



**2018 WOMEN'S SAILING WEEKEND
CATHERINE SPILLER REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE
JUNE 02 – DAY 1**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres Texas

NOTE: The Catherine Spiller Regatta is part of a two-day women's sailing event. Competitors must register for each of the events separately at www.regattanetwork.com. Separate trophies are awarded for each event.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

3. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- a. A woman shall helm each boat with an all female crew.
- b. A non-sailing boat representative may be on board for safety purposes only and may not offer advice nor provide physical assistance during the race unless the boat or its' crew are in danger.
- c. All classes are welcome.
- d. Boats must be monohulls, crewed by a minimum of three, and may not employ hiking aids (trapeze).
- e. A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- f. 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.
- g. Potential classes may be HYC Club Handicap Spin, and HYC Club Handicap Non-Spin. Boats in classes that fail to form may still compete for overall fleet prizes.
- h. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form.

5. FEES

- a. Entry fee \$50
- b. Late entry fee \$10

7. SCHEDULE

- a. Thursday 31 May 2018: Entry deadline. All entries must be received by 10:00 pm. Late entry fee will apply after this time.
- b. Friday 01 June: 7pm - Competitor's Briefing HYC Ballroom. Pick up registration packets here.
- c. Saturday 02 June: 10:00 am – Warning signal for first race.
- d. Up to 3 races to follow.
- e. Awards Ceremony after racing is complete. Timing will be posted on the official notice board as described in section 2 of the Sailing Instructions.
- f. Dinner at the Beachcomber – Families welcome!!!

8. MEASUREMENT

- a. All yachts will race under a HYC Club Handicap assigned by the Race Committee.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The final sailing instructions will be distributed at the competitor's briefing. A draft version may be distributed before the meeting by the race committee for competitor review, posted on the R&R section of the HYC web site.

10. 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.

11. THE COURSES

- a. Courses will be detailed at the competitor's Briefing. Planned courses are Windward-Leeward with a Rule 26 start around floating marks.

- b. Depending on weather conditions, three races are planned.

13. SCORING

- a. A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A: Low point scoring system of the RRS.
- c. No scores will be excluded.

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

19. PRIZES

- a. Fleet trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per fleet.
- b. Class trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class
- c. Perpetual trophies will be The Catherine Spiller trophy

20. 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.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact the event Chairwoman Andrea Zaitte amzaitte@gmail.com