



## 2023 RS21 North American Championship

~~Race Days: September 29 – October 1, 2023~~

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Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation

hosted at Lakewood Yacht Club

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### 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. 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]

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than September 25, 2023.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board prior to the first day of the regatta at:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16070>

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16070>
- 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. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required for charterers.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16070>

- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including charter fees.
- 4.6. Late entries will be accepted if charter boats remain available.
- 4.7. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
  - 4.7.1. Entries for charterers are limited to ~~twenty (20)~~ **twelve (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.

## 5. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 5.1. ~~The combined entry fee and charter fee is \$1,200 per team for Members of Lakewood Yacht Club and \$1,850 for Non-Members.~~  
The entry fee is \$100 per team.
  - 5.1.1. A late registration fee of \$100 per team is required for any registrations after September 10, 2023 at 2359 hours.
  - 5.1.2. Entry fee includes:
    - ~~–Post race refreshments Friday~~
    - Competitor Social skipper and crew post-race Saturday
    - ~~–Event give away(s) for skipper and crew members~~
    - Charter boat for the Event
- 5.2. ~~The charter fee is \$400 per team for Members of Lakewood Yacht Club and \$600 per team for Non-Members of Lakewood Yacht Club.~~ All supplied boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet. Boats may not be chartered from any other individual or organization without the written approval of the Organizing Authority.
  - 5.2.1. ~~Book RS21 charter with LYC RS21 Fleet Manager Keamia Rasa-Lucas at [klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com](mailto:klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com) at the time of registration at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16070>~~
  - 5.2.2. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
  - 5.2.3. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing.
  - 5.2.4. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats.
  - 5.2.5. Four (4) Boats will be available to be chartered on ~~Thursday, September 28~~ **Friday, September 29** from 1000 - 1600 for practice on a first come, first serve basis. Charter arrangements to be made with LYC RS21 Coordinator no later than September 28. Any torn spinnakers will be express repaired overnight at the expense of the user.
  - 5.2.6. 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, September 28~~

~~1000-1600 Optional Clinic (separate registration required)~~

~~1600-1800 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In Dockside~~

Friday, September 29

1600 - 1800 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In Dockside

Saturday, September 30

1000 Competitors Briefing

10:30 Harbor Start

11:00 First Warning Signal

Post race Regatta Social

Sunday, October 1

1000 Competitors 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) Eight (8) 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 RS21's shall be equipped with Dacron Club sails and class masthead spinnakers.

## 10. VENUE AND FORMAT

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

10.2. The race area will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing each morning.

10.3. If 11 or fewer charterers are entered, all races will be sailed in the assigned chartered boat.

~~10.4. If more than 11 charterers are entered, the fleet will be split into a rotation schedule.~~

~~10.5. Rotation schedule and format is subject to change and will be posted at the event no later than the Competitor's Briefing.~~

## 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 ~~20~~ 40 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 44.1.b, as judged by the Protest Committee, and if the Protest Committee finds a breach of RRS 2 then LYC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages.

12.2. If a boat found by the Protest Committee to have broken RRS 14 and not been subsequently exonerated under RRS 43 then LYC may immediately revoke the charter without refund and the charterer will remain responsible for all damages. There will be zero tolerance on collisions!

12.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag (this modifies RRS 61.a(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.
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. PRIZES
  - 16.1. Prizes will be given to the top five finishers.
  - 16.2. A perpetual North American Champion award will be named with the top finisher.
17. FURTHER INFORMATION
  - 17.1. For further information please contact:  
LYC RS21 Fleet Manager: Keamia Rasa Lucas at [klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com](mailto:klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com)  
LYC Waterfront Director: Terry Flynn - (832) 256-6865 - [waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com](mailto:waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com)  
LYC Fleet Captain: Marie Wise at [sailmom@gmail.com](mailto:sailmom@gmail.com)