



2017 HYC Turkey Day Regatta

November 17 – 19, 2017

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 REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats.
- 2.2 All classes are welcome.
- 2.3 A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.4 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. Potential classes may be Pulse 600, RS Aero, Ensign, Lightning, J/22, J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, Melges 24, Opti, Laser Radial, PHRF Spin, PHRF Non-Spin, Pursuit Spin and Pursuit Non-Spin.
- 2.5 Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form. All registrations must be made on-line. NO WALK IN ENTRIES will be allowed.
- 2.6 Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the Regatta Network on-line entry form are invited to register as "Generic One-Design". Please contact the race committee (mbreen@embarqmail.com) to receive a class assignment after the fact.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Multiple Crew Classes Entry Fee \$80
- 3.2 Single-Handed Entry Fee \$60
- 3.3 Youth Entry Fee \$50
- 3.4 Penalty for late registration, after Nov. 16, 2017 7:00 pm \$25
- 3.5 A refund may be made for any entries withdrawn before 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 (an email notification is acceptable).
- 3.6 US SAILING members receive a \$5 discount.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Friday 17 November 2017, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for an extraordinary presentation and slide show by HYC Member and Laser Radial Youth Women's World Champion, Charlotte Rose, as she shares her on-the-water racing experiences and upcoming 2017 Youth Sailing World Championship in China later this year. Charlotte has been nominated for the 2017 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year.
- 4.2 **Friday 17 November 2017, 7:15 p.m.** Competitors' briefing at HYC.
- 4.3 **Saturday 18 November 2017: 11:00 a.m.** warning signal for all lines and the starting time for the pursuit line. Up to three races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes. The pursuit line may have two races weather permitting.

- 4.4 **Saturday 18 November 2017** after the race party at the Beachcomber featuring "Grog" with a light Thanksgiving snack.
- 4.5 **Sunday 19 November 2017: 11:00 a.m.** warning signal for all lines and the starting time for the pursuit line. Up to two races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes. The pursuit line will have one race weather permitting. No warning signal shall be made after 1 p.m.
- 4.6 **Sunday 19 November, 2017:** Awards ceremony will be approximately 2 hours after the last Race 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

- 5.1 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

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Competitors' Briefing. 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 One Design will race around drop marks; pursuit classes will race around fixed and drop marks.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10. BERTHING

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Hotel rooms are also available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies are ...turkeys; the number will be based on the number of registrants per class.
- 11.2 Traditionally our HYC Turkey Day Regatta features our Chef serving up turkey and trimmings for the racers at the trophy presentation.

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 chairs at mbreen77346@gmail.com or jtliston@aol.com.