

Wednesday Night Series - Spring 2025

Sapphire Bay Yacht Club

Lake Ray Hubbard, Texas

Notice of Race

1 Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2025-2028 (RRS).

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SBYC website and on the Regatta Network event page.

3 Communication

3.1 The official online notice board is located on the Regatta Network event page.

3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 71.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating.

4.2 Classes are defined as follows:

Class	PHRF Range or Other Definition
A	PHRF less than 121
B	PHRF between 121 and 211
C	PHRF greater than or equal to 212
D	Displacement over 6500 lbs.
E	Novice and casual racers

4.3 A boat that qualifies for the D Fleet may instead race a series with the fleet designated by their PHRF rating (A,B, or C). Any boat may register for the E Fleet.

4.4 Eligible boats enter by completing the Regatta Network entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, before the beginning of the series.

4.5 Late entries will be accepted through the end of the series. Late entries will be scored DNC for races before entry.

5 Fees

5.1 Entry fee is \$25 for SBYC members, \$35 for non-members.

6 Crew Limitations

6.1 Not applicable

7 Advertising

7.1 Not applicable

8 Qualifying Series and Final Series

8.1 Not applicable

9 Schedule

9.1 Registration:

Online at Regatta Network

9.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement:

Not applicable

9.3 Dates of racing:

Racing every Wednesday night from March 12 through April 30, 2025

9.4 Number of races:

One race each Wednesday, weather permitting.

9.5 Scheduled time:

First warning signal at 6:25 pm for a 6:30 pm first fleet start on March 12 through April 2. First warning at 6:55 pm from April 9 through the end of the series.

10 Equipment Inspection

10.1 Racers are personally responsible for ensuring all requirements of their assigned PHRF rating are met, including sail sizes and other equipment requirements.

11 Clothing and Equipment

11.1 Not applicable

12 Venue

12.1 Races will be held on the north end of Lake Ray Hubbard, south of the I-30 causeway.

13 Courses

13.1 Courses for the A and B fleets will predominantly be Windward/Leeward.

13.2 Courses for C, D, and E fleets will be chosen to accommodate main/jib boats, to include reaching legs when feasible. Dead downwind legs will be avoided.

13.3 Race length will be approximately one hour when feasible.

14 Penalty System

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, does not apply. Rule infractions are handled on the water under RRS 44.1 and by Protest Committee with disqualification.

15 Scoring

15.1 The scoring system is RRS Appendix A4 Low Point System.

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15.2 One completed race constitutes a series.

15.3 Series scoring:

- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.4 RRS rule A5.3 applies.

15.5 A boat serving Race Committee duty shall receive for that race a score equal to the average of scores they received for other races in that series, for one race. Additional races served as Race Committee duty in that series shall be scored DNS.

15.6 A boat that makes contact with the Race Committee boat shall be scored as DSQ. This changes Racing Rules 63.1 and/or A5.

16 Support Vessels

16.1 Not applicable. The SBYC club boat will be anchored as a race signal boat and available for support purposes only in an emergency.

17 Chartered or Loaned Boats

17.1 Not applicable

18 Berthing

18.1 No berthing restrictions

19 Haul-out Restrictions

19.1 No haul-out restrictions

20 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

20.1 No diving equipment or cleaning restrictions

21 Data Protection

21.1 Not applicable

22 Risk Statement

22.1 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.**

22.2 To the fullest extent permitted by law, participants waive any rights they may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by the participant or their crew as a result of participation in this event and release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

23 Insurance

23.1 TBD

24 Prizes

24.1 Trophies will be awarded by fleet depending on number of entries in each fleet.

25 Further Information

25.1 For further information, contact the SBYC Vice Commodore at vicecommodore@sbyc-tx.org