

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

PRESENTS THE

4 POINTS RACE

Notice of Race



SEPTEMBER 4TH & 5TH, 2020

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") except as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 1.2. Pursuant to RRS 87, the Rules may be modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) will apply.
- 1.4. The Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races ("SER") as published by US Sailing and as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 1.5. Failure to meet a Safety Equipment Requirement is not subject to protest by another boat; this modifies R.R.S. 60.1. The Race Committee may investigate a report of a yacht's disregard of the Special Equipment Requirements and may file a protest based on its investigation.
- 1.6. Competitors are reminded that under the preamble of Part 2 to R.R.S., when a boat sailing under the rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules require that she comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea ("I.R.P.C.A.S.") or government right-of-way rules.
- 1.7. R.R.S. 62.1(c) will be modified so that a boat may be given redress in the event of giving help in compliance with R.R.S. 1.1, even if help is to herself or her crew.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats with a Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and paying the required entry fee, on or before Friday, September 4, 2020.
- 3.3. Each boat shall conform to U. S. Sailings Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races, with the following exception(s):
 - Vinyl coated lifelines may be used so long as any discolored coating is removed to show that no corrosion is present.
- 3.4. Boats shall have a minimum crew of three capable sailors.
- 3.5. Skippers Meeting
 - The skipper shall provide a list of crew members sailing on the vessel no later than the Skippers Meeting and shall keep the list up to date at all times after that.

4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$25.00

5. MEASUREMENT

All boats are subject to rating adjustments by the Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF committee.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Race to be held on Friday, September 4, 2020
 - 1900 - 1915 Skipper Meeting
 - 2000 - First Start (Gun) not before (8 PM)**

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided to all registered skippers via email and will be posted at www.rcyc.org not less than 24 hours before First Start

8. VENUE

Racing will take place on Lake Ray Hubbard south of Interstate 30.

9. COURSES

9.1. The race will be long distance. Two courses will be available

- Course A - 4 laps around the 4 corners of the lake totaling approximately 50 miles.
 - Not all boats will be eligible for Course A (50 mile) and determination will be made based the boat's Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating.
- Course B - 2 laps around the 4 corners of the lake totaling approximately 25 miles.

9.2. The race will start and finish at Rush Creek Yacht Club

9.3. The Sailing Instructions and Race Committee can modify the course as needed.

- The number of laps can be adjusted by the race committee and sailing instructions to finish on time.
- The Race Committee can make changes to the course throughout the event as needed and deemed by the ruling Race Officer.

9.4. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The alternative dispute resolution procedures of RRS Appendix T - Arbitration apply.

11. SCORING

11.1. Pursuit Start based on a boat's Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating will be used.

11.2. All classes will be scored based on PHRF Time-on-Distance scoring.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

VHF radios will be required and used extensively. In addition, each boat will be required to carry a cell phone and shall provide necessary information and authority so the Race Committee can send text messages to the yacht during the event.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded remotely.

14. RISKS AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Acceptance of the Rules and RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

16.1. The Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races (“SER”) as published by US Sailing can be found at: https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf

Regulations that must be complied with are as follows:

Overall: Inspections 1.3

A boat may be inspected at any time by an equipment inspector or measurer appointed for the event. If she does not comply with these regulations, her entry may be rejected or she will be subject to a protest filed by the RC. A Violation of the Safety Equipment Requirements may result in a penalty other than disqualification.

Safety Equipment: Personal 3.1.3

Each crewmember shall have a life jacket intended for small boat sailing or other active boating. Each such life jacket shall be USCG, ISO, or applicable government approved or shall meet the ocean requirement of 3.1.1.

Safety Equipment: Navigation Lights 3.3.1

A boat racing between sunset and sunrise shall carry navigation lights that meet U. S. Coast Guard or applicable government requirements mounted so that they will not be obscured by the sails nor be located below deck level.

Safety Equipment: Sound Producing Equipment 3.5

A boat shall carry sound-making devices that meets U.S. Coast Guard or applicable government requirements, when applicable.

Safety Equipment: Emergency Communications 3.8.3

A boat shall have a VHF radio which may be fixed or handheld.

Gear: Anchoring 3.23 A boat shall carry one anchor, meeting the anchor manufacturer's recommendations based on the yacht's size, with a suitable combination of chain and line.

Gear: Lights 3.24.1 A boat shall carry a watertight, high-powered searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night or for collision avoidance.

Gear: Lights 3.24.3 A boat shall carry at least two watertight flashlights with spare batteries in addition to the requirement of 3.24.1.

Safety Equipment: Man Overboard 3.7.4

A boat shall carry a Coast Guard or applicable government approved "throwable device". If the device carried under 3.7.1 or 3.7.2 satisfies this requirement, then no additional device is needed.

Gear: Medical Kits 3.25

A boat shall carry a first aid kit and first aid manual suitable for the likely conditions of the passage and the number of crew aboard.

Skills: Crew Training 4.4

As required in 1.2 above the person in charge shall ensure that all crew members know where all emergency equipment is located and how to operate the equipment. In addition, the person in charge and crew should discuss how to handle various emergency situations including Crew Overboard, Grounding, Loss of steering, Flooding, Fire, Dismasting, and Abandon Ship.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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