



HYC Reggae Regatta August 17, 2019

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*, Class Rules and the Galveston Bay PHRF Guidelines.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these 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.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, change the Sailing Instructions on the water, as follows:
- 3.2.1 Changes will be communicated after Code Flag "L" is raised before the warning signal for the first race to which the change in Sailing Instructions apply.
- 3.2.2 The change will be communicated via VHF.

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.
- 4.3 Signal flags may be flown either alone or over one or more numeral pennants. Individual will be designated by following pennants:
- 4.3.1 When flag AP over "1" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Windward-Leeward Line .

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the Notice of Race. All times are GPS times.

6. CLASS FLAGS

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| 6.1 | J/105 | Yellow Flag |
| | J/22 | Green Flag |
| | J/24 | Brown Flag |

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.
- 7.2 Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

8. CHECK IN

- 8.1 Prior to the warning signal for the race, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee (R/C) Signal Boat displaying the code Flag "L," either by passing close astern, on starboard tack and hailing her sail number or by radio check-in. Boats failing to check in will be scored Did Not Start.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 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. If there is no gate, the downwind rounding will be the starting line pin. See Attachment A.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron and an orange offset.
- 10.2 New marks as provided in instruction 13 will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 For the first leg of all courses and the last leg of a leeward finish, the leeward mark is not considered a mark of the course.
- 10.4 For the last leg of a windward finish, the windward mark is not considered a mark of the course.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from the signal boat on the starboard end and a mark or floating shape at the port end.

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) as soon as possible after the start. The Race Committee may use VHF radios or loud hailer.
- 12.3 The failure of electronic equipment, 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. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (described in Section 10) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14. SHORTENED COURSE

- 14.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at the leeward mark, with a finish downwind in the direction from the windward mark with Race Committee Signal Boat to port. If the course is shortened, the Race Committee Signal Boat will be in the original starting position and will not relocate to the opposite side of the finish mark.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side starting mark.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Unless posted on the HYC Race Information Board, the time limit is **120 minutes**.

16.2 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). The points awarded for boats scored TLE will be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) equal to the number of boats starting the race minus 50% of the number of boats scored TLE. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

17. PENALTIES

17.1 Appendix V is in effect.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 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.

18.2 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 boat for the racing line involved. This time will be posted on the "HYC Race Information" official notice board. This changes RRS Appendix S13.2.

19. SCORING

19.1 The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.

19.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

19.3 No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

20. SAFETY

20.1 Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws before finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office by telephone: **281-471-1255**, or **VHF Channel 68**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a score of Did Not Finish.

20.2 Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for violating RRS 55 will be a 20% Scoring Penalty. This changes RRS 55.

20.3 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

21.1 Except in an emergency that threatens the safety or life and/or property, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

21.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor **VHF Channel 68 for the Windward-Leeward Line** and may use VHF radio to hail premature starters and the abandonment of races.

ATTACHMENT A: RACING AREA AND COURSES

WINDWARD/LEeward LINE - SOUTH COURSE

