



## **WELCOME TO TEXAS YOUTH RACE WEEK 2017**

July 12, 2017

### **Sailors, Parents, Coaches:**

#### Welcome!

We are thrilled to be hosting you at the [2017 Texas Youth Race Week](#).

This letter is packed with useful info. [Please read it before you come to TYRW.](#)

#### New Format

This year's TYRW has a new format. All sailing and dining events will be hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club.

The Starting Clinic has drawn a lot of interest. Wow. It is Yuge! This may be the start of a tradition.

#### Before you get here.

Please print and complete the [Medical Waiver](#) before you get here. Optis, please print the [Opti Safety Self Check](#) and complete it before going to check-in. If both are incomplete, you will not be checked in. Having these completed before you attempt to check in will help you avoid the inevitable traffic jam of those who have not. We will have extra forms available for those who are unable to do any of this in advance.

#### Driving in and Trailer Parking

Lakewood Yacht Club has a guard gate. When you arrive, just say TYRW. The guard has detailed maps for traffic flow, parking and trailers. [You can also find the map here.](#) Please follow the map.

#### Communications

For immediate, important announcements, we will try to supplement normal regatta communications with a text. We strongly encourage you to text the four capitalized letters, TYRW, to the short phone number 67076 so important announcements may be sent to you during the regatta. You may opt out of the text list any time by simply replying STOP to any text received from the TYRW committee.

#### Check in

Have your forms ready. All competitors will be given one wrist band.

All sailors will be asked to specify who is providing their tow out through the channel each day. This can be a coach or team parent. Sailors who do not have a named tow will be assigned to a boat.



All coach boats and spectator boats on the OPTI LINE ONLY are required to register and display a flag on their boats while on the water. A \$20 deposit will be required for each flag by cash or credit card at check in.

### Competitor Meals for the Starting Clinic and Regatta

On Wednesday for the Starting Clinic participants breakfast will be provided. Lunch will not be provided during the Starting Clinic (please bring your own lunch for this). We will have water fill stations at the club so please bring a refillable water bottle to help stay hydrated at “Go Green”.

The Wednesday night dinner event is for sailors and their coaches only (no parents please). Never fear parents, there is something for you. A social is planned at the same time on the other side of the club in the Lounge. We are looking forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Please join us!

During the regatta on Thursday thru Sunday, lunch will be provided for pick up in the Seahorse Lounge. Parents and coaches may purchase additional lunches from the LYC menu daily in the club or to go or any of the local eateries nearby.

There will be an awards dinner on Friday night after regatta 1 and again on Sunday after regatta 2. These dinners are for competitors but we welcome parents and coaches to purchase additional dinner tickets if they like. Advance purchase available at check-in for \$15 or day of banquet \$20.

### Payment for Food on Site

Lakewood Yacht Club will accept credit cards as payment for meals and drinks from non-members. No cash please.

For the duration of this event, NO RECIPROCAL CLUB CHARGES will be accepted.

### Some Sailing Best Practices

**Safety.** If you see something, say something. Alert us if there is a problem brewing. If immediate action is needed before you have time to alert us, then take immediate action, then alert us.

**Water Bottles.** All competitors are to bring their own re-useable water bottles. Filling stations will be available at club.

I420s may sail from Texas Corinthian Yacht Club if they choose. All other fleets will sail from Lakewood Yacht Club.

**Opti sailors:** Don't forget safety check in and check out each time you leave and return to shore. The Opti safety check out desk is under the shed right next to the launch ramp. Failure to check out properly, and failure to check in properly, are grounds for removal from the regatta.



Do not take a tow from someone other than the person you have identified as your tow.  
Coaches: Please make sure to tow the same sailors back in as you towed out.

### Payment of Volunteers

There is no cash being paid to the volunteers (that is why we refer to them as volunteers). The only payment they will receive are your compliments and thanks. Please be generous with both.

If you have questions or issues please see the Regatta Chairman.

### Summary

It is going to be a great 5 days. We are glad to have you here. Please be safe and enjoy!

Sincerely,

W. Keen Butcher  
Chairman, Texas Youth Race Week