



2020 HOOD Regatta

September 19-20, 2020

Organizing Authority:

The Houston Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE - **SECOND REVISION** - **REVISED AUGUST 24, 2020**

HYC Open One Design Regatta J/24 Beasley Cup J/22 Heritage Cup Ensign Region IV Championship **Revised Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 All classes with the J/24 class shall use the Scoring Penalty. See RRS 44.3.
- 1.3 **Protests.**
 - 1.3.1 *Due to COVID-19 restrictions nationally and in Harris County, there will be no after racing protests filings permitted or hearings held for any rule violations or requests for redress. Competitors are encouraged to handle all on the water rules violation incidents in a Corinthian manner by taking on the water penalties under RRS 44.*
 - 1.3.2 Appendix V will apply.
 - 1.3.3 The Regatta's Sailing Instructions shall identify and delete all U.S. Sailing Rules requiring or dealing with Protest or Redress filings and hearings for on the water incidents, except that Rule 69 shall always apply.
 - 1.3.4 *By sailing and participating in the Regatta, all boats, their owners, skippers and crew shall agree that they waive their rights to after race protests and hearings.*
- 1.4 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, maintain social distance of 6 feet, and avoid group gatherings of more than 10 people. There will be no social activities on the grounds of HYC. The clubhouse will not be open to non-members. Water will be available.
- 1.5 All competitors and crew are required to complete and accept **REGATTA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** on Regatta Network prior to the Competitors' Briefing. Registration is incomplete unless all forms and waivers have been filled out.
- 1.6 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>.
- 1.7 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Regatta due to changing COVID-19 Pandemic health-related issues.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 2.1 All one-design classes are welcome.
- 2.2 Yachts of similar PHRF ratings (either spin or non-spin) may form a Level Rating Class (LRC)
 - (a) Yachts racing LRC must have a 2020 PHRF Galveston Bay rating certificate.
 - (b) Boats must agree to class rules.
- 2.3 A minimum of three yachts of the same design shall constitute a class. The Race Committee may start several smaller fleets together.

- 2.4 Potential classes may be Ensign, Lightning, J/22, J/24 J/70, J/105, J/109, Optimist, Lasers, Etchells, Sonar, Level 70. In addition, any other one-design class with three or more entrants shall constitute a separate class.
- 2.5 Boats/skippers may enter at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20710> or at The Houston Yacht Club website <http://www.houstonyachtclub.com>. Crew members may register at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20710>. NO WALK-IN ENTRIES allowed. There will be no on-site registration.
- 2.6 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 Race and Regatta Chair Terry Eukel hycraceandregatta@gmail.com to have their class included in the entries.
- 2.7 **Skippers that register before September 7th will receive a free t-shirt in their selected size.**
- 2.8 **Crew that register before September 7th can purchase a regatta t-shirt on Regatta Network. There will be no T-shirts available for sale at the regatta.**

3. FEES

- 3.1 Multiple Crew Class Entry Fee **\$70.00**
- 3.2 Double-Handed Class Entry Fee **\$60.00**
- 3.3 Single-Handed Class Entry Fee **\$50.00**
- 3.4 Youth Entry Fee **\$40.00**
- 3.5 **Penalty for Late Registration, as of Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. \$25.00**
Youth late registration fee \$10.00
- 3.6 US Sailing members receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 3.7 **Refunds before Sept. 18, 2020 will be 90% of entry fee paid. No refunds after September 18, 2020.**

4. SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Friday, 11 Sept. 2020	Visiting boats may relocate to HYC - no storage fees. Boat / Trailer Registration required. Boat parking to be assigned.	
Wednesday, 16 Sept. 2020	7:00 p.m.	Entry Deadline before late fee applies.
Friday, 18 Sept. 2020	5:00-7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal on-site registration check-in. All registration will be done online. Skippers only can pick up skipper bags at designated outdoor stations and complete boat / trailer registration. Skippers can pick up their Regatta T-Shirts for themselves and their crew if they have been previously paid for on Regatta Network. There will be no T-Shirts available for sale at the regatta.
	7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors' Briefing via Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting details to be provided to each registrant no later than September 16th, 2020 7:00 p.m. Recording of meeting to be posted on the Houston Open One Design Regatta FaceBook page.
Saturday, 19 Sept. 2020	11:00 a.m.	Warning Signal for all lines. Late Registration Deadline.
Sunday, 20 Sept. 2020	10:00 a.m.	Warning Signal for all lines. No warning signal shall be made after 4 p.m. Awards (including Boat of the Day Awards) presentation virtually or on HYC lawn approx. 1.5 hours after the last committee boat enters the harbor.

5. MEASUREMENTS

5.1 Yachts racing One Design shall comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on-line at the HYC website at <http://houstonyachtclub.com> under Racing/Race Schedule.

6.2 All notices to competitors shall be posted on Regatta Network through the above referenced HYC website page. Notices will be sent to all competitors when information has been posted.

7. VENUE

7.1 All races shall be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club and/or that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the South, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the LaPorte/Shoreacres shoreline on the west.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 There shall be two racing circles: keelboats and dinghies.

8.2 All starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

8.3 Course diagrams for each circle shall be published in the sailing instructions and may include windward/leeward and trapezoid courses.

9. SCORING

9.1 There are six (6) races scheduled. One (1) race constitutes a regatta.

9.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply, except no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.1.

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 outdoor check-in station.

10.2 **Visiting competitors' boats are required to remain in the water during the regatta.** Competitors may dock alongside the visitor pier on a "first come, first served" basis, or shall contact the HYC Harbor Manager for guest slip availability.

10.3 Deleted.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Regatta Racing Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at the close of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after registration and at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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, death, or illness sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact the Principal Race Officer, Shannon Bush swmadero@aol.com or the Event Chair Sabra Francis, sslaval@sbcglobal.net.