



2017 Houston Open One Design (HOOD) Regatta

September 22-24, 2017

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar

Shoreacres, Texas 77571

NOTICE OF RACE

Rev. 1: 8/1/17

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The J/70 Class Rule I.1 (Spare Gennaker) will apply.
- c. RRS 44.1 will be changes so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- a. All one-design classes are welcome.
- b. Yachts of similar PHRF ratings (either spin on non-spin) may form a Level Rating Class (LRC).
 - Yachts racing LRC must have a current PHRF Galveston Bay rating certificate.
 - Boats must agree to class rules.
- c. A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- d. A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form; entry fees will be refunded.
- e. Potential fleets include A-Cat, C-22, Ensign, J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, Lightning, Viper, Melges 24, F18, VX One, Pulse 600, Etchells, RS Aero, Sonar and Level 70. In addition, any other one-design class with 3 or more entrants will constitute a separate class. Potential classes not listed or trying to form should contact the Event Chair, Ken Humphries at khumphries@humphries-const.com.
- f. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com or at the Houston Yacht Club website (www.houstonyachtclub.com) using the on-line entry form. All registrations must be made on-line. NO WALK IN ENTRIES will be allowed.

3. FEES

- a. Multiple Crew Classes Entry Fee: \$75
- b. Single-handed entry fee: \$60
- c. Youth – Opti Green Fleet: \$35
- d. Penalty for late registration, after Sep 20st 7:00 pm: \$25
A full refund will be made for any entries withdrawn before 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 (an email notification is acceptable).
- e. US SAILING members receive a \$5 discount.

4. SCHEDULE & EVENTS

- a. **Friday, Sept. 15, 2017:** Visiting boats may relocate to HYC, no storage fees
- b. **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, 6:00 PM:** Entry deadline.
- c. **Thursday, Sept. 2017, 7:00 PM:** Late registration deadline.

d. Friday September 22, 2017:

- 5:00 PM – 7:00PM: Competitor **Check In**. All boats must check in with the Race Committee.
- 7:15 PM: Competitor’s briefing in the Ballroom.

e. Saturday September 23, 2017:

- 10:00 AM: Warning signal for race 1; up to three races to follow.
- Saturday Afternoon: **“Decompression”** – Post racing cold beer, music and war stories in the Beachcomber.
- Saturday Early Evening: **Mount Gay Cocktail Party** in the Ballroom featuring complementary Mount Gay rum drinks.
- Saturday Evening: The official **Regatta Banquet**. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase at Check In.

f. Sunday September 24, 2017:

- **9:00 AM**. Warning signal for first race of the day, up to 3 additional races to follow.
- No warning signal after 12:30 PM.
- Awards presentation.

5. MEASUREMENT

- a. Yachts racing one design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Competitor’s Briefing. Thereafter, copies will be available at the HYC Club Office.

7. VENUE

- a. 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/Shore Acres shoreline on the West.
- b. There will be three races courses. A dinghy course for RS Aeros and other dinghy classes. A small keelboat course for the Ensign Regionals and other keel boats of similar size. A large keelboat course will feature a tune up for the J/105 Nationals with other similar sized classes.
- c. There may be a separate Opti Green Fleet Course if entries warrant.

8. THE COURSES

- a. All classes will race a windward – leeward course around floating marks.

9. SCORING

- a. A single completed race will 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. A total of 7 races are planned.

10. BERTHING

- a. Racers are invited 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. Hotel rooms are available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates for these budget accommodations..
- c. For local accommodations in La Porte, please click on the “Sail In to La Porte” link which is located at the bottom of the HYC Race Schedule Page.

11. PRIZES

a. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class.

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 Chair, Ken Humphries, at khumphries@humphries-const.com.

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