



2021 HYC Reggae Regatta

August 28-29, 2021

Organizing Authority:

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar

Shoreacres, TX 77571

281-471-1255



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and all other rules that govern this event. By registering for the Regatta as skipper or crew, each participant agrees to be bound by the RRS, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and all other rules that govern the event.
- 1.2 The J/24 class shall use the Scoring Penalty. See RRS 44.3.
- 1.3 By registering for the Regatta as skipper or crew, all participants agree to abide by any COVID-19 related measures of the Race Organizers and local government.
- 1.4 All skippers and crew are required to complete, accept, and submit the **REGATTA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** on Regatta Network prior to the Competitors' Briefing. Registration is incomplete unless all forms and waivers have been completely filled out and submitted.
- 1.5 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 The Regatta is open to all keel boats, dinghies, and multihulls. All keel boats and multihulls will race pursuit course(s). Dinghies will race on a buoy course.
- 2.2 A minimum of three yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.3 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, or a 90% entry fee refund may be requested. Potential classes may be Ensign, Lightning, J/22, J/24 J/70, J/80, J/105, J/109, and Sonar.
- 2.5 Skippers may enter at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23116> ("Event Website") using the online entry form. Crew members may enter at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23117>. NO WALK-IN ENTRIES allowed. There will be no on-site registration.
- 2.6 Skippers who do not find their desired class listed on the Regatta Network on-line entry form are invited to register as "Generic One-Design". If registering as "Generic One-Design", please contact the Race and Regatta Chair, Yolanda Cortes Mares, at ymares@earthlink.net to have the desired class included in the entries.
- 2.7 Skippers who register before 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2021 will receive a free Regatta Shirt in their selected size. Additional Regatta shirts will be available for purchase on the Event Website for pick up at a future date.
- 2.8 Meal tickets are available for purchase on the Event Website during early registration. As there may not be any meal tickets available for sale at the Regatta, all participants are encouraged to purchase meal tickets on the Event Website.
- 2.9 Crew members who register before 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2021 can purchase a Regatta shirt on Regatta Network, for pick-up on Friday, August 27, 2021 during the on-site Competitor's Briefing. Additional Regatta shirts will be available for purchase on the Event Website for pick up at a future date.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Multiple Crew Class Entry Fee \$100.00
- 3.2 Double-Handed Class Entry Fee \$80.00
- 3.3 Adult Single-Handed Class Entry Fee \$75.00
- 3.4 Youth Single-Handed Class Entry Fee \$55.00
- 3.5 Late Registration fees added after Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m.:
 - Adult late registration \$25.00**
 - Youth late registration \$10.00**
- 3.6 US Sailing members receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 3.7 Refunds before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, will be 90% of entry fee paid. No refunds on and after 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2021.

4. SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Wednesday, August 25, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Early registration deadline.
Friday, August 27, 2021	All Day	Visiting boats may relocate to HYC.
Friday, August 27, 2021	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Competitor check-in and Skipper bag pick-up (location TBD).
	7:00 p.m.	Pursuit Line Competitors' Briefing (location TBD).
Saturday, August 28, 2021	10:00 a.m.	Competitors' Briefing for the Dinghy Line at the Beachcomber.
	1:30 p.m.	Warning Signal for all lines.
	6:00 p.m.	Regatta banquet outdoors, weather permitting
Sunday, August 29, 2021	1:30 p.m.	Warning Signal for all lines. Late registration closes. No warning signal shall be made after 4:00 p.m. Awards presentation in lawn, weather permitting, approximately 1.5 hours after the last Race Committee boat enters the harbor.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Yachts racing One Design shall comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.
- 5.2 Yachts racing PHRF must have a 2021 PHRF rating certificate. Yachts racing ORC Spinnaker must have a valid 2021 ORC rating. Yachts racing TOMA must have a valid 2021 TOMA certificate.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be made available in the Skipper bags and posted on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC office. As a courtesy, the Sailing Instructions will also be posted on-line on or before 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2021 at the Event Website at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23116>.
- 6.2 All notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board "Race Information Board" located in the HYC breezeway adjacent to the main clubhouse lobby. As a courtesy, notices will be sent to competitors by e-

mail or text message when information has been posted, and may be posted on-line at the Event Website at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23116>.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 All races on day 1 shall be sailed in that part of Galveston Bay south of the Bayport Ship Channel bounded by Bayport Ship Channel on the North, the San Leon Shoreline on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the Bayport Terminal/San Leon shoreline on the west. Pursuit racing will end near HYC.
- 7.2 All races on day 2 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 The courses will be detailed at the Competitor's Briefing. Courses planned are distance races with pursuit starts.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 One (1) race constitutes a regatta. Additional races are planned, weather and time permitting.
- 9.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

10. BERTHING

- 10.1 Skippers may leave their boats at HYC from August 29, 2021 (last date of HYC's Reggae Regatta) until October 2, 2021 (first date of LYC's J/Fest) at no charge if they also register for 2021 Houston Open One Design Regatta (HOOD) on or before September 4, 2021. However, upon arrival at HYC all visiting boat owners must contact the HYC Harbor Manager, Philip Meeker, at 936-581-4581 or 281-471-1255 or at harbormanager@houstonyachtclub.com or on VHF Channel 68, complete a registration form, provide a copy of insurance, and include an emergency contact number.
- 10.2 Visiting competitors' boats that are required to remain in the water during the Regatta 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 Hotel rooms are available in the HYC Clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the HYC Club front desk for availability and rates at 281-471-1255.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Regatta Racing Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class on August 25, 2021. Additional trophies may be awarded 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, Adolph Mares, Jr., at amares@embarqmail.com or HYC's Race and Regatta Chair, Yolanda Cortes Mares, at ymares@earthlink.net.