



2017 HYC Mid-Winter Regatta

February 17-19, 2017

The Houston Yacht Club

Shoreacres, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE

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. There will be a Pursuit Line, which will have a PHRF Symmetrical Spinnaker class, a PHRF Asymmetrical class and a Non-Spinnaker class. There will also be a Windward-Leeward Line which will have one-design classes, as well as PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes.
- b. A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- c. 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.
- d. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com or at The Houston Yacht Club website <http://www.houstonyachtclub.com> using the on-line entry form.
- e. Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the RegattaNetwork 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.

3. FEES

- 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. Penalty for Late Registration, after Wed. Feb. 15, 2017 10:00 p.m. \$20.00
- e. A full refund will be made for any entries withdrawn before 7:00 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 16th (an email notification is acceptable).
- f. US Sailing members receive a \$5.00 discount.

4. SCHEDULE

- a. **Thursday, 16 February 2017, 7:00 p.m.** Entry deadline.
- b. **Friday, 17 February 2017, 7:00 p.m.,** Competitor's briefing at HYC.
- c. **Saturday, 18 February 2017, 10:00 a.m.** Warning signal for all lines and the starting time for the Pursuit Line. For the Windward-Leeward Line, the number of races sailed may vary per class and there is no limit to the number of races sailed.
- d. **Saturday, 18 February 2017 Post Race "Warm Up" Celebration** - featuring clam chowder and beer in the HYC Common Area and Bar.
- e. **Sunday, 19 February 2017: 10:00 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.
- f. **Sunday, 19 February 2017:** No awards will be presented before 4:00 p.m. to allow time to put boats away. Awards will be presented approximately 1.5 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

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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/Shoreacres shoreline.

8. 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).

9. 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.

10. 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.
- b. Class awards will be awarded as follows:
 - i. 3 to 4 boats competing: 1st place awarded.
 - ii. 5 to 7 boats competing: 1st and 2nd place awarded.
 - iii. 8 to 10 boats competing: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awarded.
 - iv. 11 to 13 boats competing: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place awarded.

11. 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.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact the PRO James Liston jtliston@aol.com or the Event Chairs Allison and Jim Orchid orchidsail2@aol.com.