



2024 RS21 Friday Night Racing Series Club Championship

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NOTICE OF SERIES

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOS / NOR 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 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The RS21 Class Association rules will apply except as noted in the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.1. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment, Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager. However, competitors may not use their own ropes (including mainsheet, control lines, halyard) or tiller extension; this changes Class Rule C.1.2. [NP].

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Notice of Series will also act as the Sailing Instructions for the series

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is (tentatively) online at <https://www.lycrs21.com/events/2023-winter-series>.
- 3.2. All boats shall bring and carry a VHF radio (not provided) capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels. [DP]
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing and posted on the Notice Board.
- 3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the RS21 Class.
- 4.2. 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, have executed the Lakewood RS21 charter agreement and are members of Lakewood Yacht Club in good standing.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. Class Rules C.3.1 and C.3.2 shall not apply. There is no limitation on crew or driver eligibility except as described in this NOS/NOR.
- 4.6. Boats may enter the event by booking a charter online at www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/rs21

- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements by signing up for the event online.
- 4.8. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - 4.8.1. Entries are limited to 12 teams on supplied charter RS21s. Charterers will be waitlisted on a first come basis. If additional charter boats become available they will be chartered through Lakewood Yacht Club and the allowable number of team entries shall be increased accordingly.

5. FEES AND CHARTER INFORMATION

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$75 per team per event. Non-members which are invited will be charged \$100
 - 5.1.1. Register at www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/rs21
 - 5.1.2. Registration must be completed at least 24 hours before the start time of the intended race day.
- 5.2. Charters
 - 5.2.1. All supplied boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet
 - 5.2.2. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.
 - 5.2.3. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing. Security deposit may be provided via a valid credit card for which Lakewood Yacht Club may charge a reserve fee of up to \$1,000.
 - 5.2.4. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats.
 - 5.2.5. Charter boats will be available by 1700 the day of racing.
 - 5.2.6. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.
- 5.3. Cancellation and refunds:
 - 5.3.1. A team may cancel or withdraw from racing until 1200 (noon) on the day that racing will occur.
 - 5.3.2. If a team or an individual does not show up for racing without prior notice no refund will be given.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Boats may be sailed with up to four crew members.
- 6.2. RRS 48.2 only applies to boats that are *racing*.
- 6.3. Scoring will be based on the helmsperson of the boat.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. As many races as possible will be sailed each Friday Night.
- 7.2. Fourteen (14) Friday Nights are scheduled:

Series Number	Date
1	March 29
2	April 12
3	April 26
4	May 10
5	May 24
6	June 7
7	June 21
8	July 5
9	July 19
10	August 2
11	August 16
12	August 30
13	September 13
14	September 27

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
 - 8.1. Supplied RS21s are regularly inspected and maintained by Lakewood Yacht Clubs fleet manager.
9. VENUE
 - 9.1. All races will be held on Clear Lake
10. COURSES
 - 10.1. The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions. The race courses are intended to be primarily windward-leeward courses with a targeted duration of approximately 20 minutes.
 - 10.2. The marks will be described by the RC, but will typically be orange or red balls.
11. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 11.1. 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.
 - 11.2. LYC may immediately revoke the charter without refund if any action by the charterer is deemed to be unsafe, un-seamanlike, or endangers the boat or crew including the charterer failing to follow instructions provided by LYC. This also includes any collisions that cannot be exonerated by RRS 43.1(c)
 - 11.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag (this modifies RRS 61.a(2)), but shall hail protest immediately after the incident and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing.
 - 11.4. The Charterer shall be present at any protest hearing for an incident which resulted in damage to the boat.
12. SCORING
 - 12.1. Each helmsperson is considered to be a boat for the purpose of series scoring.
 - 12.2. Races completed each Friday will be scored together according to Appendix A with no races discarded.
 - 12.3. The series score shall be the sum of the best seven (7) Friday rankings for each boat.
 - 12.4. A boat that competed in less than seven (7) Fridays shall be scored ABS (absent) until seven scores are counted.
 - 12.5. ABS shall be scored as the number of boats that competed on each Friday absent plus one, in order from highest to lowest attendance with the lowest attendance repeating as necessary.
 - 12.6. Fridays which are not canceled in advance but do not complete any races have no effect on series scoring. However, boats that came to the starting line shall be noted and considered for the purpose of resolving series-score ties.
 - 12.7. A series-score tie between two or more boats shall be broken in favor of the boat with the highest number of Fridays attended. This superimposes RRS A8. RRS A8 will take effect thereafter if a tie still exists.
 - 12.8. Any unsafe or unseamanlike maneuvers or behaviors as described in 11.2 of this NOS shall immediately retire and shall be scored DNE for that particular Friday. DNE will be counted as 13 points in the series. All scores for other boats racing that day shall be corrected according to RRS A6.1
13. BERTHING AND HAULING OUT
 - 13.1. Chartered boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the LYC northwest harbor.
14. RISK STATEMENT
 - 14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.
 - 14.2. All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the competitor's briefing. [DP] [NP]

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The winner from each Friday Night will be acknowledged with a small prize after racing. Other prizes may be awarded throughout the series as appropriate.
- 15.2. On the final Friday of the series (Sept 27), awards will be given to the top 3 boats based on the overall series standings.
- 15.3. A perpetual trophy for the RS21 Club Championship will be awarded at the end of the series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 16.1. All boats shall have on-board one US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) appropriate for the vessel per competitor on-board.
- 16.2. All boats shall carry on-board a VHF radio which shall be operating at all times.
- 16.3. Boats may be required to sail without spinnakers if wind exceeds level which the Race Committee deems may increase risk of damage to boats or equipment. B flag will be flown for Non spinnaker requirement.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact:
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LYC Waterfront Director: Terry Flynn - (832) 256-6865 - waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com

ATTACHMENT 1 - THREE MINUTE JUSTICE

The following system will be used to hear protests as required by the NOS.

Procedures:

1. Protestee will be notified by the Fleet Manager or Race Committee (any of which are referred to as "chairman") they are being protested as soon as possible following completion of all races for the day. A hearing shall be held immediately after all involved parties have returned to the dock and completed derigging, when possible.
2. Each party selects one competitor to constitute a protest committee, however:
 - a. The competitor shall not be from the same boat, and
 - b. A party cannot select the same competitor more than once per Friday. The Race Committee will designate a third protest committee member who will serve as the chairman.
3. The protestee and protestor will both state if they have any objections to the protest committee members. If a party has an objection to a committee member the other party has the opportunity to select a different competitor for the protestee committee. If a party still has an objection then the protest shall be filed in writing and submitted to the chairman per the RRS no later than 30 minutes following the chairman declaring that Three Minute Justice procedures will not apply.
4. At the outset of the hearing, the protest committee will establish validity and take action to continue if valid or close the hearing if not valid.
5. The parties each have one minute to present their case and answer any questions from the protest committee. Each party may have up to 30 seconds to ask questions of the other party. Questions must be asked all at one time and no follow up questions are allowed. Each party may have up to 30 seconds to respond to questions from the other party.
6. No witnesses are allowed unless requested by one or more members of the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.6(a) and 63.6(b). Only protest committee members may question witnesses.
7. If the protest committee finds that the protest involves infraction of rules other than those stated in the sailing instructions or that damage occurred then the chairman will inform the protestor that Three Minute Justice does not apply. The protestor may file the protest in writing and submit to the chairman per the RRS no later than 30 minutes following the chairman declaring that Three Minute Justice procedures will not apply.
8. The protest committee has one minute to deliberate in private and decide the case. Following the decision of the protest committee it will inform the parties per RRS 65.1 and inform the race committee. However, RRS 65.2 will not apply. If a decision cannot be reached by the protest committee then the protest must be filed in writing and submitted to the chairman per the RRS no later than 30 minutes following the chairman declaring that Three Minute Justice procedures will not apply.
9. A party may request that a Three Minute Justice hearing be reopened by stating their intent to request reopening immediately and filing a written protest with the chairman no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. If a hearing is reopened Three Minute Justice will not apply and the protest will be heard in accordance with the RRS. The chairman will serve on the protest committee for the reopened hearing, but the nominated competitors will not serve on the protest committee. If a party requests to reopen a hearing and the original decision of the Three Minute Justice protest committee is upheld then the party requesting to reopen the hearing will receive an additional discretionary penalty for that race (in addition to disqualification if the boat has been disqualified from the race) equal to 3 times the number of races completed that day and the boats score for that race may not be excluded.