

# THE 2017 ANNUAL HYC REACH DOWN THE BEACH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club Shore Acres, TX USA

To be sailed FRIDAY 12 MAY 2017

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2016-2017 Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls will apply.
- 1.3. WORLD SAILING Prescriptions for Category 3 will apply and can be found at the [WORLD SAILING](http://www.sailing.org/specialregs) website or (<http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>)
- 1.4. All skippers are reminded to review RRS 4: Decision to Race and the Rules of Part 2: When Boats Meet.
- 1.5. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V2 is modified to read: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.
- 1.6. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies."
- 1.8. Rule 52 (Manual Power) is suspended for double or single-handed entries in the PHRF Spinnaker Class when clear of the start / finish areas in both races. This changes Rule 52.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be sent to all competitors e-mail address as entered at registration on RegattaNetwork.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be broadcast via VHF at the start line, finish line, or announced at the official regatta party in Freeport as appropriate.



*Thanks to our friends at Weather Routing who provided forecasting services for this event*

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Written changes to the sailing instructions (if any) will be announced by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday May 10.
- 3.2. Verbal changes (if any) may be made on the water and shall be communicated to each boat by VHF before her warning signal.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

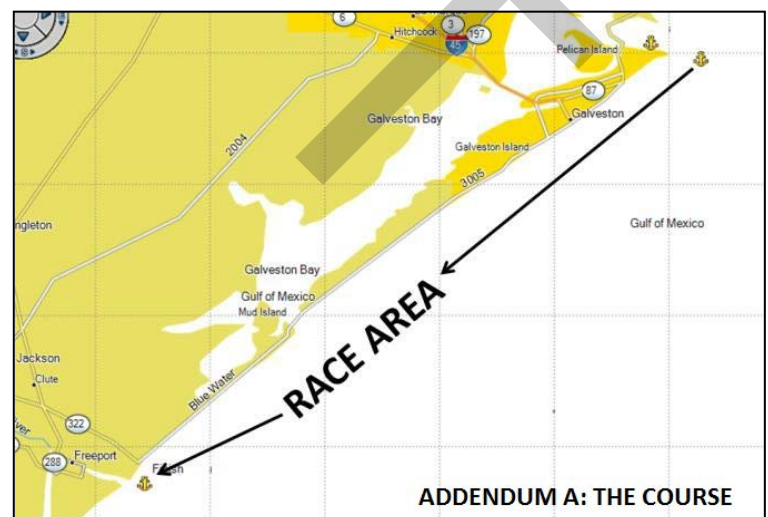
- 4.1. Any decision to abandon race will be announced via VHF.
- 4.2. Any decision to postpone will be announced via VHF.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Scratch start time is 8:00 am; individual start times are as calculated and listed in these sailing instructions.
- 5.2. Each class will sail a single race.

## 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.



**7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1. The diagram in **Addendum A** shows the course, a straight line to Freeport.
- 7.2. The course will be 42.1 miles in length.
- 7.3. The start is at Galveston Channel marker #11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472).
- 7.4. Sail from Galveston Channel marker # 11 to the 5A marker (29° 19.659'N , 94° 41.336'W ) 3.0 nm leaving it to starboard.
- 7.5. Sail to the finish in Freeport.

**8. MARKS**

- 8.1. The starting line is between the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472) at the port end and an orange flag or banner on the official signal vehicle (bearing approximately 215°) on the starboard end.
- 8.2. The first rounding mark is the Galveston 5A marker. Leave it to starboard.
- 8.3. The finish line is between a floating orange tetrahedron (located at N28 56.153 W95 17.118 ) on the port end and an orange flag on the official signal vehicle located at approximately 300 ° on the beach on the starboard end.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. The starting line is at the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472)
- 9.2. All boats are to hail the race committee and check in by name and sail number via VHF. Please include the total number of crew on board including the skipper. All skippers are encouraged to send a list of crew names by email ([billvanrav@gmail.com](mailto:billvanrav@gmail.com)) or text message (832.428.0785) to the race committee after all are aboard – accuracy is important.
- 9.3. Races will be started pursuit style per the starting times listed here.
- 9.4. Official time is GPS time.
- 9.5. The race committee will be monitoring start times on shore. They MAY hail OCS (over early) boats via VHF

42.1 nm	= Course Length
8:00:00 am	= Scratch Start Time

Start	Boat Name	Sail #	Skipper	Handicap	Fleet
8:00:00 AM	Andiamo	130	John Mastroianni	235	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
8:30:52 AM	Nightwind	0	Calvin Holt	191	GBCA Cruising Class Handicap
8:40:42 AM	Endless Summer	37447	Dmitriy Yegorov	177	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
8:44:54 AM	Athena	101	John Swanson	171	GBCA Cruising Class Handicap
9:14:23 AM	SolAire	53	Chris Haas	129	Pursuit Spinnaker
9:33:19 AM	Concussion	202	Jason Seibert	102	Pursuit Spinnaker
9:58:35 AM	Gold Rush	75	Gregory Way	66	Pursuit Spinnaker

**10. THE FINISH**

- 10.1. The finish is by the Freeport North jetty.
- 10.2. All racers are to hail the race committee on channel 68 when within 1 mile of the finish line by vessel name.
- 10.3. All racers are to stand by for instructions relating to possible security operations underway in the Freeport Channel.
- 10.4. The race committee will be on station between 1400 and 1800 hours. Any yacht finishing earlier than that shall record her approximate finish time and position relative to other boats in the area. Please turn that information in to the race committee ashore.
- 10.5. **Addendum B** illustrates the finish area.

**ADDENDUM B: FINISH AREA**



**11. TIME LIMITS**

- 11.1. The race shall end at 1800 hours CDT, Friday 12 May, or when the last yacht finishes, whichever is earlier. Yachts which have not finished at the expiration of the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

**12. PROTESTS**

- 12.1. Protest forms are found in **Addendum C** to these Sailing Instructions. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2. Competitors intending to file a protest must notify the race committee (via VHF or 832.428.0785) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.3. For each class, the protest deadline is 7:00 p.m. Friday May 12.
- 12.4. All notices and hearings will be announced at the regatta party, Freeport Marina.

**13. SCORING**

- 13.1. The Low-Point Scoring system, Appendix A, shall apply.

**14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1. Any yacht that starts, and then retires or withdraws before finishing the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 68, cell phone (832.428.0785) or if that is not possible the Houston Yacht Club office (phone number 281.471.1255). Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the event and/or rejection of entry in future events hosted by the Houston Yacht Club.

**15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1. The official regatta channel shall be VHF Channel 68. The Race Committee will also be available by telephone at 832.428.0785.
- 15.2. All yachts are encouraged to monitor channel 16 when offshore and to communicate potential hazards to other racers.
- 15.3. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 13 when in the Houston Ship Channel
- 15.4. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 14 when in the Freeport Channel for instructions from the harbor pilots.

**16. PRIZES**

- 16.1. Trophies will be awarded based on final registration volumes.
- 16.2. Registrations received after the trophy order has been placed shall be awarded IOU's in place of the actual trophy
- 16.3. The race committee shall deliver owed trophies at a mutually agreeable time and place at a later date.
- 16.4. Prizes will be awarded Friday May 12 at the Captain Ken's Port 'O Call, Freeport TX.

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1. 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.

**18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**19. USE OF ENGINES**

- 19.1. Use of engines is prohibited except as permitted in section 19.
- 19.2. Engines may be used to charge batteries.
- 19.3. Engines may be used in an emergency situation. After the emergency is resolved, competitors are to return to the closest point possible to where the engine was initially engaged and continue the race.

**20. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. Use of a self-steering system is prohibited.

**21. HANDICAPS**

- 21.1. All yachts must be handicapped by PHRF Galveston Bay for 2017 or the GBCA Cruising Class handicap.

**ADDENDUM C: PROTEST FORM – NEXT PAGE**



**THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE**

Number .....

*Fill in and tick as appropriate*

Heard together with numbers .....

Withdrawal requested  Signature ..... Withdrawal permitted

Class ..... Fleet ..... Race .....

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit  Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by .....

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by .....

Names of witnesses .....

Interpreters .....

**Remarks**

Conflict of interest declared  Objections: Yes  No  .....

Written protest or request identifies incident  .....

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity  .....

No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity  .....

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity  .....

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue  Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed

**FACTS FOUND** .....

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Diagram of boat ..... is endorsed by committee  Committee's diagram is attached

**CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY** .....

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**DECISION**

Protest: dismissed  Boat(s) ..... is (are) disqualified from race(s) .....  
penalized as follows  : .....

Redress: not given  given as follows  : .....

Request to reopen a hearing: denied  granted

Protest committee chairman and other members .....

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Chairman's signature .....

Date and time .....