

**NOTICE OF RACE
ANNUAL MERMAID SAIL**



DATE OF RACE: Saturday, April 14, 2018
Competitor's Meeting: 11:30 at the Beachcomber.
Race to start at 13:00 pm

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Houston Yacht Club
3620 Miramar Dr., Shoreacres, TX 77571
Phone: 281-471-1255

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). By registering for the Regatta and paying the required entry fee, each participant agrees to be bound by the RRS and all other rules that govern the event. A woman shall helm each boat with an all female crew. A non-sailing boat representative may be on board for safety purposes only and may not offer advice or provide any physical assistance during the race unless the boat or its' crew are in danger. A boat representative may provide verbal helming guidance to a visually impaired helmswoman classified ABSA B1, B2 or B3 Three-Person Format.

ENTRIES: To register for this event, log onto <https://www.regattanetwork.com>. There is a \$50.00 entrance fee per boat.

For any additional questions, contact Andrea Zaitte at amzaitte@yahoo.com or Babs Bukowski at BabsBukowski@gmail.com

FLEETS: A minimum of three yachts will constitute a fleet. A pursuit Line will sail around fixed marks in the upper Galveston Bay near HYC. This is a non-spinnaker race.

MEASUREMENT: The boat must measure 30 ft. or greater. Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association. Yachts racing PHRF (pursuit) MUST have a current PHRF rating certificate. Yachts without a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a HYC Club Handicap Rating at the discretion of the Race Committee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing instructions will be made available at the Competitor's briefing.

SCORING: One race will constitute a series.





BERTHING: Racers are invited 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. Hotel rooms are available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates. For local accommodations in La Porte, please click on the "Sail In To La Porte" link which is located at the bottom of the HYC Race Schedule Page.

PRIZES: The Perpetual Mermaid trophy plus second and third place trophies will be awarded at a ceremony following the race (see schedule below).

PRO: Jack Yoes

Schedule of Events

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-  Pre-sail Yoga warm-up: 9:30 in the HYC ballroom (bring your mat)
-  Competitor's Briefing: HYC Beachcomber 11:30
-  Race Start 13:00
-  A light meal will be served at the Awards Ceremony which will be held in the Ballroom exactly one hour after the last boat enters the Harbor.