

Rush Creek Yacht Club cordially invites you to the

54th Annual Black Tie Regatta

April 21-23, 2017

Invitation

You are invited to attend the 54th annual Black Tie Regatta hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club in Heath, Texas, on April 21 - 23, 2017. Known as the **Champagne of Regattas**, you will meet and compete with the best C and E scow sailors. The spring sailing weather will be superb and the Saturday evening Black Tie party will once again feature the best in live entertainment and cuisine. Black Tie is optional! See you in Dallas in April.

Venue

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 300 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 (972) 771-6500

Entries and Eligibility

This regatta is open to all sailors of C and E scows. Eligible boats may enter by completing on-line registration (see below) or registering on-site.

Rules

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

Registration

Register on line via www.RCYC.org and www.yachtscore.com Links also available from the ILYA, C and E home pages.

On-site registration will start on Thursday, April 20, 2017. The discounted early-registration period ends on March 31.

Fees

Fees include entry into The Black Tie Regatta. Breakfast all days, lunch on Sunday, and 1 ticket to The Black Tie Dinner and Dance. Additional Black Tie Dinner and Dance tickets will be \$30 per person.

- E-Scow - \$150
- C-Scow - \$100

Benefits of registering online before March 31, 2017:

- Avoid a \$50 increase in price,
- Participate in a drawing for \$50 refund if you prepay,,
- Helps us plan a better event for your enjoyment!

Scoring

RRS Appendix A using the Low-Point scoring system. Six races are scheduled, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. If five (5) races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

Trophies

Keeper trophies will be awarded to skipper and crew as follows:

- C - 1st through 5th
- E - 1st through 5th

Radio Communication

The use of a VHF radio to monitor a channel designated by the Race Committee (RC) is permitted and encouraged. As a courtesy, the RC may use a hailer and VHF radio to notify boats over early at the start signal. The RC may also use the designated VHF radio channel to share pertinent information with boats in

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the spirit of improving the safety and quality of racing. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile/cell phones.

Spectator/Crew Change Boats

Conditions permitting, boats will be available for spectators and on-the-water crew changing.

Facilities

Here are a few specifics about Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC):

- Registration will be at the RCYC clubhouse
- Payment: MasterCard/VISA/Amex, the Club is not equipped to handle cash
- The event will be dry-sailed -- at the end of the day you will pull your boat out and leave it on your trailer in the large parking lot at the club
- Boat Launching: there are two (2) hoists and a ramp
- Trailer storage: trailers will remain on site in the parking lot
- Camping and Motorhomes are permitted on RCYC grounds, but no hook-ups are available. Showers and restrooms open at all times. No pets allowed.

Alcoholic Beverages

Consumption of alcoholic beverages **inside the Clubhouse** falls under the jurisdiction of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). Participants, 21 years or older, who wish to purchase alcoholic beverages at the RCYC bar, must first purchase a TABC card. TABC cards will be sold at registration (\$3) and are valid for three (3) days.

TABC regulations dictate that you may not bring alcoholic beverages into or out of the Clubhouse.

There are no rules against consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Club grounds outside of the marked boundaries as long as they were not purchased at the RCYC Clubhouse.

Directions and Lodging

Have you made your plans yet to attend this year's Black Tie at Rush Creek YC in Heath, TX? (RCYC is located on the southeast shore of Lake Ray Hubbard -- about 20 miles east of Dallas, Texas).

Look on the RCYC home page for specific directions.

Questions/Inquiries

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 20	4 - 8 pm	Registration, Snacks and Refreshments – Clubhouse opens at 5 PM
Friday, April 21	8 - 10 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Registration Skippers Meeting 1 st Race, Additional races immediately following. Daily Awards H'orderves on the deck (dinner on your own)
Saturday, April 22	8:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Breakfast at the Clubhouse 1 st Race of the day. Additional races immediately following. Cocktails at the Clubhouse Black Tie Dinner and Dance at the Clubhouse
Sunday, April 23	8:00 am 10:00 am TBD	Breakfast at the Clubhouse 1 st Race of the day. Additional races immediately following. No races start after 1:00 pm. Lunch at the Clubhouse Trophy Presentation immediately after lunch.