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NOTICE OF RACE

Blue Gavel Regatta

September 20, 2026

Westlake Yacht Club

Westlake Village, California



1. Schedule

1.1 This regatta will be held at the date shown above, at the Westlake Yacht Club (WYC).

1.2 Competitors bringing boats must notify the WYC Rear Commodore (or designee) by email no later than 1 p.m. two days prior to the event and get confirmation from the Rear Commodore. The Rear Commodore will direct you when to be at the Westlake Boat Launch Ramp for Quagga Mussel Inspection. Boats that arrive after the designated time risk not being inspected and then not allowed on the lake.

1.3 The clubhouse and docks will open at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the regatta.

1.4 Competitors are required to enter the event on-line either through the Clubspot website

<https://westlakeyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/JZYSDjSv5N>

or through the WYC website at <https://westlakeyc.org/Regattas>, or the WYC email blast (for WYC members). All will re-direct to Clubspot. Registration will be open until 12:00 PM on the day of the regatta.

1.5 A Competitors Meeting will be held in the clubhouse or on the clubhouse deck at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the regatta.

1.6 The warning signal for the first race is scheduled at 12:57 p.m. The order of class starts for the first race, and other notices will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.

1.7 If the last boat in a race is deemed by the Race Committee to be too far behind the others to advance their position, the Race Committee may direct that boat to retire without rounding the last mark, to allow the next race to start earlier. There will be no penalty for this sailor, and they will be awarded last place in that race.

1.8 As many as four races may be run, wind and weather permitting. No warning signal will be made after 3:30 p.m.

1.9 The Club offers lunch and beverages during and after the regatta. As the clubhouse is next to the start line, competitors can visit the clubhouse between races. A break may be provided between races. Guests may utilize our deck for viewing of the races.

2.0 Approximately 30 minutes after the last race is completed, an award ceremony will be held on the clubhouse deck.

2. Entry

2.1 Entrants must be members of a yacht club or sailing association affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), or current member in good standing with the U.S. Sailing

organization. If chartering a WYC boat, they must be deemed qualified to race WYC boats, as determined by the respective fleet captain.

2.2 Regular racing classes include RS-Tera, ILCA, CFJ, Capri 14.2 and Catalina 18. Other dinghy fleets may be established and are welcome. At least two entries are required to establish a fleet/class.

2.3 Because of Quagga/Zebra mussel intrusion in freshwater lakes in California, Westlake Lake Management (WLMA) has established a mandatory protective process that must be followed prior to placing a visiting boat on the lake. It includes inspection and a Lake Operations Manager's written approval on the day of the regatta. The process does not take long, but it applies to all boats and equipment (sails, life vests, anchors and line, fenders, trailers, etc.) coming to the Lake/using boat launch. For the WLMA inspection, a boat, trailer, or other object must be certified to have not been in fresh water within the prior 90 days, be dry, and be free of mud and vegetation (or undergo WLMA's decontamination treatment). Visiting competitors may use the gated launch ramp and guest dock adjacent to the clubhouse. The WYC Rear Commodore must be notified by email no later than 1 p.m. two days prior to the regatta to arrange for the WLMA inspection.

3. Courses

3.1 Race courses start and finish in front of the clubhouse deck, and are along the western side of the lake, as shown on the WYC course chart available on the Clubspot and WYC website registration pages and at the regatta registration desk.

4. Sailing Instructions

4.1 Sailing instructions are available on the Clubspot and WYC website registration page for the event, and at the registration desk for the event.

5. Rules

5.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028 (RRS).

5.2 A low point scoring system will be used based on accumulated finish scores. Scores will be assigned to the sailor registered with a particular class and sail number. If the sailor swaps boats with another sailor between races, they must notify the race committee. In that case, the scoring will then follow the sailor, not the sail number. In a double-handed boat, if the helmsperson and crew swap positions between races, the points for the regatta will be awarded to the helmsperson who originally registered for the regatta.

5.3 The start/finish line, which is delineated as that area between and including the two marks in front of the yacht club, is restricted to sailing except when starting or finishing a race and during each fleet's relevant "starting sequence" period which begins 3 minutes prior to the start of each race. Keep clear of the start/finish area when you are not racing. The start/finish line is to be treated as an obstruction of the race course per RRS rules 19 and 20.

5.4 Any competitor colliding with a docked boat is automatically disqualified from that race and shall promptly inform the Race Committee of the collision and retire from that race.

5.5 WYC reserves the right to disqualify any boat involved in a collision.

5.6 Each competitor under 21 years of age must wear a personal flotation device. RRS 40.1 is always in effect in this race venue for under-age competitors.

6. Contact

6.1 For more information, contact the WYC Rear Commodore Daisy Flick,

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