

The 4-Points Regatta

Hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club

Notice of Race



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, August 16, 2019.
- 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
 - Attendance at the Skippers meeting is mandatory as we will provide guidance about areas of the lake to avoid and matters of safety.
 - Attendance will be taken, and you must be marked present for your boat to be scored.
 - The skipper shall provide a list of crew members sailing on the vessel at the Skippers Meeting and shall keep the list up to date at all times after that.

4. FEES

4.1. Required fees are as follows:

Early Registration: \$40.00 prior to July 19, 2019

Standard Registration: \$50.00 from July 20, 2019 through Aug 2, 2019

Late Registration: \$75.00 starting August 3, 2019

4.2. The entry fee includes:

- Use of club docks and facilities from Wednesday August 14, 2019 through Sunday August 18, 2019. This includes multiple overnight tie up.

- Free musical entertainment on Friday August 16, 2019 starting at 6:30PM. (Have your family and friends come down the club to see you off.)
 - Free beer keg from sponsor, Bitter Sisters Brewing Company.
 - Free post-race breakfast for skipper and listed crew on Saturday morning.
- 4.3. Temporary RCYC membership will be available at registration for additional food and drink that can be charged to a credit card.
- Hamburger specials will be available at discounted pricing for dinner on Friday, August 16, 2019.

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, August 16, 2019

1700 - 1830 Registration

1800 - 2000 Dinner

1900 - 1915 Skipper Meeting **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED**

1800 - 2200 Musical Entertainment

2000 - First Start (Gun) not before (8 PM)

6.2. Saturday, August 17, 2019

0800 - 1000 Pancake Breakfast – Included for skippers and listed crew.

1000 Awards - approximately (10:00 AM)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration site and venue.

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 the morning of Saturday, August 17, 2019 after all boats having completed racing.

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: Scott Willey at scottmwilley@gmail.com or 214-929-5913.