



2021 HYC Mid-Winter Regatta
February 20-21, 2021
The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, Texas

Amended Notice of Race (NoR)¹

Preamble The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 **Pursuit Line Only:** PHRF start times shall apply for all boats racing in the Pursuit Line. The PHRF start times will be available as an Attachment to the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at www.regattanetwork.com on or before 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2021.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary or amended sailing instructions that will be posted online at the event website at www.regattanetwork.com and on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 [NP] All boats shall be encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 68, 69, or 72.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.3 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all keel, one design, and PHRF boats. There will be no dinghy line.

A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.

4.2

A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to

¹ Amended January 29, 2021

- 4.3** form and may be assigned to another class, or an entry fee refund may be requested. Potential classes may be Ensign, Lightnings, J/22, J/24, J/105, J/109, Melges 24, PHRF Spin W/L, PHRF Non-Spin W/L, Pursuit Spin and Pursuit Non-Spin.
- 4.4** Boats may enter the event by registering online at the event website at www.regattanetwork.com using the online entry form. All registrations must be made online. There will be no onsite registration.
- 4.5** Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the www.regattanetwork.com on-line entry form at the event website are invited to register as "Generic One Design". Please contact the Race & Regatta Committee Chair (ymares@earthlink.net) to receive a class assignment after registration.
- 4.6** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees on or before 11:00 a.m. on February 20, 2021.
- 4.7** Each skipper and crew named on the completed online registration form will receive a 12 oz. styrofoam cup filled with delicious clam chowder from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on February 20, 2021 for take-out at the Beachcomber. Beverages and additional clam chowder may also be available for purchase. Non-HYC members must present an HYC Guest Card for all purchases. No cash or credit cards will be accepted. To obtain an HYC Guest Card, a completed HYC Guest Card Form may be provided to frontdesk@houstonyachtclub.com.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2021	Standard Fee from 5:01 p.m. on February 13, 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on February 19, 2021	Late Fee on February 20, 2021
All boats	\$60	\$65	\$70
US Sailing members	\$5 discount	\$5 discount	\$5 discount

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Friday, February 19, 2021:**

- **7:00 p.m.** Competitor's Briefing by Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464030827?pwd=TVQ5ZXNRWGJzOGJaeFBoVTdNbJZHQT09>

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6.2 **Saturday, February 20, 2021:**

- **11:00 a.m.:** First warning signal for the Windward/Leeward Line; PHRF Scratch Start time for the Pursuit Line. Up to three races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting.
- **5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.:** Clam chowder and refreshments at the Beachcomber.

6.3 **Sunday, February 21, 2021:**

- **10:00 a.m.:** First warning signal for the Windward/Leeward Line; PHRF Scratch Start time for the Pursuit Line. Up to two races are planned for the PHRF and One Design classes. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting. No race will be started after 2:00 p.m.
- **After racing:** Awards presentation at the Beachcomber approximately two hours after the Race Committee boat enters the harbor. In the event of a protest, results may be delayed.

7 **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION / MEASUREMENTS**

- 7.1 [NP] Yachts racing PHRF must have a recent PHRF Rating Certificate from Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRFGB). Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

8 **VENUE**

- 8.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Shipping Channel to the South, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline.

9 **COURSES**

- 9.1 One Design classes will race around drop marks; Pursuit classes will race around fixed and drop marks.

10 SCORING

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 **Pursuit Line:** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 **Windward/Leeward Line:** (a) When four or fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (b) When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except as modified by 10.3 above.

10.4

11 BERTHING

11.1 Competitors are encouraged to leave their boats at HYC for the week before and the 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. For slip availability and further information, contact Cotton Wolters, HYC Harbor Manager (harbormanager@houstonyachtclub.com), on VHF Channel 68 or at (281) 471-1255.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, COVID-19, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 INSURANCE

13.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with appropriate levels of coverage to compensate the Houston Yacht Club and others in the event of an accident.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded on the last day of racing based on the number of registrants per class at 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2021. Additional prizes may be awarded.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information please contact the HYC Race and Regatta Chair Yolanda Cortes Mares at ymares@earthlink.net or the HYC Fleet Captain, Madonna Breen, at mbreen77346@gmail.com.