



2020 HYC Mid-Winter Regatta
February 20-21, 2021
The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, Texas

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 PHRF start times shall apply. 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 [DP] All boats shall 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 [DP] 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 boats with a valid 2021 PHRF Rating Certificate from Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRFGB).
- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at the event website at

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www.regattanetwork.com. There will be no onsite registration.

- 4.3** 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.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2021	Standard Fee from 5:01 p.m. on February 6, 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

- 5.2** Other fees:

Clam chowder may be available for take-out at the Beachcomber on Saturday, February 20, 2021 after the racing for an additional fee.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Friday, February 19, 2021:**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464030827?pwd=TVQ5ZXNRWGJzOGJaeFBoVTdNbZHQ0OT09>

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6.2 Saturday, February 20, 2021:

- **11:00 a.m.:** PHRF Scratch Start time. Up to two races are planned.
- **After racing:** Clam chowder may be available for take-out at the Beachcomber for an additional fee.

6.3 Sunday, February 21, 2021:

- **11:00 a.m.:** PHRF Scratch Start time. Up to two races are planned.
- **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

- 7.1** Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid 2021 PHRF Rating Certificate from Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRFGB).

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 San Leon Shoreline on the South, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** Boats will race around fixed and drop marks.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** (a) When three or fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.3** The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

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.

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** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class (spin and non-spin) at the end of early registration.

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.