



THE 32ST ANNUAL WORLDVEST REGATTA – APRIL 29TH

A unique event is coming to HYC in April! This year is the City of Houston's 51st annual WorldFest event – our own international film festival. The Chairman (and founder) of the event is HYC member Hunter Todd. Hunter and his charming wife Kathy are masters of the sailboat Valkyrie docked on Pier 11; we generally see Hunter and Kathy out double-handing most Sunday afternoons in the warmer months.



What is unique about WorldFest is that it is the ONLY international film festival which has an eponymous regatta as a feature of the event. **NO OTHER YACHT CLUB IN THE WORLD** has an event like this – and our members are invited to participate! Every year the festival throws the closing party at HYC and provides frosty cold beverages and barbecue, a terrific mariachi band, and the famous Texas Longhorn Steers as photo op's for the kids. Additionally we have visitors representing the Rodeo Clown association and a unique group of historic figure method actors headed by HYC member Susan Williams! The film industry glitterati from foreign countries (many from China) find the method actors fascinating... especially Pancho Villa as he brandishes his (real working replica) 19th century... guns...

As much fun as the barbecue and Pancho are, the best way for a member to participate is to become part of the regatta! Sunday April 29th will be the 32nd Annual WorldFest Regatta. Sail boats can enter the race; powerboats can be observers! We ask that skippers meet us at noon to select the appropriate number of WorldFest guests to accompany them on their boats during the race. Each skipper will have the option to select specific guests that they can see have the physical characteristics, foot and foul weather gear that are appropriate to their particular craft. To join in please contact the regatta PRO Bill van R (billvanrav@gmail.com).

The race itself is very friendly and low stress. It is a pure handicap event. The Race Committee (RC) will assign club handicaps to the sailboats. The RC will capture the time you cross the start line (anytime you want between 2 and 3 p.m.). Racers will then sail the course (a triangle between the Judge's Stand, the High Range Marker, and an orange tetrahedron. As racers finish the RC will capture the exact finish time, apply the handicap, perform extremely complex mental calculations (thank you HYC Bridge Champion Wayne Christensen), and identify the winners. Trophies provided by WorldFest are very nice (see picture) and will be awarded at the barbecue. A sample course diagram is on the reverse.



As a token of our gratitude for your help all skippers will receive 2 VIP All Festival Passes (an \$800 CASH Value) which grant you access to ALL premieres, all 200+ films, Program Books, the Champagne Opening Night Premiere and Gala Party, the 9 Master Classes, and the Festival Club at the HQ Marriott Westchase Hotel...

Last year one of our WorldFest guests was extremely nice; he did what he does best – made a film! It is a very short clip called "Regatta" set on John and Julie Mastroianni's yacht Andiamo. It tells the story of a bunch of friends having fun on a sunny day on their sailboats – without words. Very skillfully done, it can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WU7TNp6Vjv8&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>

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