



HOUSTON YACHT CLUB

BBQ ON THE BAY - an Old Smokey Challenge!!

An Amateur Event using Old Smokey Grills

March 23, 2019

TEAM HANDBOOK

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KEY INFORMATION and DATES

Sponsor:

The 2019 BBQ on the Bay (the “Event”) is sponsored by The Houston Yacht Club (“HYC”). All Event proceeds, net of direct Event expenses, will be used for a specific HYC capital improvement project (the “Event Project”) subject to all HYC approvals. The Event is open to all amateur Teams that meet the qualifications and criteria noted in the Team and Contest Handbooks.

Address questions to: EVENT CHAIR John J. Peter 281.300.4528 johnjpeter@msn.com jp@jpeterandassociates.com

The BBQ on the Bay Competition is an AMATEUR event which is open to the following:

- All HYC Members, as well as their families and invited guests on their Team.
- In addition, the current Commodore may make the following invitations to compete:
 - A team from each of two Galveston Bay reciprocal yacht clubs;
 - A Team from the Galveston Bay Cruising Association;
 - Up to three Teams from governmental or other organizations having purposes complimentary to the Purposes of the Houston Yacht Club.

All HYC members and their families and guests, as well as guests of Team members; and other guests from invited Teams are welcome to HYC on the day of the Event.

- To be considered “amateur” cooking teams cannot have competed during the past three years in a BBQ event:
 - Sanctioned/organized by the HLS&R World Championship BBQ Contest; or,
 - In a BBQ cookoff event where the winners receive cash prizes.

Key Dates:

- Team Sign-Up Now open for Registration
- Team Sign-Up is closed – All Entry Fees Due 03/17/19
- TEAM CAPTAINS and CHIEF COOKS MEETING 03/20/19
 - 7:00 PM in the HYC Centennial Room.
 - Old Smokey grills will be handed out to each team Captain or Chief Cook based on their entry form/fees paid.
 - The Team Captain, or designate and/or the Chief Cook, or designate are required to attend.
 - All Team members are encouraged to attend.
 - Any final updates or Event changes will be announced.
 - Captain or Chief Cook questions will be answered. Judging criteria will be reviewed.
 - The Chief Cook packets will be delivered.
 - Space assignments will be drawn by lot.

Entry Form Turn-in: You can turn in your entry forms one of three ways:

1. Email to the Event Chair at: jp@jpeterandassociates.com
2. Drop off in an envelope at the HYC Office, noting on the outside of the envelope “BBQ ENTRY FORM”
3. Mail to the HYC office at 3620 Miramar Shore Acres, TX 77571 ATTN: BBQ ENTRY FORM

Cancellation:

Due to other Events scheduled at HYC after the Event Date, there is no backup date for this Event. In the case of Event cancellation, all Entry Fees will be refunded or, at the discretion of the Team Captain, may be donated to the Event Project.

Any cancellation due to weather or other circumstances will be announced no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on 03/20/19.

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TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team must have a Team Captain. A Team may be comprised of just the Team Captain, or up to as many Team Members as the Captain chooses.

THE TEAM CAPTAIN:

- MUST BE a Member (or spouse, son, or daughter of a Member) of the Houston Yacht Club; with the Member being in any membership class, and in good standing as of the date of Team Signup, and the Event; OR
- **By the Commodore's Invitation only**, MUST BE actively employed as of the Event date in a management role at a governmental or other organization having purposes complimentary to the Purposes of HYC.
- MUST actively participate in all of the activities of the Team.
- MUST be on site and generally available throughout the entire day of the Event.
- A single Team Captain can be the Captain of no more than two Teams but can be the Chief Cook for only one of those teams

CHIEF COOKS

- Each Team must have its own Chief Cook and a Chief Cook may not cook for more than one Team.

TEAM MEMBERS AND TEAM RELATIONSHIPS

- **Only the Team Captain** is required to meet the requirements noted above. However, **Team Members must have an existing relationship with the Team Captain.** Existing relationships include family, bona fide personal and/or business relationships, or HYC relationships.
- A Team Captain may not "pick-up" a team for the purposes of this Event and a team cannot "pick-up" a Team Captain for the purposes of this Event.
- A team will be considered to have been "picked up" if it is obvious that the Team has previously participated in BBQ events at a level beyond amateur status, regardless of the relationship to the Team Captain.
- Any team deemed to be a "pick-up" or non-amateur Team by the Event Chair, in consultation with the Chief Judge and the Head of the Food Competition Committee, will be automatically eliminated from the competition, but will be allowed to cook throughout the Event.
- Team Members may not be compensated for participating in the competition. Any exception will result in that Team being eliminated from the competition, but the Team will be allowed to cook throughout the Event.

3RD PARTY TEAM SPONSORSHIP

- 3d Party Sponsorship of teams is encouraged for the Event. Coworkers of the Team Captain are considered to have an existing relationship with the Team Captain.
- 3rd Party underwriting of certain event costs will be solicited by the Event Committee.
- 3rd party sponsors are encouraged to promote their businesses as part of this Event by the use of signage, handouts, and other non-sales promotional activities.

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MOVE-IN/MOVE OUT DATES AND PROCEDURES

- The Team Spaces will be marked on Friday, March 22 (weather permitting). Move-In will be available Friday after 5:00 PM, but there will be no added security on Friday. **Teams moving-in on Friday do so at their own risk.**
- **All move-in MUST BE completed by 9:00 AM of Event day.**
- **All Team Member vehicles MUST BE parked in the Team Parking area by 9:00 AM of Event day.**
- Each Team is responsible for ensuring that all its equipment, structures, and trash are removed from HYC at move-out.
- All Teams and all team equipment, structures and trash must be removed no later than **2:00 PM on Sunday, March 24.**

SAFETY AND SECURITY

BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, BEVERAGE SALES AND CONSUMPTION

- Glass containers of any kind are strongly discouraged; if used, they must be kept inside the team space. No kegs.
- The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of the Houston Yacht Club is regulated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and we request that all Teams comply with those regulations.

PARKING

RV/Motorhome Parking – On a space-available basis we will accommodate Member-owned RV's only, subject to the approval of the HYC General Manager. No guest/non-member RV's will be allowed.

Trailers with pits attached, and equipment trailers

- Trailers with pits attached must fit inside the Team Space (**see new space sizes which are now smaller than before**).
- Equipment trailer parking will be available outside of the Event Area
- The tires on all trailers must be blocked while on HYC grounds.
- All trailers must have supports underneath the trailer on the front, rear, left and right in order to prevent back-tipping or side-tipping of the trailer.
- All trailers must be removed from haulers.
- All trailers will be identified with a Team Captain, regardless of actual ownership.
- All trailers must be removed from the premises as part of the move out by Sunday, March 24th.

Team Parking

- **Personnel will be onsite on the day of the Event to direct all parking.**
- **PARKING RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- An assigned parking area will be reserved for Team Members vehicles and trailer parking. This area will be clearly marked. Please help us maintain safe and effective vehicle control by utilizing this parking.

Parking Inside of the Team Space

- Other than one electric golf cart (**no gas-powered carts**), no vehicles are to be parked inside the Team Space.
- Trailers with pits attached must fit inside the Team Space (**see new space sizes which are now smaller than before**).

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIRE SAFETY

- Each team shall have at least one A:10-B:C rated portable fire extinguisher readily available
- Combustible materials such as hay or straw may not be brought onsite for any purpose.
- No portable heaters of any kind will be allowed.
- Teams must provide their own container(s) to facilitate disposal of embers offsite of the HYC premises.
- **Teams are expected to use their best efforts to keep embers and grease off all lawn, road and parking lot surfaces.**
- **It is especially important to have some protection between the Old Smokey Grill and the asphalt roadway.**

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Golf carts are allowed in the Event area but must remain parked in the Team Space except when in use.
- No other vehicles are to be in the Event area from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the Event Date.
- In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Event Chair may adjust these restrictions.

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OTHER INFORMATION

ELECTRICITY IN THE SPACE

- HYC will provide 15 amps of electricity for all Team Spaces.
- This will consist of (1) 15 amp 110-volt electrical service consisting of (1) quad box with GFCI and 15-amp overload protection.

DIMENSIONS OF THE TEAM SPACE and PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL SPACE

- **All team spaces are 15' wide (left to right) X 20' deep (front to back). This is a significant reduction in size from previous years.**
- A Team can purchase 1 additional adjoining space (see Entry Form). In that case, any team(s) doing so will be the first to draw for spaces at the Team Captain and Chief Cooks meeting.

CONTROL OF THE TEAM SPACE

- Team Captains are responsible for maintaining control of their space and their Team Members at all times.
- Teams must fit all structures, equipment, supplies, etc., within the boundaries of their assigned team Space.
- Teams may not store supplies, equipment, etc. outside their assigned space before or during the Event.
- Exterior décor and interaction with the public is highly encouraged, but must be appropriate for viewing by a public audience of all ages and may not consist of material having a political, religious, discriminatory, or lewd nature.

TENTS

- If a tent is to be used, it **must be anchored regardless of forecasted weather conditions. The ONLY acceptable anchoring system is to attach at least one 5-gallon bucket, filled with water, to EACH leg of the tent.**

GENERATORS

- Generators that are not a permanent part of the trailer/pit are **not** allowed.
- Generators cannot be operated unless completely inaccessible by the general public.

TRASH

- As part of the Entry Fee, one trash can will be provided to each Space. HYC will supply all trash container liners.
- HYC will provide trash pickup on Saturday at approximately 9:00 AM, noon, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM; and Sunday morning before 8 AM.
- At all other times, teams are responsible for depositing their trash in the dumpster located behind the fenced area to the right of the entrance to HYC property. Teams may not leave trash in the Team Space.
- During move-out, all trash must be removed from the HYC grounds or taken to the dumpster located behind the fenced area to the right of the entrance to HYC property.

MUSIC

- The Event Sponsor will be providing music throughout the Event on Saturday. The Event Sponsor will also be making periodic Event announcements throughout the day of the Event. In addition, any safety or security announcements that are required will be made by the Event Sponsor. Consequently:
 - Music played in the Team Spaces must be at a volume that allows all Teams to clearly hear any Event announcements
 - Team music cannot be played at a volume level that competes with the Event Sponsor's volume;
 - **All Team music must be shut down by 2:30 PM for the duration of the Event so that announcements regarding turn-in and other activities are not in competition with Team music.**
- Please be cooperative with other Teams who also have music as well as with the Event music.

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- Animals are NOT permitted in the Event area except for **certified Assistance Service Dogs which are specially trained to assist individuals with disabilities**. (Assistance **Facility** dogs and Assistance **Therapy** dogs, even if certified, are not permitted in the Event area.)
- Fundraising, selling memberships (other than to the Houston Yacht Club) **or soliciting contributions for any purpose other than for the Event** are prohibited during the Event.
- **Teams may NOT sell ANY item, including food and drink, from their space or any location within the Event area during the Contest, move-in or move-out.**
- No gambling of any kind is permitted.
- No grease disposal at HYC. HYC has no ability to dispose of grease, used cooking oil or fats. Teams must provide their own container(s) to facilitate disposal of used grease, cooking oil or fats, offsite of the HYC premises
- Horns or public-address systems are prohibited, except by the Event Sponsor.
- No music of any kind in the Event area is allowed after 7:00 PM on the Event date.
- Music played at a volume that is disruptive or intrusive to other Teams or the Event activities is prohibited.
- **Charcoal made with fillers is prohibited. See the Contest Handbook and Entry Form (page 11) for approved 100% natural charcoal products.**