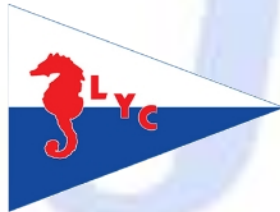


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Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Notice of Race

October 26th and 27th, 2019

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1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Racing Rule A2.1 will be changed as follows: No score will be excluded. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all J/Boats. Expected classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/105, J/109, J/ORC (W/L), J/PHRF Non-Spinnaker (W/L), and J/Distance (Saturday racing only).
- 2.2. Classes require a minimum of 4 boats. Division splits and class selections may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3. All classes without the sufficient number of boats are invited to participate in the J/ORC (W/L), J/PHRF Non-Spinnaker (W/L) or J/Cruise (Distance) classes.
- 2.4. Registration:
 - 2.4.1. **Early Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Saturday, September 7th, 2019**, and includes:
 - REGATTA T-SHIRTS FOR SKIPPER AND CREW (max 6 shirts)
 - YOUR BOAT NAME on the official Regatta shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.2. **Regular Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Saturday, October 19th, 2019**, and includes:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.3. **Late Registration** deadline is 1700 hours on **Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019** and will include an additional \$50 Late Fee. Included are:
 - 1 Regatta T-shirt
 - 2 Wristbands for Saturday night dinner
 - 2.4.4. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will require an additional \$100 tax-deductible donation to Bay Access.

3. Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Entry Fee is \$95 for all classes except for the J/Distance Class which shall be \$75. A \$5.00 discount is available for US SAILING Members. The Late Entry fee is \$145 (\$95 + \$50 Late Fee) except for J/Distance which shall be \$125. The Entry Fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. Entry fees will be refunded if a registrant notifies the Race Committee of the withdrawal prior to the Late Registration Deadline.

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4. Schedule:

Sunday, September 7th, 2019

Early Registration deadline 1700 hours

Saturday, October 19th, 2019

Registration deadline 1700 hours

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019

Late Registration deadline 1700 hours

Friday, October 25th, 2019

Skippers' meeting 1930 hours

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

J/22 tow assistance 0815 hours

1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours

J/Distance 1st Warning 1030 hours

Pool Party and Band 1700 hours

Dinner 1800 hours

Band in Bar Lounge area 1930 hours

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

J/22 tow assistance 0815 hours

1st Warning all Lines 1000 hours

No Starts after 1300 hours

Awards Presentation 1600 hours

5. Insurance

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

6. Race Area

6.1. The racing area will be in Galveston Bay, and generally East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2 and West of the Houston Ship Channel. Multiple separate racing lines are planned.

7. Courses

Windward/Leeward Courses: Potential classes include J/22, J/24, J/70, J/105, J/109, J/ORC, J/PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and other J/boat One-Design classes.

Distance Course: J/Distance.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and online at Yacht Scoring and J/Fest Southwest websites.

9. Notices to Competitors

- 9.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board of Lakewood Yacht Club located near the west end of the swimming pool.

10. Scoring and Prizes:

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores and no scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2 and A4.
- 10.2. Awards will be presented to the top third of each class, up to five. PHRF scoring will use time on distance (TOD) scoring.
- 10.3. Additional prizes may be awarded to participants by sponsors.

11. Measurement

- 11.1. In accordance with RRS 78.1, each boat racing in a PHRF fleet shall be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a 2019 certificate. As an exception, J/Distance yachts may request a standard J/Boat class PHRF rating at registration if they do not possess a valid PHRF Certificate.
- 11.2. In accordance with RRS 78.2, each boat racing in an ORC fleet shall submit a current rating certificate (club or international) from the Offshore Racing Congress.

12. Waivers

- 12.1. No boat shall participate in this regatta unless the skipper and all crew members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability prior to the Skippers Meeting; At the discretion of the Race Committee, 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 as participating in the event.
- 12.2. It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to check in on race day to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

13. Spectator Boat

- 13.1. A spectator boat (68' motoryacht) will be available on Saturday, October 26th for family and friends of J/Fest sailors to view the racing action. A fee of \$20 per person will be charged to defray the cost of lunch and beverage.
- 13.2. The spectator boat will leave the Inner Harbor of LYC at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 26th, and return at 1:30 pm. Space is limited and reservations must be made on Yacht Scoring. Reservation deadline is October 23rd, 2019.

14. Advertising

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.

15. Docking/Launching

- 15.1. Competitors are welcome to leave their boats in the Inner Harbor of LYC during the Regatta and additional dockage may be allocated to select J/Classes in the West Harbor, however reservations must be made in advance by contacting the LYC Harbor Administrator, Cody Bartro, at 281-474-2540.
- 15.2. We anticipate having a launch crane for the larger boats (>2 tons) available on Friday (10/25/19) afternoon and Sunday (10/27/2019) afternoon. **Reservations for launching of larger boats must be arranged in advance, no later than 7pm on October 16th, through the LYC Harbor Administrator, Cody Bartro (281-474-2540).** Launching crane for smaller boats (< 2 tons) and boat ramp are available at no charge.

16. Accommodations/Lodging

Nearby accommodations in Seabrook are available and may offer special event rates. Refer to the link below for details and contact information.

<https://www.jfestsouthwest.com/home/lodging/>

17. J/22 Class Only

- 17.1. Towing assistance from LYC to the race area will be provided at 8:15am prompt. Specific details will be provided at the briefing.
- 17.2. Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility, aka class membership), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply.

18. J/24 Class only

The NOR Addendum for the J/24 Class is available at:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/9577/J-24%20Addendum%20NOR-2019.pdf

19. J/70 Class only

- 19.1. Support boats shall comply with Class Rule I.3. Support boats and operators shall register during check in. The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.
- 19.2. All boats shall be afloat before 1930 on October 25th, 2019. Boats shall not be hauled out, and shall not remove their rudders, during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.3. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

Further Information: For further information please contact:

- Lakewood Yacht Club: (281) 474-2511 or race@lakewoodyachtclub.com
- Jim Demarest, 2019 J/Fest Committee Chair: (832) 746-2205 or demarest@fairlepoint.com