



2018 SPRING SERIES

10-11 March 2018

Organizing Authority: 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 ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all HYC members, their families and guests.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all classes.
- 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 line.
- 2.5 Potential classes may be One Design, Pursuit Spinnaker and Pursuit Non-Spinnaker.
- 2.6 Boats may enter by checking in with the Race Committee at the Competitors' Briefing.
 - 2.6.1 Pursuit Spin/Non-Spin boats must indicate their sail number, handicap, and intended spinnaker or non-spinnaker class.

3. FEES

There are no fees!

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Saturday, 10 March 2018, competitor's briefing at 1100 hrs** at the Beachcomber. There will be no racing signals before **1300 hrs**.
- 4.2 **Sunday, 11 March 2018**, there will be no racing signals before **1300 hrs**.
- 4.3 All classes will sail a Pursuit Course.
- 4.4 The Pursuit Line will have one race per day in the series.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Yachts racing PHRF **MUST** have a current PHRF rating certificate. Yachts without a valid PHRF Certificate will be assigned to the HYC Club Handicap Class.
- 5.2 One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 The final sailing instructions will be distributed at the Competitor's Briefing on March 10, 2018. 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 All fleets will race around floating marks and/or drop marks.

9. **SCORING**

9.1 A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10. **AFTER-RACE SOCIAL EVENTS**

10.1 All competitors are invited to join the Race Committee in the HYC Bar afterwards for frosty cold beverages.

11. **PRIZES**

11.1 Trophies will be awarded in the HYC Bar following racing on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

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 (mbreen@embarqmail.com).