



## LOS GATOS INVITATIONAL CHALLENGE

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2014

The ninth annual LGYC Invitational Challenge will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 in Redwood City. This event is a recreational challenge offered by the Los Gatos Yacht Club to build camaraderie among the members of the participating clubs and to promote sailing, in general.



The regatta will take place in the Redwood City Channel. The regatta will consist of three races. The first race will begin at 12:00 p.m. Each team will be assigned one of the participating boats for the first race. Between the first and second races, the teams will switch boats at the dock. Likewise, between the second and third races, the teams will switch boats. This boat-switching will level the playing field, so that whichever team wins will do so because of their sailing skills, not because of any advantage gained by the differences between the boats.

During the boat switching between races, teams can switch out their crew, if desired. This will allow more members from each club to participate in the regatta. The skipper of each boat, however, must remain the same throughout the entire regatta. (Note: Switching crew between races is not required. The same crew can sail all three races, if desired.)

LGYC has invited the following clubs to participate in this regatta:

- Ames Sailing Club
- Coyote Point Yacht Club
- Los Gatos Yacht Club
- Peninsula Yacht Club
- San Leandro Yacht Club
- Sequoia Yacht Club
- South Bay Yacht Club
- Spinnaker Sailing Club

However, only the first five clubs to submit an entry form will be able to participate. Start forming your club's team now!

Each club can enter one team in the regatta. There is no minimum or maximum number of crew on each team. The skipper of each team must be a member in good standing of the sailing club or yacht club that the team is representing.

Each participating club/team will be responsible for the cost of chartering a Merit 25 from Spinnaker Sailing for this race. The race committee will reserve the boats in advance and make arrangements for a discount, if possible, but each skipper/crew must complete the paperwork required by Spinnaker and pay for the charter on or before the day of the race.

**IMPORTANT:** Each skipper must make sure they are qualified to charter from Spinnaker Sailing well in advance of the regatta. To do so, you must have a US Coast Guard license or BCC certification and/or a charter history with Spinnaker Sailing. Please check with Spinnaker Sailing, if you're not sure.

There will be a picnic lunch following the race. Food will be provided by LGYC, and Sequoia Yacht Club's no-host bar will be available. We will grill sausages, hot dogs, and burgers.

The awards ceremony will follow the regatta, at which the LGYC Challenge Race perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team. The winning skipper will keep the trophy until the following year's race, at which time LGYC will award that skipper a trophy to keep.

All participating clubs should encourage their non-racing members to attend the event, cheer on their teams from the sidelines, and attend the post-race festivities. Bystanders will get a good view of the race from any of the docks or land north of the Seaport Conference Center. We will also try to have a photographer available to get some good shots of the regatta.

A completed entry form (available at <http://www.losgatosyc.com/events.htm>) must be submitted by each team no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. In addition, release forms must be completed by each crew member of each team and handed to the race organizers on the day of the race.

A mandatory skippers' meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Sequoia Yacht Club on the day of the regatta. The course and boat assignments for each race will be communicated to the teams at the skippers' meeting the day of the race.

Sailing instructions will be posted on the Los Gatos Yacht Club web site - <http://www.losgatosyc.com/> - at least two weeks before the race.

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