



## Rush Creek Yacht Club cordially invites you to the **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Regatta** *April 17 - 19, 2009*

### **Invitation**

You are invited to attend the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Black Tie Regatta hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club in Heath, Texas, on April 17 - 19, 2009. Known as the **Champagne of Regattas**, you will meet and compete with the best C and MC scow sailors. The spring sailing weather will be superb and the Saturday evening Black Tie Dinner Dance will once again feature the best in live entertainment and cuisine. Black Tie is optional! See you in Dallas in April.

### **Venue**

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 300 Rush Creek Drive, Heath (Dallas), Texas 75087

### **Entries and Eligibility**

This regatta is open to all sailors of C and MC scows. Eligible boats may enter by completing on-line registration (see below) or registering on-site. Other scow classes with more than three entries can be accommodated.

### **Rules**

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

### **Registration**

Register on line via [www.RCYC.org](http://www.RCYC.org). Links also available from the ILYA, C and MC home pages.

On-site registration will start on Thursday, April 16. The discounted early-registration period ends on March 30.

Benefits of registering online before March 31, 2009:

- Avoid a \$15 increase in price,
- Participate in a drawing for \$50 refund if you prepay,
- '10 second' registration process on site if you prepaid and have no changes,
- Helps us plan a better event for your enjoyment!

### **Scoring**

RRS Appendix A using the Low-Point scoring system. Six races are scheduled, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. If five (5) races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

## Trophies

Keeper trophies will be awarded to skipper and crew as follows:

- C - 1st through 5th
- MC - 1st through 5th

There are also several perpetual/traveling trophies awarded such as the Dave Greene Single Handed Trophy for MCs.

## Radio Communication

The use of a VHF radio to monitor a channel designated by the Race Committee (RC) is permitted and encouraged. As a courtesy, the RC may use a hailer and VHF radio to notify boats over early at the start signal. The RC may also use the designated VHF radio channel to share pertinent information with boats in the spirit of improving the safety and quality of racing. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile/cell phones.

## Spectator/Crew Change Boats

Conditions permitting, boats will be available for spectators and on-the-water crew changing.

## Facilities

Here are a few specifics about Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC):

- Registration will be at the RCYC clubhouse
- Payment: MasterCard/VISA/Amex, the Club is not equipped to handle cash
- The event will be dry-sailed -- at the end of the day you will pull your boat out and leave it on your trailer in the large parking lot at the club
- Boat Launching: there are two (2) hoists and a ramp
- Trailer storage: trailers will remain on site in the parking lot

Camping and Motorhomes are permitted on RCYC grounds, but no hook-ups are available. Showers and restrooms open at all times. No pets allowed.

## Alcoholic Beverages

Consumption of alcoholic beverages **inside the Clubhouse** falls under the jurisdiction of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). Participants, 21 years or older, who wish to purchase alcoholic beverages at the RCYC bar, must first purchase a TABC card. TABC cards will be sold at registration (\$3) and are valid for three (3) days.

TABC regulations dictate that you may not bring alcoholic beverages into or out of the Clubhouse.

There are no rules against consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Club grounds outside of the marked boundaries as long as they were not purchased at the RCYC Clubhouse.

## Directions and Lodging

Have you made your plans yet to attend this year's Black Tie at Rush Creek YC in Heath, TX? (RCYC is located on the southeast shore of Lake Ray Hubbard -- about 20 miles east of Dallas, Texas). Look on the RCYC home page for specific directions plus a list of conveniently located motels.

## Questions/Inquiries

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Rush Creek Yacht Club	972-771-6500	<a href="http://www.rcyc.org/">http://www.rcyc.org/</a>	Club

## Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 16	Noon 4 - 8 PM	Snacks and Refreshments – Clubhouse opens at 5 PM Registration
Friday, April 17	8 - 11 AM 11:30  TBD 5:00 PM	Registration Skippers Meeting Lunch at the Clubhouse 1 <sup>st</sup> Race, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race immediately following conditions permitting Champagne & Hors D'oeuvres
Saturday, April 18	8:00 AM 10:00 AM  TBD 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Continental breakfast in Clubhouse 1 <sup>st</sup> Race of the Day Lunch at the Clubhouse Additional Races as conditions permit Cocktails Black Tie Dinner Dance
Sunday, April 19	8:00 AM 10:00  TBD	Continental breakfast in Clubhouse 1 <sup>st</sup> Race of the Day others to follow as conditions permit - No start after noon Trophy presentation immediately after lunch

### Fees;

MC     \$75  
C       \$100

\$15 Discount for registering before April 1st  
Call for prices for other classes

Lunches \$7  
Saturday Dinner Dance \$30