



Lakewood Yacht Club
RS21 USA Fleet I

BAY ACCESS
SAILING FOUNDATION



2026 RS21 Women's Regatta August 1-2

Organizing Authority: Bay Access
hosted by: Lakewood Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE
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Lakewood Yacht Club invites women sailors to an event for women. This event is a qualifier for the 2026 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. Restrictions apply and are detailed in the references below.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions and the 2026 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series, Notice of Series shall apply.
- 1.3. A woman shall helm and can have a mixed crew for this regatta.
- 1.4. There shall be a minimum of three crew, and maximum of 4 crew, at least two (2) of which shall be female (including the helmsperson).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 18:00 on July 29, 2026 via the regatta website.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YjWnq7rMBt>.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, 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.

4. ADVERTISING

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

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. The event is open to RS21 boats supplied by Lakewood Yacht Club, and entries are limited to 11 teams.
- 5.2. Expected classes are spinnaker and non-spinnaker.
- 5.3. The event is open to all skippers to charter Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 boats 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.
- 5.4. Class Membership in the RS21 Class will not be required.

6. REGISTRATION AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 6.1. Regatta registration and boat charter are available online at the Lakewood Yacht Club website.
- 6.1.1. Lakewood Yacht Club members can login and register with a member account using the Club's website and navigating to the RS21 event page.
- 6.1.2. Non-members can create a guest account at:
<https://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/upcoming-events>
- 6.2. The entry fee is \$100 per team. This does not include the charter fee.
- 6.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required entry fees by the registration entry deadline.
- 6.4. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.
- 6.4.1. The charter fee is \$75 for LYC Members; \$100 for Non-Members.
- 6.4.2. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
- 6.4.3. For non-members, prior to sailing, a credit card number will be required in case of damage to the boats during the event.
- 6.4.4. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement.
- 6.4.5. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 6.5. Charterers may be certified up to 1700 on the day preceding the first scheduled race. Charterers may arrange to be certified on the first day of the event, prior to the first signal, by special arrangement with the Lakewood RS21 Fleet Manager. Arrangement must be agreed upon in writing at least 7 days prior to the event.
- 6.6. Execution of a Waiver and Release Agreement is required for all competitors. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their Waiver and Release Agreement signed by a parent or guardian. The Waiver and Release Agreement will be available at event check in.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Optional RS21 Boat time
Lakewood Yacht Club's Friday Night Racing Series will be open to non-member charterers who are registered for the LYC Women's regatta on July 17th, and July 31st. More information, including required sign-ups can be found at: <https://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/upcoming-events>. If assistance is needed with this, contact Fleet Manager, at RS21Fleet@lakewoodyachtclub.com.
Participation in the above optional races will not impact scoring for the women's regatta.
- 7.2. Regatta schedule
- Saturday, August 1
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| 900-1100 | Check-in |
| 900-1100 | Optional practice/Charterer certification |
| 1130 | Competitors Briefing |
| 1200 | Harbor Start |
| 1230 | First Warning Signal |
| Post-race | Informal debrief and social at LYC |
- Sunday, August 2
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| 1000 | Competitors Briefing |
| 1030 | Harbor Start |
| 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| 1500 | No Warning Signal after 1500 |
| Post-race | Awards after racing |
| Up to ten (10) races will be held. | |

8. COURSES AND RACE AREA
 - 8.1. All races are expected to be held on Clear Lake near Lakewood Yacht Club, however, depending on conditions, racing may be held in Galveston Bay.
 - 8.2. The race area will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing.
9. PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 9.1. 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.
 - 9.2. 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.
 - 9.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag, but shall hail protest and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 60.2(a)(1).
10. SCORING
 - 10.1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
 - 10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
11. BERTHING
 - 11.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC harbor.
12. PRIZES
 - 12.1. Prizes will be dependent upon the number of boats entered.
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
 - 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The Organizing Authority and Lakewood Yacht Club 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.
 - 13.2. The Skipper of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.
14. FURTHER INFORMATION
 - 14.1. For further information please contact:
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