

**THE 2018 ANNUAL HYC REACH DOWN THE BEACH  
DRAFT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club Shore Acres, TX USA  
To be sailed FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2017-2020 except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All skippers are reminded to review RRS 4: Decision to Race and the Rules of Part 2: When Boats Meet.
- 1.3. **US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V2 is modified to read: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.**
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies."
- 1.6. Rule 52 (Manual Power) is suspended for double or single-handed entries in the PHRF and ORC Club Spinnaker Class when clear of the start / finish areas in both races. This changes Rule 52.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be sent to all competitors e-mail address as entered at registration on RegattaNetwork.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be broadcast via VHF at the start line, finish line, or announced at the official regatta party in Freeport as appropriate.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be announced by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday May 09.
- 3.2. Verbal changes (if any) may be made on the water and shall be communicated to each boat by VHF before her warning signal.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Any decision to abandon race will be announced via VHF.
- 4.2. Any decision to postpone will be announced via VHF.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

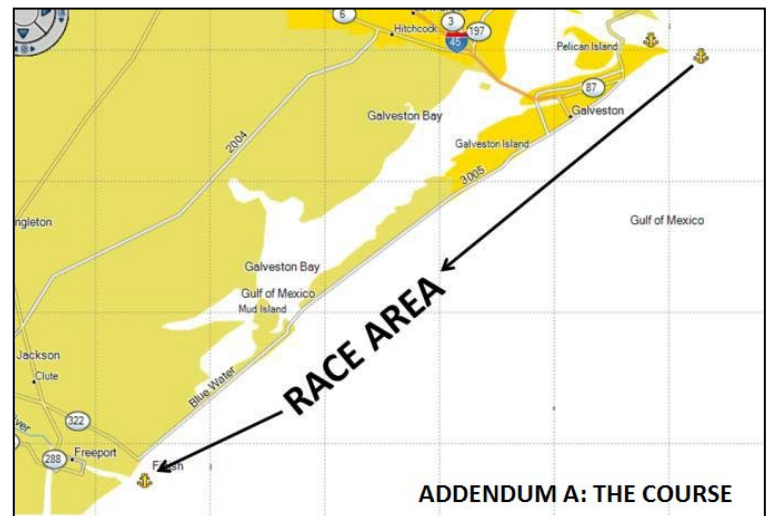
- 5.1. Scratch start time is 8:00 am; individual start times are as calculated and listed in these sailing instructions.
- 5.2. Each class will sail a single race.

**6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1. Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.

**7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1. The diagram in **Addendum A** shows the course, a straight line to Freeport.
- 7.2. The course will be 42.1 miles in length.
- 7.3. The start is at Galveston Channel marker #11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472).



- 7.4. Sail from Galveston Channel marker # 11 to the 5A marker (29° 19.659'N , 94° 41.336'W ) 3.0 nm leaving it to starboard.
- 7.5. Sail to the finish in Freeport.

**8. MARKS**

- 8.1. The starting line is between the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462) at the port end and an orange flag or banner on the official signal vehicle (bearing approximately 215°) on the starboard end.
- 8.2. The first rounding mark is the Galveston 5A marker. Leave it to starboard.
- 8.3. The finish line is between a floating orange tetrahedron (located at N28 56.153 W95 17.118 ) on the port end and an orange flag on the official signal vehicle located at approximately 300 ° on the beach on the starboard end.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. The starting line is at the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462)
- 9.2. All boats are to hail the race committee and check in by name and sail number via VHF. Please include the total number of crew on board including the skipper. All skippers are encouraged to send a list of crew names by email ([billvanrav@gmail.com](mailto:billvanrav@gmail.com)) or text message (832.428.0785) to the race committee after all are aboard – accuracy is important.
- 9.3. Races will be started pursuit style per the starting times listed here.
- 9.4. Official time is GPS time.
- 9.5. The race committee will be monitoring start times on shore. They MAY hail OCS (over early) boats via VHF

Course length:	42.1 nm
Scratch start time:	8:00

2018 REACH DOWN THE BEACH (RDTB) START TIMES: DRAFT STATUS					
Start	BOATNAME	SAIL #	NAME	RATING	FLEET
8:00:00	Andiamo	130	John Mastroianni	235	PUR NON SPIN
8:58:14	Sea Nymph	60187	Joan van Ravenswaay	152	PUR NON SPIN
9:37:32	Figaro2	45	Gerhard Wittich	96	PUR SPIN
9:56:29	Harm's Way	45	Andy Wescoat	69	PUR SPIN
9:58:35	Gold Rush	75	Gregory Way	66	PUR SPIN
10:11:13	Aeolus	12039	James Liston	48	PUR SPIN
10:21:44	Second Star	USA74	J.D. Hill	33	PUR SPIN

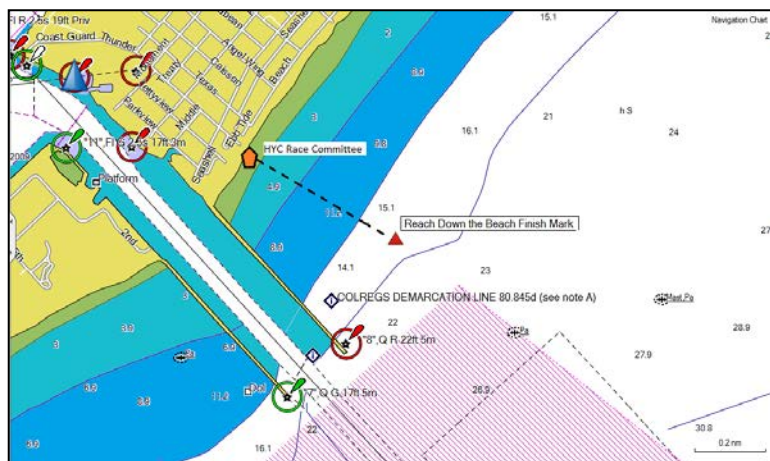
Current as of: 5/1/2018

**10. THE FINISH**

**11. The finish is by the Freeport North jetty.**

- 11.1. All racers are to hail the race committee on channel 68 when within 1 mile of the finish line by vessel name.
- 11.2. All racers are to stand by for instructions relating to possible security operations underway in the Freeport Channel.
- 11.3. The race committee will be on station between 1400 and 1800 hours. Any yacht finishing earlier than that shall record her approximate finish time and position relative to other boats in the area. Please turn that information in to the race committee ashore.
- 11.4. **Addendum B** illustrates the finish area.

**ADDENDUM B: FINISH AREA**



**12. TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1. The race shall end at 1800 hours CDT, Friday 12 May, or when the last yacht finishes, whichever is earlier. Yachts which have not finished at the expiration of the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

**13. PROTESTS**

- 13.1. Protest forms are found in **Addendum C** to these Sailing Instructions. Protests and requests for redress or

reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.

- 13.2. Competitors intending to file a protest must notify the race committee (via VHF or 832.428.0785) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.3. For each class, the protest deadline is 7:00 p.m. Friday May 11.
- 13.4. For the purpose of meeting obligations under US Sailing prescriptions concerning redress, notification of a redress hearing shall be by posting on the official notice board for thirty minutes. The requirement for written requests for attendance at the hearing will be satisfied by a signup sheet at the official protest table. No more than one person per boat may attend. No request for reopening a hearing will be accepted after 7 p.m. 11 May 2018.
- 13.5. All notices and hearings will be announced at the regatta party, Freeport Marina.

#### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The Low-Point Scoring system, Appendix A, shall apply.

#### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. Any yacht that starts, and then retires or withdraws before finishing the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 68, cell phone (832.428.0785) or if that is not possible the Houston Yacht Club office (phone number 281.471.1255). Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the event and/or rejection of entry in future events hosted by the Houston Yacht Club.

#### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 16.1. The official regatta channel shall be VHF Channel 68. The Race Committee will also be available by telephone at 832.428.0785.
- 16.2. All yachts are encouraged to monitor channel 16 when offshore and to communicate potential hazards to other racers.
- 16.3. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 13 when in the Houston Ship Channel
- 16.4. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 14 when in the Freeport Channel for instructions from the harbor pilots.

#### **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded based on final registration volumes.
- 17.2. Registrations received after the trophy order has been placed shall be awarded IOU's in place of the actual trophy
- 17.3. The race committee shall deliver owed trophies at a mutually agreeable time and place at a later date.
- 17.4. Prizes will be awarded Friday May 11 at Captain Ken's Port 'O Call, Freeport TX.

#### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. 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.

#### **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

#### **20. USE OF ENGINES**

- 20.1. Use of engines is prohibited except as permitted in section 19.
- 20.2. Engines may be used to charge batteries.
- 20.3. Engines may be used in an emergency situation. After the emergency is resolved, competitors are to return to the closest point possible to where the engine was initially engaged and continue the race.

#### **21. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1. Use of a self-steering system is prohibited except as stated in section 1.6 above.

#### **22. HANDICAPS**

- 22.1. All yachts must be handicapped by PHRF Galveston Bay for 2018 or HYC Club Handicap.

**ADDENDUM C: PROTEST FORM – NEXT PAGE**



# Protest Form

also for requests for redress and reopening

**Fill in and check as appropriate**

Date & time received \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Filing no. \_\_\_\_\_

Protest time limit \_\_\_\_\_

1. **EVENT** \_\_\_\_\_ Organizing authority \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Race no. \_\_\_\_\_

2. **TYPE OF HEARING**

Protest by boat against boat

Protest by race committee against boat

Protest by protest committee against boat

Request for redress by boat or race committee

Consideration of redress by protest committee

Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing

Consideration of reopening by protest committee

3. **BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING**

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sail no. \_\_\_\_\_ Boat's name \_\_\_\_\_

Represented by \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. **BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS**

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sail no. \_\_\_\_\_ Boat's name \_\_\_\_\_

5. **INCIDENT**

Where and when the incident occurred \_\_\_\_\_

Rule(s) alleged to have been broken \_\_\_\_\_ Witness(es) \_\_\_\_\_

6. **INFORMING PROTESTEE** How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

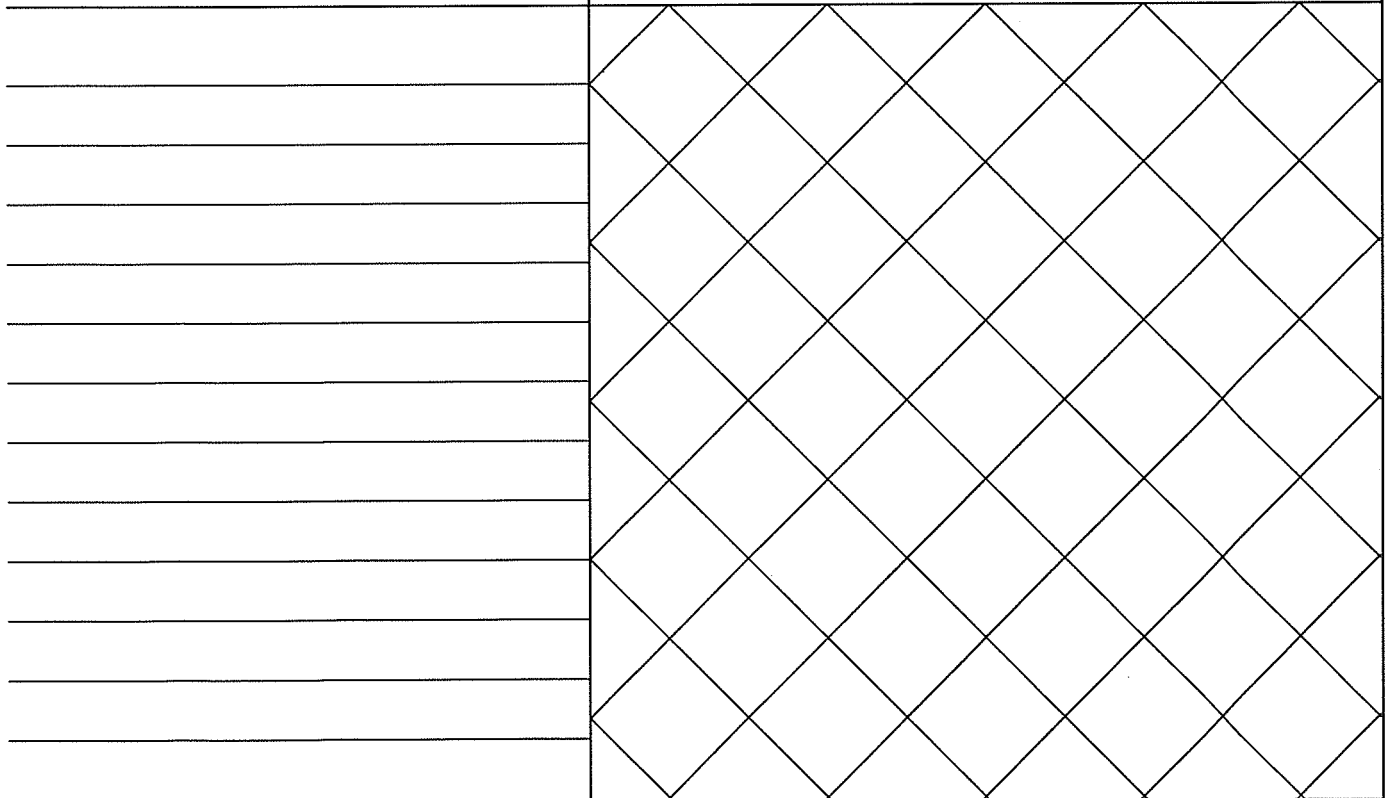
By hailing When? \_\_\_\_\_ Word(s) used \_\_\_\_\_

By displaying a red flag When? \_\_\_\_\_

By informing her in some other way Give details \_\_\_\_\_

7. **DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT**  
(use another sheet if necessary)

**Diagram:** one square = one hull length  
Show position of boats, wind and current direction, marks.



**THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE**

*Fill in and check as appropriate*

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Race # \_\_\_\_\_ Filing # \_\_\_\_\_

Heard together with numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawal requested; signature \_\_\_\_\_  Withdrawal permitted

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit  Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by \_\_\_\_\_

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by \_\_\_\_\_

Names of witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreters \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks**

Conflict of interest declared . . . . . Objections:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Written protest or request identifies incident. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

No hail needed; protestee informed at first . . . . .  
reasonable opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first . . . . .  
reasonable opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue.

Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed.

**FACTS FOUND**

Diagram of boat \_\_\_\_\_ is endorsed by committee.

Committee's diagram is attached.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

**DECISION**

Protest:  dismissed Boat(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is (are)  disqualified from race(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 penalized as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Redress:  not given  given as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Request to reopen a hearing:  denied  granted

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Members \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date & time \_\_\_\_\_

**Written decision requested**

When \_\_\_\_\_

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Date provided \_\_\_\_\_