



2017 FALL SERIES

3 Sept., 1 Oct., 15 Oct 2017

Organizing Authority: 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all HYC members, their families and guests.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all classes.
- 2.3 A Novice Competitor's Class will be offered for competitors who have raced in three or less races during 2017 prior to the Fall Series.
- 2.4 A minimum of two yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.5 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another line.
- 2.6 Potential classes may be One Design, Pursuit Spinnaker and Pursuit Non-Spinnaker.
- 2.7 Boats may enter by checking in with the Race Committee on the Signal Boat in the starting area by hailing their sail number.
 - 2.6.1 Pursuit boats must hail their sail number, handicap, and intended spinnaker or non-spinnaker class.

3. FEES

There are no fees!

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Sunday September 3, Sunday October 1, Sunday October 15, competitor's briefing at 1100 hrs** at the Beachcomber. There will be no racing signals before **1300 hrs**.
- 4.2 One Design Fleets will be given as many starts as possible in each day as designated by the PRO will a minimum of 2 per day in the series planned.
- 4.3 The Pursuit Line will have one race per day in the series.

5. **MEASUREMENTS**

- 5.1 Yachts racing PHRF MUST have a current PHRF rating certificate. Yachts without a valid PHRF Certificate will be assigned to the HYC Club Handicap Class.
- 5.2 One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 The final sailing instructions will be distributed at the Competitor's Briefing on September 3rd, 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.

7. **VENUE**

- 7.1 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.

8. **THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The One Design Fleet(s) will race around floating marks and the Pursuit Classes will race around fixed marks and drop marks.

9. **SCORING**

- 9.1 A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10. **AFTER-RACE SOCIAL EVENTS**

- 10.1 All competitors are invited to join the Race Committee in the HYC Bar afterwards for frosty cold beverages.

11. **PRIZES**

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded after the third race of the series in the HYC Bar.

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 Race and Regatta Chair Madonna Breen (mbreen@embarqmail.com).