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**2006 Star 45 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA  
(NCR)**

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This is the final Newsletter for the Star 45 NCR for 2006. Unfortunately, it was not possible to produce a September issue of the Newsletter, due to the frenetic activity of last minute preparations for the Regatta. However, in this last piece we hope to put all basic information in one place, for your convenience. Please refer to the official NCR website, [www.star45houston.com](http://www.star45houston.com) for more detail. Also, feel free to contact Phil Geren, Newsletter Editor, at [philgeren@aol.com](mailto:philgeren@aol.com) or at 713-824-0683 if you have a question.

<b>The Event</b>	<p>This event is an <b>AMERICAN MODEL YACHTING ASSOCIATION (AMYA)</b> sanctioned <u>Gold Chevron</u> event. The Event is open to all current AMYA registered Star 45 Class Model Yacht Owners. AMYA Chevrons will be awarded to the top three finishing boats, and awardees can proudly display these confirmations of racing prowess and heraldry on their craft. Regatta trophies will also be awarded.</p>
<b>The Rules</b>	<p>Races are governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by Appendix E, the prescriptions of US SAILING when they apply, the rules of the Star 45 Class, the "Sailing Instructions" for this event, and the following:          All boats must comply with all Class Rules regarding performance criteria.          Non-performance items will not be protestable.          Local Yacht Clubs' experienced racers and judges will be on hand as protest Jury and Judges</p>
<b>The Schedule</b> (note, all times are "ish")	<p><b>Friday October 20th, 2006</b>          1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Registration, Check-in &amp; Boat Measurement          4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Workshop "Star 45 Building and Tuning"          6:30 PM - ?? "Meet and Greet" Dinner (Dutch treat) at <u>Willie's Grill &amp; Ice House #8, 3481Beltway 8 East, Houston, TX 77505, tel. 281-9911400</u>. It is on Vista Rd, just E of Beltway 8, on the E side of the Northbound feeder road (about 1.2 mi. from the sailing venue)</p> <p><b>Saturday October 21st, 2006</b>          7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Late Registration, Check-in &amp; Boat</p>

	<p>Measurement</p> <p>9:30 AM                    Skippers Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM                   Racing Begins</p> <p>12:00 PM (Approx.)      Lunch is available; Skippers may eat between their racing Heats, at their convenience. Racing will not be interrupted for Lunch.</p> <p>4:30 PM                    Last Race begins no later that 4:30 PM.</p> <p>6:00PM                     Dinner, Raffle, and Julie Ayres National Craftsmanship Award ceremony, at <u>Peppers Beef &amp; Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., # C, Pasadena, TX 77054, tel 281-998-1114</u>, a little over a mile from the sailing venue.</p> <p><b>Sunday October 8th, 2006</b></p> <p>9:30 AM                    Skipper's Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM                   Racing Begins</p> <p>12:00 PM (Approx.)      Lunch is available; Skippers may eat between their racing Heats, at their convenience, Racing will not be interrupted for Lunch.</p> <p>2:00 PM                    Last Race begins no later that 2:00 PM.</p> <p>3:00 PM                    Trophies Presentation</p>
<p>Overview</p>	<p>Burke/Crenshaw Park is a City of Pasadena, TX Park having a roughly kidney-shaped primary lake which will be the venue for our NCR. You may see a map overview of the Park and a few photos at <a href="http://www.star45houston.com">www.star45houston.com</a>. Pasadena is a suburb of the Houston metropolitan area, a very large metroplex covering over 10,000 square miles and the primary home of the energy industry. Shopping and sightseeing opportunities abound (see <a href="http://www.houston.com">www.houston.com</a>.)</p> <p>The host Clearpoint Model Yacht Club site, at <a href="http://www.clearpointmyc.org">www.clearpointmyc.org</a>, also has information about the venue. The lake's axis is NE-SW, which is aligned with the prevailing winds, providing for excellent race courses. It is a perfect site for model yacht racing, and major regattas are held there throughout the year. Mammoth shopping malls are less than five miles away, roughly at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Interstate Highway 45 and north of there. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) museum and rocket park are nearby in Clear Lake, TX. If you are bringing companions with sightseeing interests, just ask one of our locals for help and directions to what they are interested in seeing or doing.</p> <p>Upon arrival at the east Park entrance on Burke Road, you will enter and proceed west, past the first parking area, around the south end of the lake, and park in the back parking lot at the end of the road.</p> <p>As you enter the back parking lot, ahead of you will be a large Gazebo, where we intend to hold the Registration and Boat Measurement</p>

activity on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, as well as the Workshop on Star 45 Building and Tuning on Friday afternoon. If wind makes measurement inconvenient there, we will measure elsewhere and you should scan the nearby areas to locate the Measurement Table. The lake is to your right. Tents and tables will be set up for Skippers on a grassy knoll, overlooking the lake and near the lake's west shore.

Nelda Tallman, the pride and joy of Texas' Star 45 Fleet and the world's best Scoring Official, will score the event, and she will operate her scoring station in the tent area.

Avid Star 45 skipper and aficionado Don Keeney, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, will be General Manager of the Regatta and Master of Ceremonies. Make Don aware of any issues you have.

Brad Laterbach, champion Star 45 sailor, will be our Principal Race Officer, and will direct a team of officials in management of the racing, in judging, and in resolving protests.

There will be a small, portable launching ramp, however the water is warm here in the subtropical Texas Gulf Coast area, and you will find launching convenient along the bank of the lake. Wet shoes, such as Crocs or surf sox, work very well for this.

We will have one or more kayaks, with their own skippers, for boat rescues and quick mark relocation, in the case of wind shifts.

We extend a warm and hearty **WELCOME !** to you and your family! Temperatures in October are generally in the 70 degrees range, and it is usually dry, however you should prepare for the possibility of temperatures from the 80s to the 60s and rain. Winds are expected to blow 5-15 mph, mainly from the south.

If you haven't seen our Newsletters, having information on Raffle prizes, a new historical writing on the development of the Star 45 and the Class, and other thing of interest to Star 45 skippers, as well as the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, etc., please visit the official website of the 2006 Star 45 National Championship Regatta, at [www.star45houston.com](http://www.star45houston.com).

Best of Luck!

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