

**THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF RACE (Revised 03/14/2017)**  
**ANNUAL MERMAID SAIL**



**DATE OF RACE:** Saturday, April 1, 2017  
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 male 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 male boat representative may provide verbal helming guidance to a blind helmswoman classified ABSA B1, B2 or B3 Three-Person Format.

**ENTRIES:** To register for this event, log onto to [HoustonYachtClub.com](http://HoustonYachtClub.com) and under Race Information you will find the Regatta Network Race Registration link. There is a \$50.00 entrance fee per boat. ***Note: A special gift will be awarded to the first 4 entrants at the Award's presentation.***

**Entry deadline is at 11:30 a.m. on April 1, 2017.**

For any additional questions, contact Sabra Francis at [sslaval@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sslaval@sbcglobal.net) or Babs Bukowski at [Babsbukowski@gmail.com](mailto:Babsbukowski@gmail.com)

**FLEETS:** A minimum of three yachts will constitute a fleet. There may be multiple fleets. 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 must have a current 2017 PHRF rating. Skippers of yachts without a current PHRF certificate should contact the Principal Race Office (PRO), Jack Yoes at [jack.Yoes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jack.Yoes@sbcglobal.net) in order to be assigned a provisional rating.

**BERTHING/LODGING:** Berthing is complimentary. Racers may leave their boats at HYC the nights of March 31 and April 1. Racers desiring to do this should contact David Hampp, the HYC Harbormaster, through the HYC receptionist in advance. Upon arrival all boat owners must complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.

Hotel rooms are also available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and hotel rates.

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





**SCORING:** One race will constitute a series.

**PRIZES:** The Perpetual Mermaid trophy plus a take home first, second and third place trophies will be awarded for each fleet at a ceremony following the race (see schedule below). A Mermaid competitor of the event will be sponsored for the 2017 HYC Turkey Day Regatta.

**PRO:** Jack Yoes

### **Schedule of Events**

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-  9:30 Pre-sail Yoga warm-up in the HYC ballroom (bring your mat)
-  11:30 Competitor's Briefing: HYC Beachcomber
-  13:00 Race Start
-  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.