

2026 Shoe Regatta
May 16-17, 2026
Lakewood Yacht Club
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Organizing Authority: Bay Access
Notice of Race (NOR)

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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 event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS A2.1 is changed as follows:
 - (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 1.3 For the J/22 class only, the [J/22 Addendum](#) to this NOR, which will be posted on the official notice board. To the extent there are changes to the RRS addressed in the Addendum, those changes apply only to the J/22 class unless specifically addressed otherwise in this NOR or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 For the J/24 class only, this regatta is eligible for the District 14 Series and the District 14 Superseries. [Here is a link](#) for the Notice of Series.
- 1.5 Power-driven winches are permitted in the Cruising classes. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.6 The following US Sailing prescription does not apply: prescription to RRS 63.1(b).
- 1.7 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see at the time it happened, the incident, or

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available electronically after 2100 on May 13, 2026 on the [official notice board](#) or by following a link that will be available on the Lakewood Yacht Club website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online by following [this link](#). As a courtesy only, unofficial notices may also be posted on the glass entryway to the Lakewood clubhouse foyer from the pool area.
- 3.2 [DP][NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68, 69 and 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the following classes: ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF Cruising Spinnaker and Cruising Non-Spinnaker, J/22, J/24, J/105, RS21, Sonar, and any other one-design class that forms.
 - 4.1.1 Sails allowed in Cruising classes: Mainsails and headsails constructed primarily for durability and general-purpose use. Woven polyester and cruising laminates are permitted. Molded membrane sails, string sails, and sails incorporating carbon, aramid, PBO, or similar high-modulus structural fibers are not permitted.
- 4.2 ORC entries must have a valid 2026 [ORC](#) rating certificate and input their certificate number when registering. PHRF entries must have a valid 2026 rating from [PHRF Galveston Bay](#) and enter their rating when registering. The Sailing Instructions will contain further information regarding the handicap method to be used and details regarding its implementation.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online by following this link [following this link](#) and paying the appropriate fee. (If you have never before used CLUBSPOT, you may be asked to sign up for a free CLUBSPOT account). Entry is not complete until all Eligibility and Entry requirements, including payment of the applicable registration fee, have been met.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

- 4.5 Registration must be completed including payment no later than 2100 on Monday, May 11. However, late entries will be accepted until 2100 Wednesday, May 13, for an additional late fee of \$50; after that time, late entries will only be accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee with a donation to Bay Access in addition to the late entry fee.
- 4.6 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A minimum of four (4) boats shall be required in order to constitute a class. The Race Committee may, in its discretion, permit classes with fewer boats and re-assign boats to different classes. See also NOR 16.2. The number of prizes may be adjusted if smaller classes are permitted.
- 4.7 **The skipper and all crew members must submit a Waiver and Release of Liability before the skippers' meeting.** All skipper and crew waivers are required to complete registration and are to be filed with the Race Committee no later than the start of the competitors meeting to be entered in the regatta. Skipper waivers will be sent to Skippers for electronic signature immediately upon completing online entry. Crew waivers are submitted online by [following this link](#). A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers [can be found here](#) and will also be provided on LYC's website.

Note: We intend to use ONE Annual crew waiver for all events organized by Bay Access and hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club -this year. It is important for Skippers to list all crew members in their registration for each race, to facilitate comparison against the annual list of signed crew waivers. Skippers are encouraged to have any potential crew execute the Annual LYC Crew Waiver.

It is the skipper's obligation to ensure (1) that each crew member is listed in the boat's registration, and (2) that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list before the Skipper's Meeting to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Early entry fees: A \$20 discount is applied to all boats registered and paid by 9:00 pm Saturday, May 2, 2026.
- 5.2 Regular entry fees are as follows: The entry fee is \$140 for handicap boats and all boats over 24 feet LOA, and \$120 for one-design boats of 24 feet LOA or less. US Sailing members are eligible for a discount of \$5.
- 5.3 The late entry fee is as listed in NOR 4.5.

5.4 If paying by credit card, please note that if a refund is later issued, a portion will be retained as a processing fee.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: 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.

6.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	11 May	2100	Registration Deadline – Payment must be made by this date or late fee will apply.
Wednesday	13 May	2100	LATE Registration Deadline for \$50 additional fee.
Friday	15 May	1800 1930	Check-In Skippers' Meeting Deadline to submit Crew Waivers
Saturday	16 May	1000 1800	First Warning Party and Heavy Appetizers on LYC Club Grounds.
Sunday	17 May	1000 1400 1600	First Warning No Warning signal after this time Awards Ceremony

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each handicap boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate upon request of the Race Committee.

9 VENUE

9.1 The event venue is at Lakewood Yacht Club and Galveston Bay.

9.2 The racing areas will be in Galveston Bay, between the Houston Ship Channel and the shoreline between Eagle Point and Red Bluff.

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses are expected to be windward / leeward courses using dropped marks typically as described in RRS Appendix S as Course L (except that the finish line may be on the starboard side of the signal vessel). There may be a distance course using fixed and dropped marks for cruising classes. More detail will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as provided in RRS Appendix A, as modified by NOR 1.2.

11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. This rule does not apply to the RS21 or Sonar classes.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

13.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14.2 PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MEDIA RIGHTS All participants, including, but not limited to competitors, skippers, crew, vessel owners, alike, and their guests who participate in the racing or shoreside events related to the regatta grant Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club and their sponsors the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission in perpetuity, to use their name, image or likeness or that of their vessel for editorial, promotional, educational or race

reporting purposes in any and all forms of media, including, but not limited to TV, movie, videos, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and any electronic form of the internet, or like or similar media. As part of the race registration process, each participant shall execute a waiver and release of liability in favor of Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club and their sponsors for the use of the participant's name, identity or likeness, or for the use of the name, identity or likeness of their guests who participate in shoreside events related to the regatta and related events.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Two trophies will be awarded in classes with four or five boats and three trophies in classes with six to eight boats. More trophies may be awarded in any class at the discretion of the race committee.
- 16.2 Trophies will include shoes or equivalent for skipper and crew of the first-place boat in classes with six or more boats entered. The race committee, in its discretion and subject to availability, may award similar awards for the first-place boat in smaller classes.
- 16.3 The name of the winner of the most competitive class as determined in the discretion of the race committee will be added to the Shoe Regatta Challenge Cup Wheel perpetual trophy. Only spinnaker classes sailing in windward/leeward courses will be eligible.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

As a courtesy, helpful links can be found at LakewoodYachtClub.com by following tabs for "On the Water" and then "Sailing and Racing."

For further information not available there, please contact LYC at (281) 474-2511 or Shannon Galway, PRO at (832) 641-7248 s.galway@fng.com.