



2020 HYC Reggae Regatta

August 22, 2020

The Houston Yacht Club

Shoreacres, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE – Revised



Added Covid-19 related changes:

All skippers and crew are required to register and accept the Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability. No after race party or awards ceremony will be offered. Regatta results will be posted and winners notified.

While we regret having to cancel onshore activities, having a great day racing is the ultimate goal. Let's go race!

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 By entering as boat or crew, all participants agree to abide by any COVID-19 related measures of the Race Organizers.

All participants must wear masks on the docks and grounds of the Houston Yacht Club and to maintain social distance of 6 feet, and avoid group gatherings of more than 10 people.

All competitors and crew are required to complete and submit **REGATTA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** prior to the Competitors' Briefing.

Competitors are encouraged to self-screen before attending the event by referring to the latest Open Texas Checklist for Outdoor Events located at <https://open.texas.gov>.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all keel boats, dinghies, and multihulls. All keel boats and multihulls will race pursuit course(s). Dinghies will race on a buoy course.
- 2.2 A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.3 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another class, or an entry fee refund may be requested. Potential classes may be J/22, J/24, J/105, J/109, Ensign, Pursuit Spinnaker and Pursuit Non-Spinnaker, Pursuit TOMA and Pursuit Yardstick, **Opti, Laser, Sunfish**.
- 2.4 **Skippers** may enter at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21026> using the on-line entry form. **Crew may enter at** <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21105>. The HYC website under Racing/Race Schedule also includes registration links to Regatta Network. **Only online entries will be accepted.**
- 2.5 Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the Regatta Network on-line entry form are invited to register as "Generic One-Design". Please contact the HYC Race and Regatta Chair (terry.eukel@hycraceandregatta.com) to receive a class assignment after the fact.

3. FEES

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| 3.1 | Entry Fee Multi-crew | \$60 |
| 3.2 | Entry Fee Adult Single-Handed | \$50 |
| 3.3 | Entry Fee Youth | \$25 |
| | Penalty for late registration, after Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm | \$20 |
| 3.4 | US SAILING members receive a \$5 discount. | |
| 3.5 | Refunds on or before August 19 will be 90% of entry fee paid. No refunds after August 19. | |

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Friday, 21 August 2020

- **7:00 p.m.** Pursuit Line Competitors' briefing via online meeting.

4.2 Saturday, 22 August 2020

Pursuit Line

- **11:00 a.m.** Registration closes. Preparatory/Warning Signal for the handicap Pursuit Line (lower bay). The Pursuit line may have two races, weather permitting.
- **1:00 p.m.** Warning signal for one design distance boats that only race in the afternoon. (Skippers have the option to race handicap in the morning, but may not finish the race in time for the one design start at 1:00.) (upper bay).
- **1:30 p.m.** Preparatory/Warning Signal for handicap Pursuit Line (upper bay). This time is approximate based on when the first race finishes. This is the second of two races, weather permitting.

Dinghy Line

- **10:00 a.m.** Registration closes. Competitor's Briefing at the Beachcomber if current social distancing guidelines allow. If no competitor's briefing is possible, we will make ourselves available for specific questions on an individual basis.
- **11:00 a.m.** Preparatory/Warning Signal for the Dinghy Line. The Dinghy line may have multiple races, weather permitting.
- **No race related events are offered after the regatta other than a Reggae plate dinner will be available for purchase at the HYC Porthole.**
- **Awards** There will be no awards ceremony in order to maintain distancing. Awards will be posted on the bulletin board at HYC, on the HYC website, and on Regatta Network as soon as possible. Winners will be notified to pick up their trophy.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Yachts racing PHRF MUST have a 2020 PHRF rating certificate. Yachts racing ORC Spinnaker must have a valid 2020 ORC rating. Yachts racing TOMA must have a valid 2020 TOMA certificate. Yachts racing Portsmouth Yardstick must have a valid 2020 North American Portsmouth Yardstick certificate. Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC website under Race Schedule and at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21026> by August 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Races will be sailed in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the San Leon Shoreline on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline. Pursuit racing will start near Clear Creek Channel Marker #2. The afternoon pursuit races will be north of the Bayport Ship Channel and end near HYC.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be detailed at the Competitors' Briefing. Courses planned are distance races with pursuit starts. A dinghy line is planned for Optimist, Sunfish, Lasers in the upper bay only.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
9.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10. BERTHING

- 10.1 Racers may leave their boats at HYC for the week before and week after the regatta at no charge. HOWEVER, upon arrival all boat owners must complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
10.2 Hotel rooms are also available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the end of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after early registration.

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. HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- 13.1 See section 3.4 for cancellation policy.
13.2 Distancing and disinfecting measures will be in place, including but not limited to:
- Any CDC guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
- Wearing gaiters or masks indoors is required and recommended outside.
- Bring hand sanitizer for use on shore and on the water.
- Open air briefings with maximum distance between teams.
- Call-in briefings and protest hearings.
- Outdoor social arrangements.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information please contact the Race and Regatta Chair, Terry Eukel, at hycraceandregatta@gmail.com.