

# **Admiral's Cup Regatta A-Class Catamaran April 25-28, 2022 *Sailing Instructions***

**Theses Sailing Instructions are dated April 15, 2022**

**HOUSTON YACHT CLUB**

**3620 Miramar Dr.**

**Shoreacres, TX 77571**

**Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club in conjunction with the  
US A-Class Catamaran Association**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 ("RRS").

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official "HYC Race Information" notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the offices of The Houston Yacht Club. As a courtesy, Notices may be posted on Regatta Network notice board  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23934>

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff on the lawn of The Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **5. RACE SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. Six races for each discipline are planned for the regatta, of which a minimum of 1 race shall constitute a regatta for each Discipline.
- 5.2. The Open Discipline and the Classic Discipline will race in separate fleets with different starting times.
- 5.3. On any day of racing, the number of races will be at the Race Committee's discretion, based on sailing conditions and discussion with class representatives.

### **Monday, April 25:**

- o Registration 0900-1700

### **Tuesday, April 26:**

- o 0930 Competitor's briefing at the Beachcomber
- o First Race warning signal not before 1100 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Classic
- o First Race warning signal not before 1330 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Open

### **Wednesday, April 27:**

- o First Race warning signal not before 1030 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Open
- o First Race warning signal not before 1330 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Classic

### **Thursday, April 28:**

- o First race warning signal not before 1030 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Classic
- o First Race warning signal not before 1330 1<sup>st</sup> warning for Open
- o No warning signal after 1500
- o Time TBA – Banquet and Awards presentation in the Ballroom

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. The class flag for the Open Division will be a WHITE with black A-Class logo.
- 6.2. The class flag for the Classic Division will be a BLUE with white A-Class logo.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.
- 7.2. Boats not racing shall not sail in the course area being used by another Discipline.
- 7.3. Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel while racing. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

## **8. ON THE WATER CHECK IN**

Prior to the warning for the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee (R/C) Signal Boat displaying the code Flag "L," by passing close astern, on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty for the first race, without a hearing, equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3(c). This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. Attachment B shows the course diagram with the direction of mark roundings.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal boat will display a numeral pennant indicating the number of legs to be sailed.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. The windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron and an offset mark. The leeward gate mark will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from the signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of a mark or floating shape at the port end.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be considered not starting and will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## **12. RECALLS**

- 12.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.
- 12.2. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start via loud hailer.
- 12.3. The failure to make a hail, hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

## **13. THE FINISH**

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat on the port end and the course side of a floating shape.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The time limit is 60 minutes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes (the finishing window) after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

## **15. PENALTIES**

- 15.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 15.2. Appendix T is in effect with a post race penalty of 20%. This changes RRS T1(b).

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 61.1. The protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 16.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the office of the Houston Yacht Club and delivered there within sixty (60) minutes following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee boat. This time will be posted on the "HYC Race Information" official notice board. This changes RRS Appendix S13.2.
- 16.3. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted on the "HYC Race Information" official notice board at the entrance to the breezeway adjacent to the offices of The Houston Yacht Club no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of the protest time period.
- 16.4. For the purpose of meeting obligations under US Sailing prescriptions concerning redress, notification of a redress hearing shall be by posting on the official notice board for thirty (30) minutes. The requirement for written requests for attendance of the hearing will be satisfied by a sign-up sheet at the official protest table. No more than one person per boat may attend. This changes US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2. No request for reopening a hearing will be accepted 30 minutes after a protest committee decision has been posted. This changes RRS Appendix S13.5 and RRS 66.2.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. The Low-Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A2 and A4 shall apply except that, when 5 races have been completed a boat's worst score will be discarded.
- 17.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

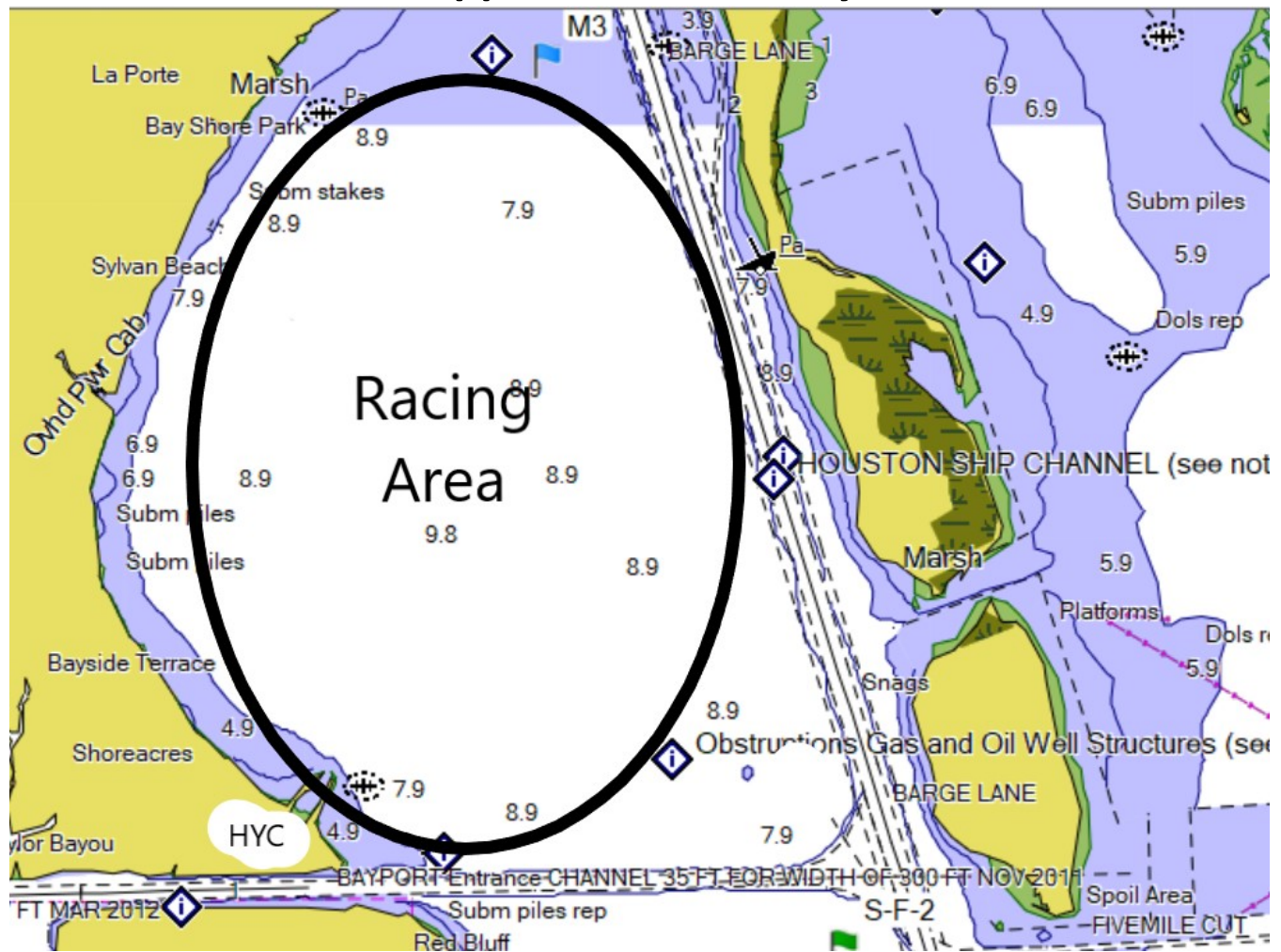
## **18. SAFETY**

- 18.1. There will be a Check Out/Check In board located near the gate leading to the beach launching area. Competitors shall hang their wrist bands on a nail designated with their sail number before launching and retrieving it upon return, for each Discipline racing session.
- 18.2. Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the Beach Captain or race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3. Any boat that has checked in on the water per SI 8, and then withdraws before finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office by telephone: 281-471-1255, or VHF channel to be announced at competitor's briefing.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

## Upper Galveston Bay



## ATTACHMENT B – COURSE DIAGRAM

### COURSE 2 (2 legs): START-1-1A-FINISH (downwind)

**COURSE 4 (4 legs): START-1-1A-2G-1-1A FINISH (downwind)**

**COURSE 6 (6 legs): START-1-1A-2G-1-1A-2G-1-1A-FINISH (downwind)**

