



**2024 RS21 North American Championship**  
**September 27-29**

Organizing Authority: Bay Access  
hosted by: Lakewood Yacht Club  
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586  
(281) 474-2511 <http://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com>

**NOTICE OF RACE**

Published: July 17

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(a).

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 RS21 Class Association rules will apply as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 3.2. Entries are limited to 24 teams.
- 3.3. All boats competing will be supplied from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 fleet.
- 3.4. The regatta is open to all skippers to charter Lakewood Yacht Club RS21s 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.
- 3.5. Charterers may be certified up to 1700 on the day preceding the first scheduled race. Charterers may arrange to be certified on the day of the first race, prior to race, by special arrangement with the Lakewood RS21 Fleet Manager. Arrangement must be agreed upon in writing at least 7 days prior to the first race.
- 3.6. No Class Membership in the RS21 Class will be required.
- 3.7. Boats are sailed with three (3) to four (4) sailors.

#### 4. REGISTRATION AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 4.1. Regatta registration and boat charter are available online at the Lakewood Yacht Club website.
  - 4.1.1. Lakewood Yacht Club members can login and register with a member account using the Club's website and navigating to the RS21 event page: On The Water→RS21→RS21 Events Registration→RS21 2024 North Americans
  - 4.1.2. Non-members can create a guest account at:  
<https://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/rs21-login>
- 4.2. The entry fee is \$300 per team.
- 4.3. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.
  - 4.3.1. The charter fee is \$500 for LYC Members; \$800 for Non-Members.
  - 4.3.2. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
  - 4.3.3. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing.
  - 4.3.4. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement.
  - 4.3.5. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 4.4. 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.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### **Friday, September 27**

- 1000 Competitors Briefing
- 10:30 Harbor Start
- 11:30 First Warning Signal

##### **Saturday, September 28**

- 1000 Competitors Briefing
- 10:30 Harbor Start
- 11:30 First Warning Signal
- Post race Informal debrief and social at LYC

##### **Sunday, September 29**

- 1000 Competitors Briefing
- 10:30 Harbor Start
- 11:30 First Warning Signal
- No start after 1500
- 1630 Awards after racing

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be posted prior to the first day of the regatta to the online Official Notice Board at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28523>

#### 7. COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 7.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake near Lakewood Yacht Club or on Galveston Bay near the Clear Lake Channel entrance.
- 7.2. The race area will be announced at the Competitors' Briefing each morning.

#### 8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. 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.

- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag (this modifies RRS 61.a(2)), but shall hail protest and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing.

9. BERTHING

- 9.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.

10. COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. The official Notice Board is online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28523>
- 10.2. All boats shall bring and carry a VHF radio (not provided) capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP]
- 10.3. 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. [DP]

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be dependent upon the number of boats entered.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority 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.
- 12.2. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. For further information please contact:  
LYC Waterfront Director:  
Terry Flynn (832) 256-6865 [waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com](mailto:waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com)  
LYC RS21 Fleet Manager:  
Keamia Rasa Lucas (346) 932-0754 [klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com](mailto:klucas@lakewoodyachtclub.com)