



HYC Reggae Destination Regatta

April 7, 2018

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

5. TIME

- 5.1 All times are GPS times.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Sprit/Spinnaker Fleet – **YELLOW**
6.2 PHRF Non-Spin Div A (ratings 135 – 80) – **PINK**
6.3 PHRF Non-Spin Div B (ratings 280 – 135) – **LT. BLUE**
6.4 Class flags for each class along with a numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed for that class will be displayed at 1100 hours and will be struck 5 minutes after the last scheduled boat starting time. No boats shall start after this time and will be scored as DNS.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The courses will be set around fixed marks in lower Galveston Bay starting in the area of Clear Creek Channel marker #2 and dropped and fixed marks in upper Galveston Bay finishing near HYC.
7.2 Boats will have to cross the Bayport Channel while racing.
7.3 When commercial vessel traffic is present, boats shall keep clear of the Bayport Ship Channel. The Bayport Channel will be an obstruction for the purposes of Part 2 of the Rules.
7.4 The race committee will have a race committee vessel in the vicinity of the Reggae Gate. Boats shall observe any directions given by this race committee vessel.
7.5 Race committee vessels will be identified by displaying a flag with letters "RC". Boats shall maintain a listening watch on the VHF CHANNEL 68 when in the vicinity of the Reggae Gate for directions from the race committee.

7.6 Boats failing to comply with instructions from the race committee vessel may be protested by the race committee only. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.3. The penalty for breaking this instruction shall be Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE).

7.7 Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel.

8. CHECK-IN

8.1 Prior to 1100 hours, 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. When a boat has not been recognized, the R/C will hail the boat's sail number.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 Appendix A shows the courses and the order in which the marks are rounded.

9.2 Appendix B shows a map of the racing area and approximate location of all marks

9.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display a numeral pennant below the Class indicating the course to be sailed.

9.3 All marks of the course to be rounded leaving the mark to port except the gate.

10. MARKS

Mark layout is shown in Appendix B.

- Clear Lake Channel Marker #2 (CLC Marker #2) loc. approx.: N 29° 33.164', W 94° 59.551'
- "H" Mark, a platform located approximately: N 29° 33.255', W 94° 56.542'
- "E" Mark, Low Range Marker located approximately: N 29° 35.787', W 94° 56.935'
- Reggae Gate, RC mark boat & orange tetrahedron loc. approx.: N 29° 36.738', W 94° 58.345'
- High Range Marker, located approximately: N 29° 37.790', W 94° 58.214'
- HYC Judges Stand, located approximately: N 29° 37.367', W 94° 59.726'
- HYC Mark #3, a large YELLOW tetrahedron located approx.: N 29° 39.833', W 94° 58.919'
- HYC Mark #4, a large YELLOW tetrahedron located at approx.: N 29° 38.839', W 95° 00.114'

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from the signal boat on the starboard end and Clear Creek Channel marker #2 on the port end.

11.2 The start is staggered, based on the boat PHRF handicap.

11.2 The starting times for all ratings for each course are listed in Attachment C.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.

12.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. The Race Committee may use VHF radios or loud hailer.

12.3 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. THE FINISH

13.1 The Finish area will be adjacent to the HYC Judge's Stand.

13.2 Finish in the direction from the last mark.

13.3 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a mark or floating shape.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The race ends at 1700 hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish before this time will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

15. PENALTIES

15.1 The first two sentences of rule 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."

16. PROTESTS or REDRESS

16.1 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.

16.1 Protests and requests for redress 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.

16.2 The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted.

17. SAFETY

17.1 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 68**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the event.

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

17.3 **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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 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.

18.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor **VHF Channel 68**; and may use VHF radio to hail premature starters and the abandonment of races.

APPENDIX A COURSES

Course #1

CLC Marker #2 (start) to "H" Mark
"H" Mark to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to Reggae Gate
Reggae Gate to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to HYC Judge's Stand
HYC Judge's Stand to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to the Finish for a total of 13.8 NM

Course #2

CLC Marker #2 (start) to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to "H" Mark
"H" Mark to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to Reggae Gate
Reggae Gate to HYC Mark 3
HYC Mark 3 to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to the Finish for a total of 16.1 NM

Course #3

CLC Marker #2 (start) to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to "H" Mark
"H" Mark to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to Reggae Gate
Reggae Gate to HYC Mark 3
HYC Mark 3 to High Range Marker
High Range Marker to HYC Mark 3
HYC Mark 3 to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to the Finish for a total of 20.3 NM

Course #4

CLC Marker #2 "H" Mark
"H" Mark to "E" Mark
"E" Mark to Reggae Gate
Reggae Gate to HYC Mark 3
HYC Mark 3 to High Range Marker
High Range Marker to HYC Mark 3
HYC Mark 3 to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to HYC Judge's Stand
HYC Judge's Stand to HYC Mark 4
HYC Mark 4 to the Finish for a total of 20.0 NM

