



HYC Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 23-24, 2018

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - PURSUIT COURSE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Class Guidelines and the Galveston Bay PHRF Guidelines.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Race Information Notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the offices of The Houston Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff on the lawn of The Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes after removal" under the "Race Signals" AP section (RRS).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the Notice of Race. All times are GPS times.
- 5.2 Racers should expect one or two races per day. Code flag "A" will be displayed if the last race has been sailed.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 PHRF Non-spinnaker: Yellow
PHRF Spinnaker: Blue

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 All classes will sail around drop or fixed marks in the area bounded by Morgan's Point on the north, the Bayport Channel on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the east and the La Porte/Shoreacres shore line on the west.
- 7.2 Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

8. CHECK -IN

- 8.1 Prior to the warning for the first race of each day, each boat shall check in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee (R/C) Signal Boat displaying the code Flag "L," by passing close astern, on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. Boats failing to check in properly may not be scored.
- 8.2 Pursuit Course racers must additionally hail their PHRF rating and spinnaker or non-spinnaker class to complete their entry.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The Pursuit Line

8.1.1 Attachment B shows the courses.

9.1.2 No later than the warning/preparatory signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display a numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed (See Attachment B).

10. MARKS

10.1 The Pursuit Line

10.1.1 The Pursuit Line mark layout is shown in Attachment A.

- Mark #1, is the "The Judges Stand" located approximately: **29° 37.367'N, 94° 59.726'W**
- Mark #2, is the "High Range" located at approximately: **29° 37.790'N, 94° 58.214'W**
- Mark #3, a large ORANGE tetrahedron located approximately: **29° 39.833'N, 94° 58.919'W**
- Mark #4, a large ORANGE tetrahedron located at approximately: **29° 38.839'N, 95° 00.114'W**

11. THE START

11.1 The Pursuit Line

11.1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the Judge's Stand.

11.1.2 The Pursuit Line start is staggered, based on the boat PHRF handicap. The PHRF starting time from the Warning/Preparatory signal for each boat is listed on Attachment C. The starting time will be posted on the signal boat. The Warning/Preparatory signal is anticipated to be on the hour or on even 10-minute increments (e.g., 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130 ...). The Warning/Preparatory signal is the display of the orange flag.

11.1.3 Any boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of any boat whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.2 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her assigned starting time.

11.3 The Race Committee may elect to start a race using RRS 26. Should this occur, this change will be announced over VHF radio.

11.4 The Race Committee may elect to trail a line (not to exceed 30') attached to a floating object, behind the Race Committee boat or elect to attach a buoy to the boat's anchor marking the anchor and the anchor rode (of up to approximately 50'). The floating object and its line shall be considered to be part of the Race Committee boat and hitting the floating object or running over the line shall be treated as hitting the Race Committee boat.

13. RECALLS

13.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.

13.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. Flag X will be displayed for a short period. This changes RRS 29 and Appendix A. The Race Committee may use VHF radios or loud hailer.

13.3 The failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

13.5 OCS boats have the option of returning to the start line and restarting, or shall take the penalty as shown in the table below. The penalty will be assessed at scoring. This changes RRS 29.1 and Appendix A.

0 to 10 sec early	penalty of 30 seconds
10 to 30 sec early	penalty of 1 minute
30 to 1 min early	penalty of 3 minutes
1 min to 2 min	penalty of 10 minutes
> 2 min	disqualified

14. SHORTENED COURSE

14.1 The Pursuit Line

12.1.1 Any shortening of the race will be signaled (flag S displayed with 2 sounds) at one of the marks described in Section 10.1 of these Sailing Instructions.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The Pursuit Line

15.1.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Judge's Stand. The Race Committee will record the order and time of finish for each boat.

15.1.2 If the Race Committee boat is absent, the Finish Line will be between a floating orange mark and the Judge's Stand. Each boat shall report her time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the Race Committee at first reasonable opportunity.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 Unless posted on the HYC Race Information Board, the Pursuit Line time limit is **210 minutes**.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (the finishing window) after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). The points awarded for boats scored TLE will be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) equal to the number of boats starting the race minus 50% of the number of boats scored TLE. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

17. PENALTIES

17.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS. The protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.

18.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the office of The Houston Yacht Club and delivered there within one hour following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee boat for the racing line involved.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted.

18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18.5 On the last day of scheduled racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

19.1 The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.

19.2 One race shall be completed to constitute an event.

19.3 No scores will be excluded. This changes Rule A2.

20. SAFETY

20.1 Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws before finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office by telephone:

281-471-1255, or VHF Channel 72. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the event.

20.2 Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for violating RRS 55 will be a 20% Scoring Penalty.

20.3 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participating in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with or prior to or after the regatta.

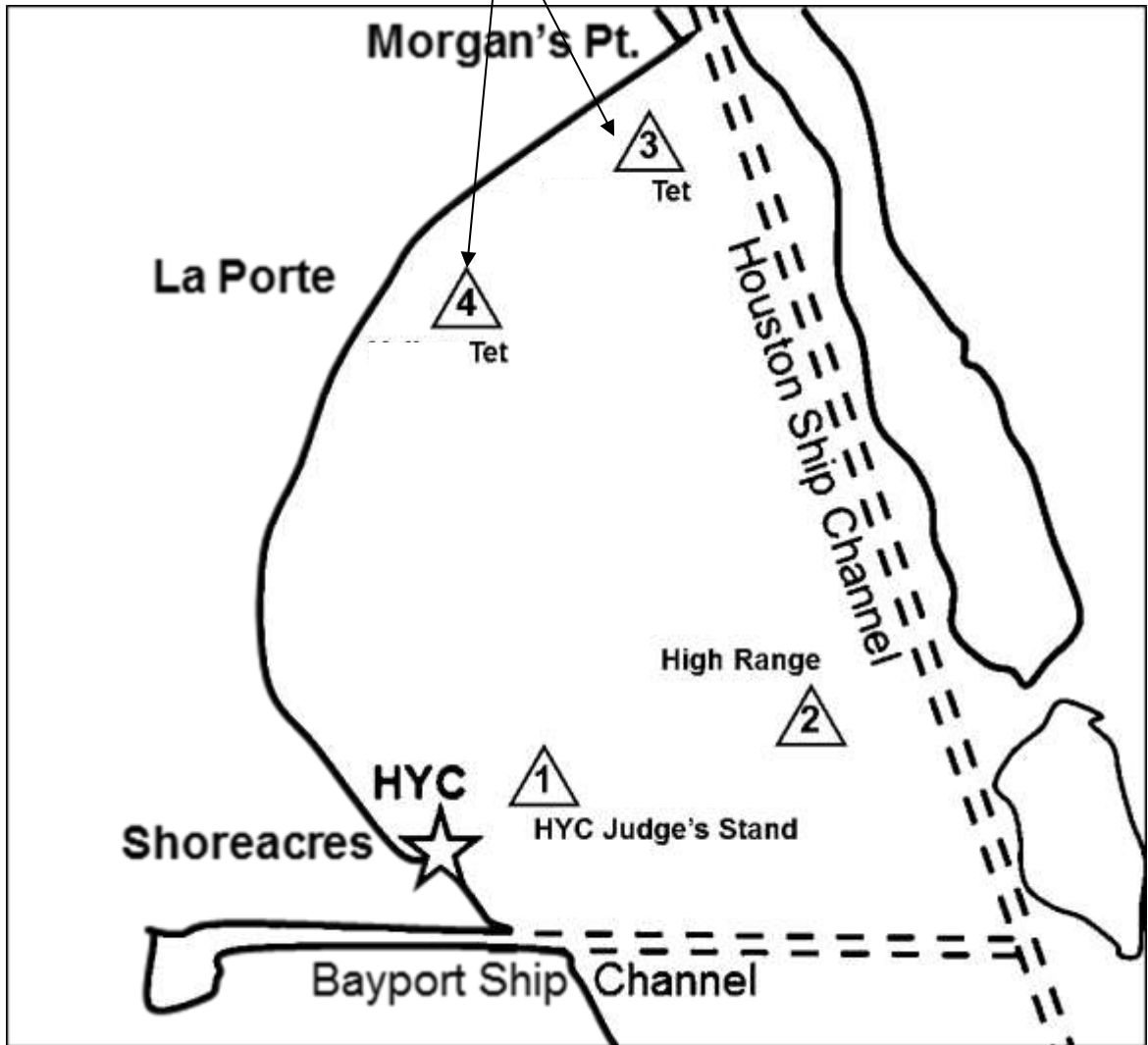
21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

21.1 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.

21.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor **VHF Channel 72** for the Pursuit Line; and may use VHF radio to hail premature starters and the abandonment of races.

ATTACHMENT A

PURSUIT COURSE MARK LAYOUT
#3 and #4 are Yellow Tetrahedrons



ATTACHMENT B

PURSUIT LINE COURSES

Course #1 (8.8 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Leave on Port
Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 1 Leave on Starboard
Mark 1 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Finish

Course #2 (8.6 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 1 Leave on Starboard
Mark 1 to Mark 4 Leave on Starboard
Mark 4 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Finish

Course #3 (11.8 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 1 Leave on Starboard
Mark 1 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Leave on Port
Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 1 Finish

Course #4 (13.6 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Leave on Port
Mark 1 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Finish

Course #5 (6.4 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 1 Finish

Course #6 (10.5 NM)

Mark 1 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 4 Leave on Port
Mark 4 to Mark 2 Leave on Port
Mark 2 to Mark 3 Leave on Port
Mark 3 to Mark 1 Finish