



2017 HYC Elissa Regatta

April 7-9, 2017

The Houston Yacht Club

Shoreacres, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE - REVISED APRIL 5, 2017

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2017-2020).
- b. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- a. The regatta is open to all boats.
- b. All classes are welcome.
- c. A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- d. The Pursuit Line will have PHRF non-Spinnaker, PHRF Symmetrical Spinnaker, and PHRF Asymmetrical Spinnaker classes.
- e. Windward-Leeward Line potential classes may be Ensign, Lightning, J/22, J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, Corsair.
- f. There will also be a Dinghy Line available for HYC Member Ragnots. Potential classes may be Sunfish, Laser, Vanguard, Club 420.
- g. A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- h. A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another class, or an entry fee refund may be requested.
- i. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com or at The Houston Yacht Club website <http://www.houstonyachtclub.com> using the on-line entry form.
- j. Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the Regatta Network on-line entry form are invited to register as "Generic One-Design". Please contact the Race and Regatta chair Madonna Breen (mbreen@embarqmail.com) to receive a class assignment after the fact.
- k. All skippers will receive one regatta shirt.
- l. Multiple Crew Class Entries will receive 2 rum drink tickets.
- m. Double-Handed Class Entries will receive 1 rum drink ticket.
- n. Single-Handed Class Entries will receive 1 rum drink ticket.
- o. HYC Member Ragnot skippers will receive 1 Pecan Ball ticket.
- p. Racers and guests may purchase Saturday night dinner tickets for \$20 each.
- q. Racers and guests who wish to make a donation to The Elissa through the Galveston Historical Foundation may write a check to the Foundation and leave it with the Event Committee during the race weekend.

3. FEES

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| a. Multiple Crew Class Entry Fee | \$80.00 |
| b. Double-Handed Class Entry Fee | \$70.00 |
| c. Single-Handed Class Entry Fee | \$60.00 |
| d. HYC Member Ragnot Entry Fee | \$35.00 |
| e. Penalty for Late Registration, after Wed., 5 April, 2017 10:00 p.m. | \$20.00 |

- f. A full refund may be made for any entries withdrawn before 7:00 p.m. Thurs., 6 April (an email notification is acceptable).
- g. US Sailing members receive a \$5.00 discount.

4. SCHEDULE

- a. **Thursday, 6 April 2017, 7:00 p.m.** Entry deadline.
- b. **Friday, 7 April 2017, 7:00 p.m.**, Competitor's briefing at HYC.
- c. **Saturday, 8 April 2017, 10:00 a.m.**, Dinghy Line Competitor's briefing at the Beachcomber.
- d. **Saturday, 8 April 2017, 11:00 a.m.** Warning signal for the Pursuit and One-Design Lines.
At 12:00 p.m., Warning signal for the Dinghy Line. For the PHRF, One-Design Lines and the Dinghy Line, the number of races sailed may vary per class and there is no limit to the number of races sailed. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting.
- e. **Saturday, 8 April 2017 Post Race BBQ** on the HYC patio at the Porthole.
- f. **Sunday, 9 April 2017, 10:45 a.m.**, Dinghy Line Competitor's briefing at the Beachcomber.
- g. **Sunday, 9 April 2017: 11:00 a.m.** Warning signal for all lines and the starting time for the Pursuit Line. No warning signal shall be made after 2 p.m.
- h. **Sunday, 9 April 2017:** Awards will be presented approximately two hours after the last committee boat enters the harbor. In the event of a protest, the class(es) of the protesting party(ies) may receive awards after the protest hearing. Results for the fleet may not wait for the protest results.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- a. Yachts racing PHRF MUST have a 2017 PHRF rating certificate. Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

7. VENUE

- a. All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club and/or that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the San Leon shoreline to the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline.

8. THE COURSES

- a. The Pursuit Line will race around fixed or floating marks.
- b. The One-Design and Dinghy Lines will race a windward-leeward course.

9. SCORING

- a. A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
 - i. No scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A.
- c. Keelboats shall be scored using PHRF time-on-distance (TOD).

10. BERTHING

- a. Racers are encouraged to leave their boats at HYC for the week before and week after the regatta at no charge. HOWEVER, upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
- b. Visiting competitors who are required to remain in the water during the regatta may dock alongside the visitor pier on a "first come, first served" basis, or shall contact the HYC Harbor Master for individual slip availability.
- c. Hotel rooms are also available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates.

11. PRIZES

- a. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the end of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after early registration.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact the Event Chairs, Madonna Breen at madonna.breen@embarqmail.com or June Shaw at <mailto:june.shaw@wellsfargoadvisors.com>.