



HYC Commodore's Cup Monday, July 4, 2022

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*.
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear a USCG approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for the sailor.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the 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.
- 2.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water by hail in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). If oral changes are to be announced, they will be communicated during the 10-minute period before the scheduled time for the warning signal in SI 5.3, below.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official "HYC Race Information" notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the offices of The Houston Yacht Club.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff on the lawn of The Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the Notice of Race. All times are GPS times.
- 5.2 Number of Races: 3 races are planned.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 11:00 a.m. The schedule is described below.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

Date	Time	Information
Monday, July 4, 2022	9:30 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting at the Beachcomber
	11:00 a.m.	First Warning - Sunfish Class
	2:00 p.m.	Awards presentation at the Beachcomber

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Sunfish Pink Flag

7. RACING AREA

7.1 All classes will sail around designated marks in the area 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 shore line on the west. The racing area is shown in Attachment A.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course is Windward-Leeward. See Attachment B.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal boat will display a numeral pennant indicating the number of legs to be sailed. All marks shall be rounded leaving the mark to port.

8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

8.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9. MARKS

9.1 The windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron and an offset.

9.2 The starting line pin is a floating shape.

9.3 For the first leg of all courses and the last leg of the leeward finish, the leeward mark is not considered a mark of the course.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel while racing. Ship Channels are designated obstructions.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal boat and the course side starting mark.

11.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her assigned starting time.

11.4 The Race Committee may elect to trail a line (not to exceed 30') attached to a floating object, behind the Race Committee boat or elect to attach a buoy to the boat's anchor marking the anchor and the anchor rode (of up to approximately 50'). The floating object and its line shall be considered to be part of the Race Committee boat and hitting the floating object or running over the line shall be treated as hitting the Race Committee boat.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

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

12.3 The 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 Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a floating shape.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.(NOR 9.1)

14.2 A boat that has taken his Penalty Turns shall notify the Race Committee verbally on the water at the first reasonable opportunity. At that time she shall also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

- 15.1 Unless posted on the HYC Race Information Board, the time limit is **60 minutes**.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (the finishing window) after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) equal to the number of finishing boats plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 61.1. The protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 16.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the office of the Houston Yacht Club and delivered there within sixty (60) minutes following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee Signal Boat. This time will be posted on the "HYC Race Information" official notice board. This changes RRS Appendix S13.2.
- 16.3. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted on the "HYC Race Information" official notice board at the entrance to the breezeway adjacent to the offices of The Houston Yacht Club no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time period.
- 16.4. 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 (30) 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 2 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2022.** This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to the warning for the first race, 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 and/or skipper name.
- 18.2 Any boat that starts, and then retires or withdraws before finishing the race shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- 18.3 A boat's failure to check in is not subject to protest by another boat.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 Trash will be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 The official regatta channel shall be VHF Channel 72.
- 20.2 The Race Committee will also be available by telephone at 281-382-4789 (PRO).

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the information provided in NOR 13.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 See NOR 11.1.

- 23. **INSURANCE**
- 23.1 See NOR 12.1.

ATTACHMENT A: RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT B - WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE

