Lakewood Yacht Club.

## 11. COURSES

11.1. The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions. The race courses are intended to be primarily windward-leeward courses of approximately 45 minute duration.

11.2. The marks will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. If a boat breaches RRS Rule 44.1.b, as judged by an Umpire and/or the Protest Committee, the boat will be disqualified for that race or up to the entire event if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2. The competitor may request redress for the decision of the Umpire and/or the Protest Committee. [DP]

12.2. Any boat found to have broken RRS Rule 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS Rule 43 may be disqualified for the entire event. There will be zero tolerance on collisions! [DP]

12.3. 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.

12.4. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.

13. SCORING

13.1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.

14. BERTHING AND HAULING OUT

14.1. Chartered boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.

14.2. Privately owned RS21s shall be kept on-site in either a previously arranged in-water berth or on its own trailer. Owners of privately owned boats shall be responsible for arrangements for berthing the vessel on-site or using crane hoist to dry store the boat on-site overnight. Other than cases of an unforeseen emergency, privately owned RS21s may not be transported off premises until 2 hours following the completion of the last race in which her crew intends to race or 30 minutes following conclusion of any protest in which the boat is involved, whichever is later. [DP]

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1. 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.

15.2. All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the competitor's briefing. [DP] [NP]

16. INSURANCE

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

17. PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be given to the top five finishers.

17.2. A perpetual North American Champion award will be named with the top finisher.

18. HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS [NP]

18.1. Distancing measures will be in place based on the Covid-19 status at the time of the event may include:

- Any CDC guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
- Wearing gators or facemasks may be required while onshore per CDC and local recommendations.
- Outdoor briefings and socials.
- Option for Zoom or call-in briefings and protest hearings.
- Staggered dock times.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. For further information please contact:

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