

Houston Yacht Club
Reggae Destination Regatta
Notice of Race
April 7, 2018
Organizing Authority: Houston Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 Racing rule(s) 35, 52 and Appendix A2 will be changed as follows:

Boats in the Classic Canvas Class may use power driven winches. This modifies RRS 52.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: As a courtesy to our valued race sponsors, no advertising may be displayed on Houston Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a PHRF rating. Potential classes include PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF non-Spin, PHRF under 30 feet LOA, Cruising Spinnaker, Cruising Non-Spin Classic Canvas (using only Dacron sails), Multihull and One Design class(es).

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at:
<http://houstonyachtclub.com/Racing/RaceSchedule.aspx>

3.3 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions: at the discretion of the Regatta Chair and will be charged a late fee.

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4. CLASSIFICATION N/A

5. FEES

5.1 Required entry fee is \$100. A \$5 discount is available for US Sailing members. The entry fee is payable by credit card or yacht club reciprocal charge. The entry fee includes one free dinner and two drink tickets.

5.2 Other fees:

5.2.1 Additional dinner tickets will be available for \$25.

6. Does not apply

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2100 hours

7.2 Skippers' Meeting: Friday, April 6, 2018 1900 hours

7.3 Dates of racing: Saturday, April 7, 2018 11:00 hours

7.4 Number of races: There will be one destination race

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal 1100 hours.

7.6 Awards, Drink contest, Party, Pig roast dinner, steel drum band, on the HYC club grounds: Saturday, April 7 after racing

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each monohull boat racing in a PHRF fleet must be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or provide a 2018 certificate; a digital copy of the new certificate should be obtained from the PHRF secretary and uploaded to the boat's race registration.

8.2 Each multihull shall submit a current rating certificate from Texas Offshore Multihull Association.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the skippers meeting April 6, 2017, at the skippers meeting

10. VENUE

10.1 The racing area will be in lower and upper Galveston bay.

11. THE COURSES

The courses will be set around fixed marks in the lower Galveston Bay starting in the area of clear creek channel marker #2 and dropped and fixed marks in the Upper Galveston Bay near HYC.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM – Does not apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 PHRF scoring will use Time on Distance (TOD) scoring. No scores will be excluded, since there will only be one race. This modifies RRS Appendix A.

14. SUPPORT BOATS – not applicable

15. BERTHING – free slips and raft ups will be available at HYC. Contact HYC Harbourmaster in advance if you would like a reserved slip.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – not applicable

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – not applicable

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION - Information about communication frequencies will be addressed in the Sailing Instructions.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Trophies will be awarded in classes with four or five boats, three trophies in classes with six to eight boats and four trophies in classes

With more than eight boats.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Houston Yacht Club, the HYC Race Committee, Protest Committee, Sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. . A link to the list of all crew members who have submitted waivers will also be provided on LYC's website. It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to check in on race day to verify that the boat has met the entry requirement.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact June Shaw –Event Chair @ june.shaw@wfadvisors.com or Billy Richnow- PRO @Billy Richnow <racinbill@gmail.com>