



2017 ENSIGN KIDS CUP

2 September 2017

Organizing Authority: Ensign Fleet 2

Host Club: The Houston Yacht Club

Shoreacres, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Sails will be limited to Ensign Class main, blade and spinnaker. This modifies the Ensign Class Association rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Ensign Class.
- 2.2 Each boat shall provide a crew list at the Competitor's Briefing.
- 2.3 All contestants must be family of members or members of The Houston Yacht Club.

3. CREW:

- 3.1 Each boat will have a crew of no more than six.
- 3.2 The following **guidelines** will be used to put together the crew for each boat:
 - 3.2.2 The crew will consist of no more than two adults (if two adults, the second adult will be taking the place of a 13 to 18 yr old crew), two older Ragnots (13 to 18 yrs. old), one 11+ yr old, and one 10 year old or under. Crews shall be **arranged and approved by the Sailing Director**. A youth sailor must be at the helm at all times when racing.

4. FEES

- 4.1 There are no fees!

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 **Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 1100 hours** Competitor's Briefing at the Beachcomber.
- 5.2 There will be no racing signals before **1300 hours**.
- 5.3 Races will be back to back but no race shall start after **1600 hours**.
- 5.4 Awards at the Beachcomber around **1730 hours**.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Yachts racing will comply with all requirements of the Ensign Class Association.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 The final sailing instructions will be distributed at the Competitor's Briefing on September 2nd, 2017. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office and posted on the HYC Website - under Race Schedule.

8. **VENUE**

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

9. **THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses and may also include triangles.

10. **SCORING**

10.1 A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.2 Appendix A (low point scoring system) will be modified as follows: A2 is modified to exclude no scores.

11. **PRIZES:**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for skipper and entire crew.
11.2 All sailors will receive a participant award.

12. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

12.1 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**

13.1 For further information, please contact the Event Chair Rick Snell ("Rick Snell" <w5rss@swbell.net>) or Race and Regatta Chair Madonna Breen (mbreen@embarqmail.com).