



**2021 HYC Club Spring Series
March 20, April 3, May 1, 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 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct, may subject the person to embarrassment, and the person (or their parent) might feel compelled to buy a round of drinks for everyone that evening at the bar.

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

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 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 on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

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

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 [NP] All boats and support persons are 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. Failure to comply may result in a second round of drinks for everyone that evening at the bar.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This event is open only to Houston Yacht Club members and their families; dinghy, keel, multihull, one design, and PHRF boats are welcome.

¹ March 11, 2021.

- 4.2** A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class. For the Opti fleet, a minimum of three Optis in the same fleet (either Green Fleet or R/W/B Fleet) will constitute a class. **For the Multihull class only:** a minimum of two yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 4.3** 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. Potential classes may be Opti Green, Opti R/W/B, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser (full rig), Ensign, Lightnings, J/22, J/24, J/105, J/109, Melges 24, PHRF Spin W/L, PHRF Non-Spin W/L, Pursuit Spin, Pursuit Non-Spin, and Multihulls.
- 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 on or before 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2021.

5 FEES

- 5.1** There are no entry fees. This is a free event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday, March 19, 2021:

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

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81559414380?pwd=WmdMRHJLaTNKa25ZeXBDYzVPROVhdz09>

Meeting ID: 815 5941 4380

Passcode: HYCSRING

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6.2 **Saturday, March 20, 2021:**

- **1:00 p.m.:** First warning signal for the Dinghy and Windward/Leeward Line; PHRF Scratch Start time for the Pursuit Line; first warning signal for multihulls on Pursuit Line. Up to three races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes on the Windward/Leeward Line; Dinghies may have more, weather permitting. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting, except multihulls may have three races because, after all, they're faster. No race will be started after 4:00 p.m.

6.3 **Saturday, April 3, 2021:**

- **1:00 p.m.:** First warning signal for the Dinghy and Windward/Leeward Line; PHRF Scratch Start time for the Pursuit Line; first warning signal for multihulls on Pursuit Line. Up to three races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes on the Windward/Leeward Line; Dinghies may have more, weather permitting. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting, except multihulls may still have three races. No race will be started after 4:00 p.m.

6.4 **Saturday, May 1, 2021:**

- **1:00 p.m.:** First warning signal for the Dinghy and Windward/Leeward Line; PHRF Scratch Start time for the Pursuit Line; first warning signal for multihulls on Pursuit Line. Up to three races are planned for the PHRF and one-design classes on the Windward/Leeward Line; Dinghies may have more, weather permitting. The Pursuit Line may have two races, weather permitting, except multihulls who, yes, may still have three races. No race will be started after 4:00 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 and may result in lots of unhappy people who may very well insist on a round of drinks at the bar while they're waiting on you.

7 **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION / MEASUREMENTS**

- 7.1 [NP] Yachts racing One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association. Conceal all titanium masts.

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 Dinghy classes will race around drop marks; Pursuit and One Design 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 When three or fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10.3 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except as modified by 10.2 above.

11 BERTHING

11.1 If you don't already have a wet slip, a designated space for your boat and trailer, or a dinghy locker, you should get one. For 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. If you don't have insurance and you hit another boat, just be prepared to apologize profusely, pay for the repairs to their boat, buy them dinner and lots of drinks at the bar, apologize profusely again, and well, you get the picture.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Trophies will be awarded on the last day of racing based on the number of registrants per class and cash donations received by the end of day on April 3, 2021.

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.