



THE 2019 ANNUAL HYC REACH DOWN THE BEACH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club Shore Acres, TX USA
To be sailed FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020-US-Prescriptions, and Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2017-2020 except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All skippers are reminded to review RRS 4: Decision to Race and the Rules of Part 2: When Boats Meet.
- 1.3. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V2 is modified to read: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies."
- 1.6. Rule 52 (Manual Power) is suspended for double or single-handed entries in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker and ORC Club Spinnaker Class when clear of the start / finish areas in both races. This changes Rule 52.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be sent to all competitors e-mail address as entered at registration on RegattaNetwork.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be broadcast via VHF at the start line, finish line, or announced at the official regatta party in Freeport as appropriate.



3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written changes to these sailing instructions will be distributed by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday May 08.
- 3.2. Verbal changes (if any) may be made on the water and shall be communicated to each boat by VHF before her warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Any decision to abandon race will be announced via VHF.
- 4.2. Any decision to postpone will be announced via VHF.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Scratch start time is 8:00 am; individual start times are as calculated and listed in these sailing instructions.
- 5.2. Each class will sail a single race.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.



ADDENDUM A: THE COURSE

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, a straight line to Freeport.
- 7.2. The course will be 42.1 miles in length.

- 7.3. The start is at Galveston Channel marker #11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472).
- 7.4. Sail from Galveston Channel marker # 11 to the 5A marker (29° 19.659'N, 94° 41.336'W) 3.0 nm leaving it to starboard.
- 7.5. Sail to the finish in Freeport.

Course length:	42.1 nm
Scratch start time:	8:00 AM

2019 REACH DOWN THE BEACH (RDTB) START TIMES: DRAFT					
Start	BOATNAME	SAIL #	NAME	RATING	FLEET
8:00:42	Morning Star	144	John Gross	229	HYC B&B Club Handicap Class
8:04:55	Hi Yo Silver	none	STEVEN FETHERSTON	223	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
8:51:55	Salsa II	2	Kevin Somers*	156	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
9:00:21	Nightwind	Na	Calvin Holt	144	HYC B&B Club Handicap Class
9:12:58	La Isla	3	Kevin Somers	126	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
9:24:12	Panamaria	none	James Lattner	110	HYC B&B Club Handicap Class

* = Please note that Kevin will be either on Salsa II OR La Isla depending his ability to clear the causeway...

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting line is between the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462) at the port end and an orange flag or banner on the official signal vehicle (bearing approximately 215°) on the starboard end.
- 8.2. The first rounding mark is the Galveston 5A marker. Leave it to starboard.
- 8.3. The finish line is between a floating orange tetrahedron (located at N28 56.153 W95 17.118) on the port end and an orange flag on the official signal vehicle located at approximately 300 ° on the beach on starboard end.

2019 RDTB ORC SPINNAKER START TIMES				Scoring Option					
Boat	Triple Number TOD			Low		Medium		High	
	Low	Medium	High	Δ	Start	Δ	Start	Δ	Start
Edelweiss	698.3	522.9	459.1		9:30:00		9:30:00		9:30:00
Muse	685.1	513.4	453.1	13.2	9:39:15	9.5	9:36:39	6.0	9:34:12
Hamburg II	671.7	507.9	446.4	13.4	9:48:39	5.5	9:40:30	6.7	9:38:54
Gamble	566.2	452.4	392.2	105.5	11:02:40	55.5	10:19:26	54.2	10:16:55

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line is at the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462) for all boats except the Ultimate Offshore Performance Cup (UOPC) time-on-distance handicap race, whose start line will be between the GA5A and GA5 marks.
- 9.2. All boats are to hail the race committee and check in by name and sail number via VHF. If necessary, the UOPC class may need to communicate with the race committee by phone. Please include the total number of crew on board including the skipper. All skippers are encouraged to send a list of crew names by email (or text message) to the race committee after all are aboard – accuracy is important.
- 9.3. Races will be started pursuit-style per the starting times listed here. The UOPC class will have their own start offshore.
- 9.4. The ORC Spinnaker class start time will be the time associated with the triple-number corresponding with the scoring option selected by the Race Committee based on existing and expected wind conditions.
- 9.5. The Race Committee will announce the applicable triple-number scoring option no later than 9:15 am by text and VHF. Competitors are welcome to call the Race Committee at the listed numbers should they not receive this communication.
- 9.6. Official time is GPS time.
- 9.7. The race committee will be monitoring start times on shore. They MAY hail OCS (over early) boats via VHF



10. THE FINISH is by the Freeport North jetty.

- 10.1. All racers are to hail the race committee on VHF when within 1 mile of the finish line by vessel name.
- 10.2. All racers are to stand by for instructions relating to possible security operations underway in the Freeport Channel.
- 10.3. The race committee will be on station between 1400 and 1800 hours. Any yacht finishing earlier than that shall record her approximate finish time and position relative to other boats in the area. Please turn that information in

to the race committee ashore.

10.4. **Addendum B** illustrates the finish area.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1. The race shall end at 1800 hours CDT, Friday 10 May, or when the last yacht finishes, whichever is earlier. Yachts which have not finished at the expiration of the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protest forms are found in **Addendum C** to these Sailing Instructions. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2. Competitors intending to file a protest must notify the race committee (via VHF or phone) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.3. For each class, the protest deadline is 7:00 p.m. Friday May 10.
- 12.4. For the purpose of meeting obligations under US Sailing prescriptions concerning redress, notification of a redress hearing shall be by posting on the official notice board for thirty minutes. The requirement for written requests for attendance at the hearing will be satisfied by a signup sheet at the official protest table. No more than one person per boat may attend. No request for reopening a hearing will be accepted after 7 p.m. 10 May 2019.
- 12.5. All notices and hearings will be announced at the regatta party, Freeport Marina.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low-Point Scoring system, Appendix A, shall apply.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. Any yacht that starts, and then retires or withdraws before finishing the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF or cell phone or if that is not possible the Houston Yacht Club office (phone number 281.471.1255).

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. The official regatta channel shall be VHF Channel 68.
- 15.2. The Race Committee will also be available by telephone at 832.428.0785 (PRO)
 - A secondary phone number is: 281.910.0942 (Chief Judge)
- 15.3. All yachts are encouraged to monitor channel 16 when offshore and to communicate potential hazards to other racers.
- 15.4. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 13 when in the Houston Ship Channel
- 15.5. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 14 when in the Freeport Channel for instructions from the harbor pilots.
- 15.6. The Event Chairman is available by email (billvanrav@gmail.com)

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Trophies will be awarded based on final registration volumes.
- 16.2. Registrations received after the trophy order has been placed shall be awarded IOU's in place of the actual trophy
- 16.3. The race committee shall deliver owed trophies at a mutually agreeable time and place at a later date.
- 16.4. Prizes will be awarded Friday May 10 at Captain Ken's Port 'O Call, Freeport TX.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18. USE OF ENGINES

- 18.1. Use of engines is prohibited except as permitted in section 1.6 above.
- 18.2. Engines may be used to charge batteries.
- 18.3. Engines may be used in an emergency situation. After the emergency is resolved, competitors are to return to the closest point possible to where the engine was initially engaged and continue the race.

19. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

19.1. Use of a self-steering system is prohibited except as stated in section 1.6 above.

20. HANDICAPS

- 20.1. All PHRF Pursuit class yachts must be handicapped by PHRF Galveston Bay for 2019.
- 20.2. All ORC Pursuit must have a current 2019 ORC certificate.
- 20.3. All Club Handicap yachts shall be rated by the Race Committee.
- 20.4. All UOPC class yachts shall be rated by prior agreement between the parties.

ADDENDUM C: PROTEST FORM – NEXT PAGE



Protest Form

also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and check as appropriate

Date & time received _____
Received by _____ Filing no. _____
Protest time limit _____

1. EVENT _____ Organizing authority _____ Date _____ Race no. _____

2. TYPE OF HEARING

- Protest by boat against boat
- Protest by race committee against boat
- Protest by protest committee against boat
- Request for redress by boat or race committee
- Consideration of redress by protest committee
- Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing
- Consideration of reopening by protest committee

3. BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____
Represented by _____ Tel. _____ Email _____

4. BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____

5. INCIDENT

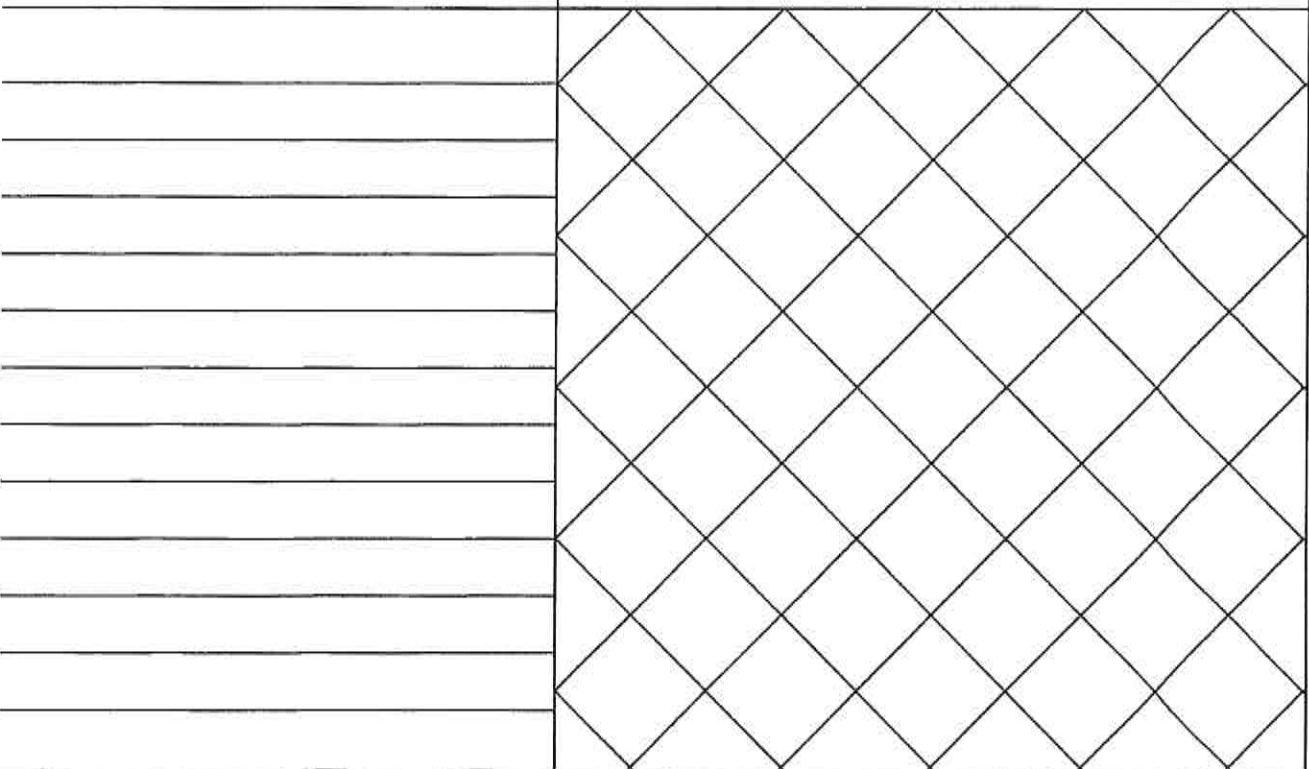
Where and when the incident occurred _____
Rule(s) alleged to have been broken _____ Witness(es) _____

6. INFORMING PROTESTEE How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

- By hailing When? _____ Word(s) used _____
- By displaying a red flag When? _____
- By informing her in some other way Give details _____

7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT
(use another sheet if necessary)

Diagram: one square = one hull length
Show position of boats, wind and current direction, marks.



THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE
Fill in and check as appropriate

Class _____ Race # _____ Filing # _____
 Heard together with numbers _____

Withdrawal requested; signature _____ Withdrawal permitted

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by _____

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by _____

Names of witnesses _____

Interpreters _____ **Remarks**

Conflict of interest declared Objections: Yes No _____

Written protest or request identifies incident _____

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity _____

No hail needed; protestee informed at first
 reasonable opportunity _____

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first
 reasonable opportunity _____

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue. Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed.

FACTS FOUND

Diagram of boat _____ is endorsed by committee. Committee's diagram is attached.

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

DECISION

Protest: dismissed Boat(s) _____ is (are) disqualified from race(s) _____
 penalized as follows _____

Redress: not given given as follows _____

Request to reopen a hearing: denied granted

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Members _____

Chairman's signature _____ Date & time _____

Written decision requested

When _____

By whom _____

Date provided _____