



2018 HYC Mid-Winter Regatta

February 23-25, 2018

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 February 22, 2018 7:00 pm \$25
- 3.5 A refund may be made for any entries withdrawn before 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22nd (an email notification is acceptable).
- 3.6 US SAILING members receive a \$5 discount.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Friday, 23 February 2018, 6:00 p.m.** Competitor check-in.
- 4.2 **Friday, 23 February 2018, 7:00 p.m.** Competitors' briefing at HYC.
- 4.3 **Saturday, 24 February 2018, 9:00 a.m.** Dinghy Line Check-in.
- 4.4 **Saturday, 24 February 2018, 9:30 a.m.** Dinghy Line Competitors' Briefing at Beachcomber.
- 4.5 **Saturday, 24 February 2018, 11:00 a.m.** Warning signal for the Windward/Leeward and Dinghy Lines and the Preparatory/Warning Signal 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.
- 4.6 **Saturday, 24 February 2018** after the race party featuring clam chowder and beer in the HYC Common Area and Bar.

- 4.7 **Sunday, 25 February 2018, 11:00 a.m.** Warning signal for the Windward/Leeward and Dinghy Lines and the Preparatory/Warning Signal 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.
- 4.10 **Sunday, 25 February 2018:** 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 2018 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 will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the end of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after early registration.

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 Race and Regatta chair Madonna Breen at mbreen@embarqmail.com.