

## **Seahorse Awards Overview**

The Seahorse awards, both annual and perpetual, are presented each year at the Seahorse Ball. This also goes over how to qualify for the Lakewood Yacht Club Race & Travel Team.

### The Lakewood Youth Club Championship

The Seahorse sailors in each fleet who are the top Lakewood Yacht Club member finishers at the LYC TSA Youth Circuit event. Details can be found in the Youth Club Championship Deed of Gift (rev. 2022 pending approval from 2022 Flag). Presented to children or grandchildren of LYC members.

### The Past Commodores Award

Is focused on rewarding the sailor with solid performance and participation locally and regionally on the TSA Youth Circuit. This is presented to the LYC member sailor with the top overall finish on the TSA Youth Circuit. Details can be found in the Past Commodores Award Deed of Gift (rev. 2022 pending approval from 2022 Flag). Presented to children or grandchildren of LYC members.

### Wall of Fame

Sailors achieving at least three qualifying finishes during the season will be included on the Wall of Fame in the clubhouse lobby. Qualifying finishes can be found in the Wall of Fame documentation. The Wall of Fame recognizes the top national and international youth sailors at Lakewood. The Wall of Fame was established in 2016 by Leigh Zittler and Marek Valasek. Presented to children or grandchildren of LYC members.

### Team Trials Award

This perpetual award began in 2021 and is presented to the top LYC member Optimist sailor at the USODA Team Trials Regatta. Details can be found in the Deed of Gift (2021). Presented to children or grandchildren of LYC members.

### The Rauscher Award

The criteria for earning this award are leadership, fellowship, maturity, showing concern for the feelings of others and involvement in all youth activities, as well as activities outside the LYC environment. This is not an award for being an outstanding sailor, but rather for being an outstanding person. The selection process is based on a recommendation from the Seahorse Committee. Presented to children or grandchildren of LYC members.

### Seahorse Coach's Awards

The Seahorse Coaches select recipients for these awards. Presented to both member and non-member Seahorse sailors.

- Most Improved Boy
- Most Improved Girl
- Tenacity Award
- Counselor Award

### Race Team / Travel Team

To be recognized on the Seahorse Race Team, sailors shall have sailed in at least 7 regattas during the

year or 4 regattas if it was their first year racing. These events can be sailed in any fleet, boat, or combination. To count, the regattas should be organized events but do not need to be TSA or youth regattas. Presented to both member and non-member Seahorse sailors.

#### International Team

Sailors who participated in at least one international regatta during the year are named on the International Team. The Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta (OBIYR) each December is an international event. Presented to both member and non-member Seahorse sailors.

**SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED OF GIFT  
LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

**A Perpetual Trophy Presented to Lakewood Yacht Club's  
Youth Sailors Deeded By Lakewood Yacht Club  
As Approved by the Board of Directors**

This SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED OF GIFT is made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, two thousand and twenty-two, between Lakewood Yacht Club ("LYC"), represented by the LYC Commodore, and Lakewood Yacht Club's youth sailing members acting by and through the Lakewood Yacht Youth Sailing Committee.

This Deed of Gift supersedes the original dated on or about December 2014 and amended on or about 2016 establishing the Lakewood Yacht Club Youth Championship Trophy ("Championship Trophy").

The perpetual award is the Carved Wooden Seahorse Trophy made and donated by Larry Bailey, Captain of the M/V Sugar owned by Lakewood Members, Pete and Nancy Carrothers, and Lakewood Member, Larry Campbell.

The LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY will be awarded according to the following:

1. The Championship Trophy is donated upon the condition that it shall be preserved as a perpetual challenge Trophy for friendly competition between Lakewood Yacht Club members' children and grandchildren under the age of 19 who have not yet completed high school, hereafter sometimes referred to as Lakewood Yacht Club "Youth Sailors".
2. This Championship Trophy shall be awarded annually in accordance with this Deed of Gift.
3. The Lakewood Yacht Club members (whose children and/or grandchildren compete in the youth Regatta) must be members in good standing of Lakewood Yacht Club at all times and during the entirety of the youth Regatta as defined herein (see Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 below).
4. The champion shall be designated and the Championship Trophy shall be awarded according to the best ranked LYC youth sailor or skipper (helmsman) of each Class of sailing vessel (as hereinafter designated) in the LYC hosted youth regatta which is part of the Texas Sailing Association (TSA) youth circuit annually, which may be Texas Youth Race Week in years in which LYC hosts that event and not another TSA youth circuit regatta, or such other regatta as the Youth Sailing Committee may annually designate (the "Regatta") and which the Youth Sailing Committee of Lakewood Yacht Club may annually host or organize. If Lakewood Yacht Club hosts more than one regatta in a calendar year which as part of the TSA youth circuit then the Youth Sailing Committee shall designate which regatta is to determine the championship and Trophy at its first scheduled meeting of the calendar year.
5. The Regatta shall be conducted on the waters of Clear Lake or Galveston Bay.
6. If for any reason the Regatta cannot be completed in accordance with its Notice of Race, then the Youth Sailing Committee shall designate a make-up Regatta to be held by LYC or another Galveston Bay local sailing organization within the same calendar year, but in no event starting not less than 21 calendar days following the originally scheduled Regatta. The make-up Regatta shall be open to all the same classes as the originally scheduled Regatta and may at the discretion of the Youth Sailing Committee be open to youth sailors who are not LYC youth sailors. However, only LYC youth sailors are eligible to compete for the Championship Trophy.
7. The Youth Sailing Committee may, if it finds there is (are) significant conflict(s) with other major regional, national, or international level events for one or more classes or finds it is otherwise beneficial to the majority of LYC youth sailors in such classes, designate a make-up Regatta for one or more of the classes to be held in accordance with the requirements herein including the venue. The make-up Regatta may be hosted by LYC or any other local sailing organization. The make-up Regatta must be announced within 7 calendar days of the Youth Sailing Committee determining such a conflict exists and shall be held the same calendar year but starting no less than 60 calendar days following the announcement of the make-up Regatta.
8. The Youth Sailing Committee shall designate the classes at its first scheduled meeting of the year but no less than 30 calendar days prior to the Regatta or any make-up regatta. The designated classes shall cover classes typically

raced in the Galveston Bay area and include, at a minimum, both single-handed and double-handed classes open to youth sailors under the age of 19 who have not yet graduated from high school.

A champion shall be determined for each of the following one-design classes of sailing vessels:

- a. Optimist,
  - b. Optimist Green, ILCA 4 (formerly Laser 4.7),
  - c. ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial),
  - d. ILCA 7 (formerly Laser Full Rig),
  - e. C420, I420, 29er, and/or
  - f. Such other classes of one-design sailing vessels as the Youth Sailing Committee may designate from year to year (each, a "Class").
9. Each Class of sailing vessels which has a minimum of four (4) entrants (four individual sailing vessels in the case of multi-handed classes) participating in the Regatta, counting all youth sailors regardless of club affiliation, (an "Eligible Class") shall be eligible to have the name of the champion of such Class engraved on the Perpetual Trophy.
  10. The resulting winner, including skipper and crew member(s) who is (are) also Lakewood Yacht Club youth sailor(s), of each Eligible Class shall have his or her name permanently mounted on a placard or engraved on the Perpetual Trophy as the Junior Fleet Champion for his or her respective Class for the year in which the Series was held.
  11. The Perpetual Trophy shall be permanently displayed in Lakewood Yacht Club's clubhouse.
  12. Revisions or amendments to this Deed of Gift may only be made by agreement by and between LYC and the Youth Sailing Committee and memorialized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Lakewood Yacht Club.

This Deed is established and gifted upon a resolution approved by Lakewood Yacht Club's Board of Directors on Friday, August 19, 2022.

LAKWOOD YACHT CLUB

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Gary Romer, 2022 Commodore

Approved by the Lakewood Yacht Club Youth Sailing Committee on this the \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2022.

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Kevin Bendele, 2022 Youth Sailing Committee Chairman

THE PAST COMMODORES AWARD  
HONORING THE OUTSTANDING YOUTH RACING  
YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR

- I. Excellence in sailing and sportsmanship are trademarks of a Corinthian Yacht Club. A yacht club's youth sailing program is the institution for teaching excellence in sailing and sportsmanship.

Lakewood Yacht Club's Past Commodores Association is proud of the outstanding youth sailors who have represented our great Yacht Club in youth sailing events worldwide. The Past Commodore's Association is pleased to recognize and honor our Club's youth sailor who has exhibited outstanding sportsmanship on and off the water and has achieved superior excellence in sailing. "Sportsmanship" is the adherence to the spirit and rules of fair play and competition with humility and grace in both winning and losing. "Superior excellence in sailing" is the best of the best in scoring and ranking in races and regattas.

The award shall be entitled the "Lakewood Yacht Club Past Commodores Award" aka "Past Commodores Award".

- II. The Past Commodores Award will be presented to the outstanding youth sailor, defined as the child or grandchild of a Lakewood Yacht Club member in good standing who has not yet reached 19 years of age, competing in sanctioned sailboat racing as follows:
- A. The youth sailor who ranks best in the Texas Youth Racing Circuit, organized by the Texas Sailing Association (TSA), for the calendar year. Each class shall stand alone, and all classes which are included in the Circuit shall be considered. The Lakewood Yacht Club youth sailor with the best Circuit ranking overall in their class will receive the Past Commodores Award.
  - B. Ranking shall be based on the Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions and Regatta Guidelines (<https://www.txsail.org/circuit/conditions>), referred to hereafter as the guidelines, in effect at the beginning of the calendar year.
  - C. In the event of a tie between sailors competing in different classes, the scores for each sailor used to determine the ranking shall be totaled using the least number of regattas required for any of their classes. The sailor with the best ranking shall receive the Past Commodores Award. If the tie remains, the Past Commodores Award will be presented to multiple recipients, to each of the sailors who are tied.
- III. The selectee must be of good character and exemplify the Corinthian spirit of yachting.
- IV. Judges
- 1) Chairman of the Lakewood Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Committee

- 2) Lakewood Yacht Club's Fleet Captain
- 3) President of the Past Commodores Association

A. In the absence of either the Fleet Captain or President of the Past Commodores Assoc. the Commodore of Lakewood Yacht Club may substitute.

V. The Chairman of Lakewood Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Committee will compile and authenticate results for selection.

VI. A perpetual trophy with accompanying individual award will be presented at the Annual Lakewood Yacht Club Awards Banquet by the President of the Past Commodores Association.

Adopted by the Lakewood Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Committee and the Lakewood Yacht Club Past Commodores Association.

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Kevin Bendele, 2022 Chairman,  
Lakewood Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Committee  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Thomas B. Taylor, 2022 President  
Lakewood Yacht Club's Past Commodores  
Association  
Date: August 13, 2022