

THE 2019 ANNUAL HYC REACH DOWN THE BEACH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club Shore Acres, TX USA
To be sailed Saturday 24 August 2019

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020-US-Prescriptions, and Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2017-2020 except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All skippers are reminded to review RRS 4: Decision to Race and the Rules of Part 2: When Boats Meet.
- 1.3. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V2 is modified to read: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race committee that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies."
- 1.6. Rule 52 (Manual Power) is suspended for double or single-handed entries in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker and ORC Club Spinnaker Class when clear of the start / finish areas in both races. This changes Rule 52.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be sent to all competitors e-mail address as entered at registration on RegattaNetwork.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be broadcast via VHF at the start line, finish line, or announced at the official regatta party in Freeport as appropriate.



3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written changes to these sailing instructions will be distributed by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday 23 August.
- 3.2. Verbal changes may be made on the water and shall be communicated to each boat by VHF before her warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

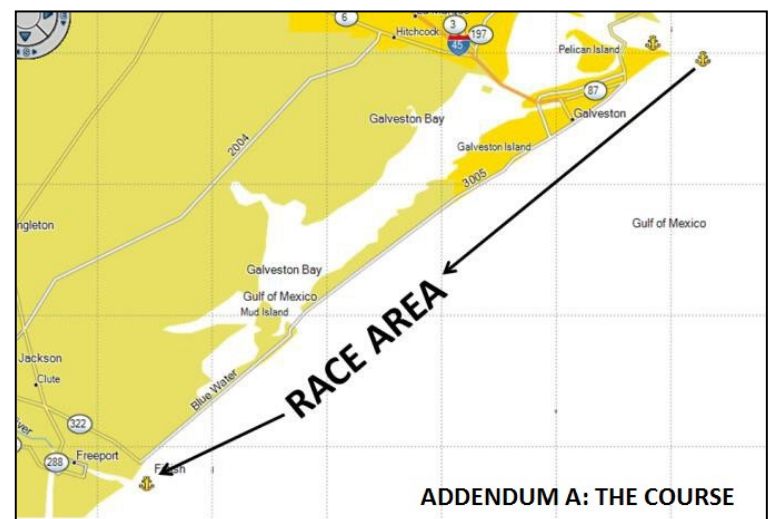
- 4.1. Any decision to abandon race will be announced via cell phone call to the number on record.
- 4.2. Any decision to postpone will be announced via cell phone call to the number on record.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Scratch start time is 8:00 am; individual start times are as calculated and listed in these sailing instructions.
- 5.2. Each class will sail a single race.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.



7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in **Addendum A** shows the course, a straight line to Freeport.

- 7.2. The course will be 42.1 miles in length.
- 7.3. The start is at Galveston Channel marker #11 (N29 20.536 W94 44.472).
- 7.4. Sail from Galveston Channel marker # 11 to the 5A marker (29° 19.659'N, 94° 41.336'W) 3.0 nm leaving it to starboard.
- 7.5. Sail to the finish in Freeport.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting line is between the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462) at the port end and an orange flag or banner on the official signal vehicle (bearing approximately 215°) on the starboard end.
- 8.2. The first rounding mark is the Galveston 5A marker. Leave it to starboard.
- 8.3. The finish line is between a floating tetrahedron (located at N28 56.153 W95 17.118) on the port end and an orange flag or banner on the official signal vehicle located at approximately 300 ° on the beach on starboard end.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line is at the Bolivar Roads Channel Marker 11 (N29 20.556 W94 44.462) for all boats.

Ver: 8/20/2019

Course length:	42.1 nm
Scratch start time:	8:00 AM

2019 REACH DOWN THE BEACH (RDTB) PHRF START TIMES

Start	BOATNAME	SAIL #	NAME	RATING	FLEET
8:00:00	Morning Star	144	John Gross	244	HYC B&B Club Handicap Class
8:14:44	Hi Yo Silver	none	STEVEN FETHERSTON	223	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
9:22:48	La Isla	3	Loren Cadenhead	126	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
9:34:01	Panamaria	none	James Lattner	110	HYC B&B Club Handicap Class
10:12:37	Muse	None	Lamar Felder	55	Pursuit Non-spinnaker
10:32:16	Team America 142	USA 28	Chad Wilson	27	TOMA Pursuit Spinnaker
11:10:09	Try Me	148	Gregory Way	-27	TOMA Pursuit Spinnaker

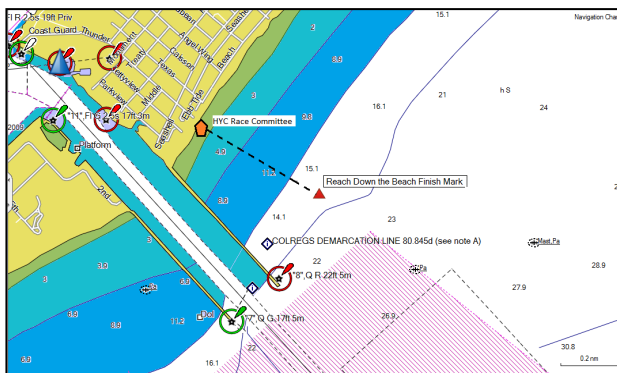
- 9.2. All boats are to hail the race committee and check in by name and sail number via VHF. Please include the total number of souls on board including the skipper. All skippers are

ORC START TIMES

Triple factor: Low (≤ 9 knots)			Triple factor: Med. (9 to 14 knots)			Triple factor: High (≥ 14 knots)		
BOAT	Low	Δ Start	BOAT	Med.	Δ Start	BOAT	High	Δ Start
Harm's Way	684.4	10:20:00	Harm's Way	538.7	10:20:00	Harm's Way	487.6	10:20:00
Hamburg II	671.7	12.7 10:28:54	Hamburg II	507.9	30.8 10:41:36	Second Star	453.6	34.0 10:43:51
Second Star	651.7	20.0 10:42:56	Second Star	506.4	1.5 10:42:39	Hamburg II	446.4	7.2 10:48:54

encouraged to send a list of crew names by email (or text message) to the race committee after all are aboard – accuracy is important.

- 9.3. Races will be started pursuit-style per the starting times listed here.
- 9.4. The ORC Spinnaker class start time will be the time associated with the triple-number corresponding with the scoring option announced by the Race Committee based on existing and expected wind conditions. Feedback from the fleet is welcome.
- 9.5. For the ORC Spinnaker class, the Race Committee will announce the applicable triple-number scoring option no later than 9:15 am by text and VHF. Competitors are welcome to call the Race Committee at the listed numbers should they not receive this communication.
- 9.6. Official time is GPS time.
- 9.7. The race committee will be monitoring start times on shore. They MAY hail OCS (over early) boats via VHF.



ADDENDUM B: FINISH AREA

10. THE FINISH is by the Freeport North jetty.

- 10.1. All racers are to hail the race committee on VHF when within 1 mile of the finish line by vessel name.
- 10.2. All racers are to stand by for instructions relating to possible security operations underway in the Freeport Channel.
- 10.3. The race committee will be on station between 1400 and 1800 hours. Any yacht finishing earlier than that shall record her approximate finish time and position relative to other boats in the area. Please turn that information in to the race committee ashore.
- 10.4. **Addendum B** illustrates the finish area.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. The race shall end at 1800 hours CDT, Saturday 24 August, or when the last yacht finishes, whichever is earlier. Yachts which have not finished at the expiration of the time limit will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protest forms are found in **Addendum C** to these Sailing Instructions. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2. Competitors intending to file a protest must notify the race committee (via VHF or phone) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.3. For each class, the protest deadline is 7:00 p.m. Saturday 24 August.
- 12.4. 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 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 7 p.m. 24 August 2019.
- 12.5. All notices and hearings will be announced at the regatta party, Freeport Marina.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low-Point Scoring system, Appendix A, shall apply.
- 13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. No scores shall be excluded. This changes rule A2

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Any yacht that starts, and then retires or withdraws before finishing the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF or cell phone or if that is not possible the Houston Yacht Club office (phone number 281.471.1255).

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. The official regatta channel shall be VHF Channel 68.
- 15.2. The Race Committee will also be available by telephone at 832.428.0785 (PRO)
A secondary phone number is: 281.910.0942 (Chief Judge)
- 15.3. All yachts are encouraged to monitor channel 16 when offshore and to communicate potential hazards to other racers.
- 15.4. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 13 when in the Houston Ship Channel
- 15.5. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 14 when in the Freeport Channel for instructions from the harbor pilots.
- 15.6. The Event Chairman is available by email (billvanrav@gmail.com) and cell phone (832) 429-0785

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Trophies will be awarded based on final registration volumes.
- 16.2. Registrations received after the trophy order has been placed shall be awarded IOU's in place of the actual trophy
- 16.3. The race committee shall deliver owed trophies at a mutually agreeable time and place at a later date.
- 16.4. Prizes will be awarded Saturday Aug 24 at Captain Ken's Port 'O Call, Freeport TX.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. USE OF ENGINES

- 18.1. Engines may be used in an emergency situation. After the emergency is resolved, competitors are to return to the closest point possible to where the engine was initially engaged and continue the race.
- 18.2. Engines may be used to charge batteries.
- 18.3. Use of engines is prohibited except as permitted in section 18.1 and 18.2 above.

19. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Use of a self-steering system is prohibited except as stated in section 1.6 above.

20. HANDICAPS

- 20.1. All PHRF Pursuit class yachts must be handicapped by PHRF Galveston Bay for 2019.
- 20.2. All ORC Pursuit class yachts must have a current 2019 ORC certificate.
- 20.3. All TOMA Pursuit class yachts must be handicapped by the Texas Offshore Multihull Association.
- 20.4. All HYC Club Handicap (i.e. B&B) yachts shall be rated by the Race Committee.

ADDENDUM C: PROTEST FORM – NEXT PAGE



Protest Form

also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and check as appropriate

Date & time received _____

Received by _____ Filing no. _____

Protest time limit _____

1. **EVENT** _____ Organizing authority _____ Date _____ Race no. _____

2. **TYPE OF HEARING**

Protest by boat against boat

Protest by race committee against boat

Protest by protest committee against boat

Request for redress by boat or race committee

Consideration of redress by protest committee

Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing

Consideration of reopening by protest committee

3. **BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING**

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____

Represented by _____ Tel. _____ Email _____

4. **BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS**

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____

5. **INCIDENT**

Where and when the incident occurred _____

Rule(s) alleged to have been broken _____ Witness(es) _____

6. **INFORMING PROTESTEE** How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

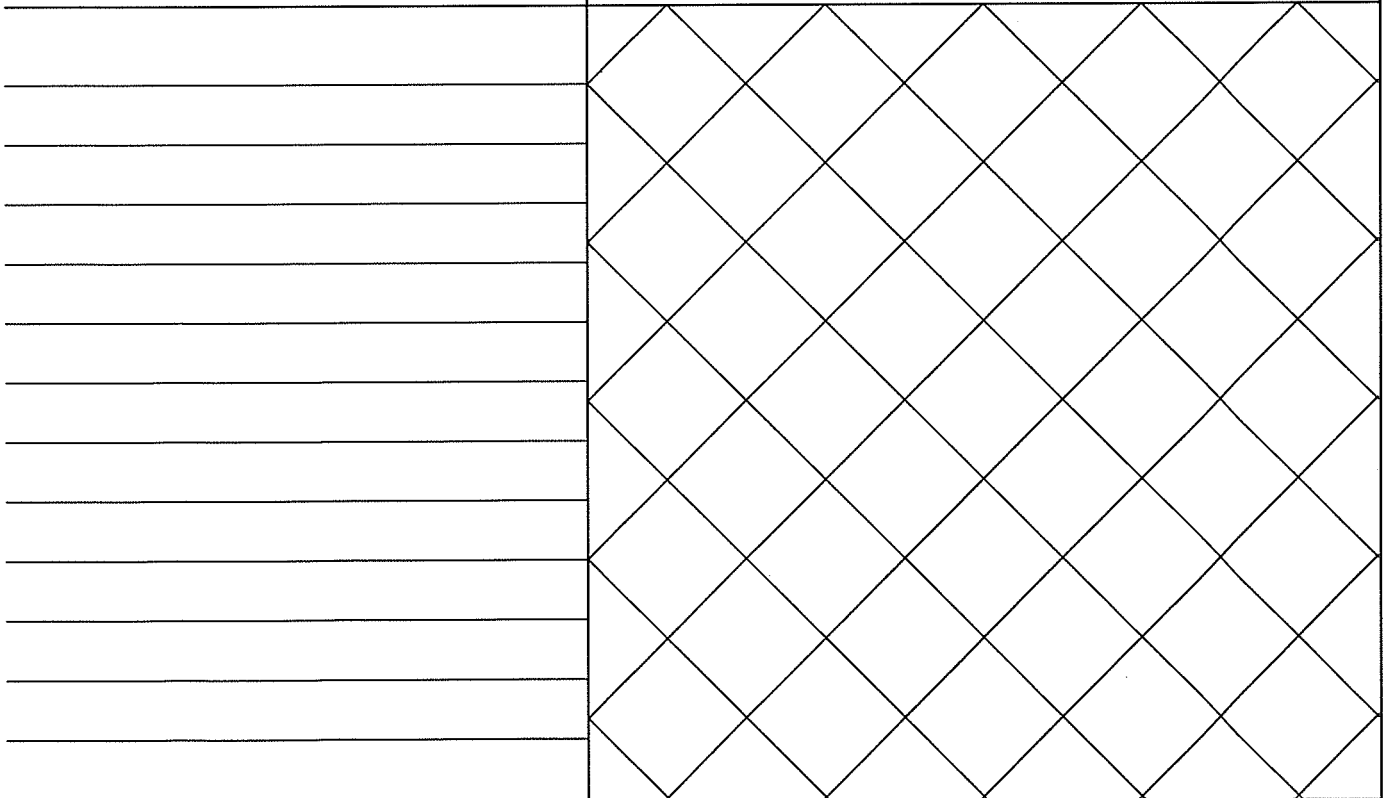
By hailing When? _____ Word(s) used _____

By displaying a red flag When? _____

By informing her in some other way Give details _____

7. **DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT**
(use another sheet if necessary)

Diagram: one square = one hull length
Show position of boats, wind and current direction, marks.



THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE

Fill in and check as appropriate

Class _____ Race # _____ Filing # _____

Heard together with numbers _____

Withdrawal requested; signature _____ Withdrawal permitted

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by _____

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by _____

Names of witnesses _____

Interpreters _____

Remarks

Conflict of interest declared Objections: Yes No _____

Written protest or request identifies incident. _____

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity _____

No hail needed; protestee informed at first
reasonable opportunity _____

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first
reasonable opportunity _____

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue.

Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed.

FACTS FOUND

Diagram of boat _____ is endorsed by committee.

Committee's diagram is attached.

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

DECISION

Protest: dismissed Boat(s) _____ is (are) disqualified from race(s) _____
 penalized as follows _____

Redress: not given given as follows _____

Request to reopen a hearing: denied granted

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Members _____

Chairman's signature _____ Date & time _____

Written decision requested

When _____

By whom _____

Date provided _____