

HYC Turkey Day Regatta

November 20, 2021

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Amendment #1 Amended Sections 4, 6, and 13

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Galveston Bay PHRF Guidelines.
- 1.2 The J/24 class shall use the Scoring Penalty. See RRS 44.3.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the HYC Race Information board ("Official Notice Board") located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC offices. As a courtesy, Notices to Competitors may be communicated to competitors via the email address provided at registration or on-line at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23490>.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect. Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 As a courtesy, all changes to race documents may be communicated to competitors via the email address provided at registration and online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23490>. If no email address was provided by the competitors at registration, it is up to the competitor to check the Official Notice Board.

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" under the "Race Signals" AP section (RRS).
 - 4.2.1 When flag AP over "1" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Dinghy Line.
 - 4.3.2 When flag AP over "2" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Pursuit Line.
 - 4.3.3 When flag AP over "3" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Ensign/J24/J105 Line.
 - 4.3.4 If no Numeral Pennant is displayed, the signal pertains to all lines. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race will be sailed according to the schedule in the Notice of Race.

Friday	Nov. 19, 2021	1900 Hrs.	Competitors' Briefing at HYC
Saturday	Nov. 20, 2021	1000 Hrs.	Dinghy Line Competitors' Briefing at HYC

			Beachcomber
		1100 Hrs	Scratch Start Time (Starting Signal for Pursuit Line) First Warning Signal for all other lines.
			Awards Ceremony approx. 2 hrs. after the last <u>Race Committee Boat</u> enters the HYC harbor. In the event of a protest, the class(es) of the protesting party(ies) may receive awards after the protest hearing. Results for the remaining classes may not wait for the protest results.

6. CLASS FLAGS (Dinghy Line)

O'pen Skiffs Light Blue
Laser (Full Rig) Yellow
Sunfish Pink

CLASS FLAGS (Ensign/J24/J105 Line)

Ensign Ensign Class Flag
J/24 J/24 Class Flag
J/105 J/105 Class Flag

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 All classes will sail around designated marks in the area bounded by the Bayport Ship Channel to the south, Morgan's Point shoreline to the north, the Houston Ship Channel to the east and the La Porte / Shoreacres shoreline to the west. The racing area is shown in **Attachment A**.
- 7.2 Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

7. CHECK IN

- 7.1 Prior to the warning signal for the race, 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. Boats failing to check in will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Dinghy/Ensign Line: No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal boat will display a numeral pennant indicating the number of legs to be sailed. All marks shall be rounded leaving the mark to port. **See Attachment B**.
- 8.2 Pursuit Line: Courses for the Pursuit Line will be a 7nm triangle, sailed counterclockwise. One leg shall be repeated. No later than the Scratch Start Time, the race committee will select the leg that is "most" windward/leeward and designate that leg to be repeated by flying a numeric flag (1 – 3). **See Attachment C**.
 - 8.2.1 Marks will be the Judges Stand, the High Range mark, and a floating tetrahedron.
 - 8.2.2 The dropped mark for the Pursuit line will be an orange tetrahedron located at:
N29.38.750
W94.59.310
- 8.3 The Pursuit line shall start per each boat's handicap at times as listed in **Appendix D**.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 For the Pursuit Course, marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 For the Dinghy and Ensign Courses, marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

10.1 Dinghy/Ensign Lines:

10.1.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.1.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.2 Pursuit Line:

10.2.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.2.2 The Scratch Start Time (starting signal) is the display of the orange line flag. This modifies RRS 26.

10.2.3 This is a pursuit race with GPS start times for each boat based on its PHRF rating following the 1100 hour starting signal. The actual start times for all competitors are listed in **Attachment D**. This modifies RRS 26.

10.3 The Race Committee may elect to trail a line (not to exceed 30') attached to a floating object behind the Race Committee boat or elect to attach a buoy to the boat's anchor marking the anchor and the anchor rode (of up to approximately 50'). The floating object and its line shall be part of the Race Committee boat and hitting the floating object or running over the line shall be treated as hitting the Race Committee boat.

11. RECALLS

11.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

11.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. The Race Committee may use VHF radios or loud hailer.

11.3 The failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 Pursuit Line:

GPS time governs. All boats will be responsible for determining their exact start time, and no start times will be announced or signaled from the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee will monitor start times of each boat. Any OCS boats have the option of returning to the start line and restarting, or shall take the penalty as shown in the table below. The penalty will be assessed at scoring. This changes RRS 29.1 and Appendix A.

0 to 10 seconds early	Penalty of 30 seconds
10 to 30 seconds early	Penalty of 1 minute
30 to 1 min. early	Penalty of 3 minutes
1 min to 2 min. early	Penalty of 10 minutes
More than 2 min. early	Did Not Start

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark. The Race Committee will record the order of finish.

13. TIME LIMITS

LINE	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Dinghy/Ensign Line	60 minutes	20 minutes
Pursuit	210 minutes	30 minutes

13.1 Boats failing to finish the "Finishing Window" after the first boat in its class starts, sails the course, and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The points awarded for boats scored

DNF will be equal to the number of boats starting the race plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13.3 Failure to meet any time limit(s) in this SI #13 will NOT be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.4 If no boat in a class has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race for that boat class shall be abandoned.

14. PENALTIES

14.1 See SI 1.2.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. 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.

15.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening 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 for the racing line involved. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS Appendix S13.2.

15.3. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved, will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than **thirty (30)** minutes after the protest time period. As a courtesy, competitors may be notified of the protest hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses by telephone or text at the telephone number provided by the competitor at registration.

15.4. 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 at the redress hearing will be satisfied by a sign-up sheet at the official protest table located at the HYC clubhouse lobby. No more than one person per boat may attend. **No request for reopening a hearing will be accepted after 6 p.m. November 20, 2021.** This changes RRS Appendix S13.1 and RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.

16.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY

17.1 Any boat that has checked in, 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**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a score of Did Not Finish.

17.2 Boats shall not discharge trash into the water.

17.3 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for any damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 Except in an emergency that threatens the safety or life and/or property, or to announce withdrawal from the race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions on **VHF Channel 68** and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor **VHF Channel 68** and may use VHF radio to hail premature starters and the abandonment of races.

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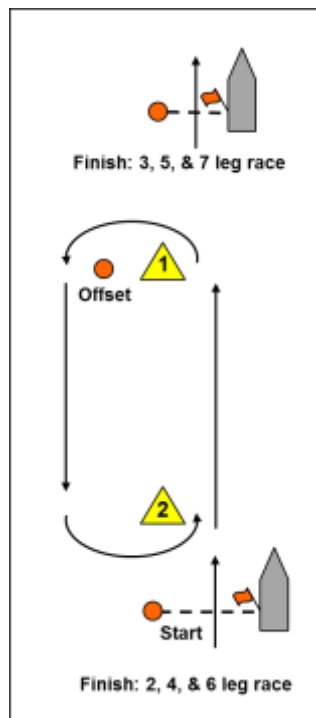
ATTACHMENT A

RACING AREA



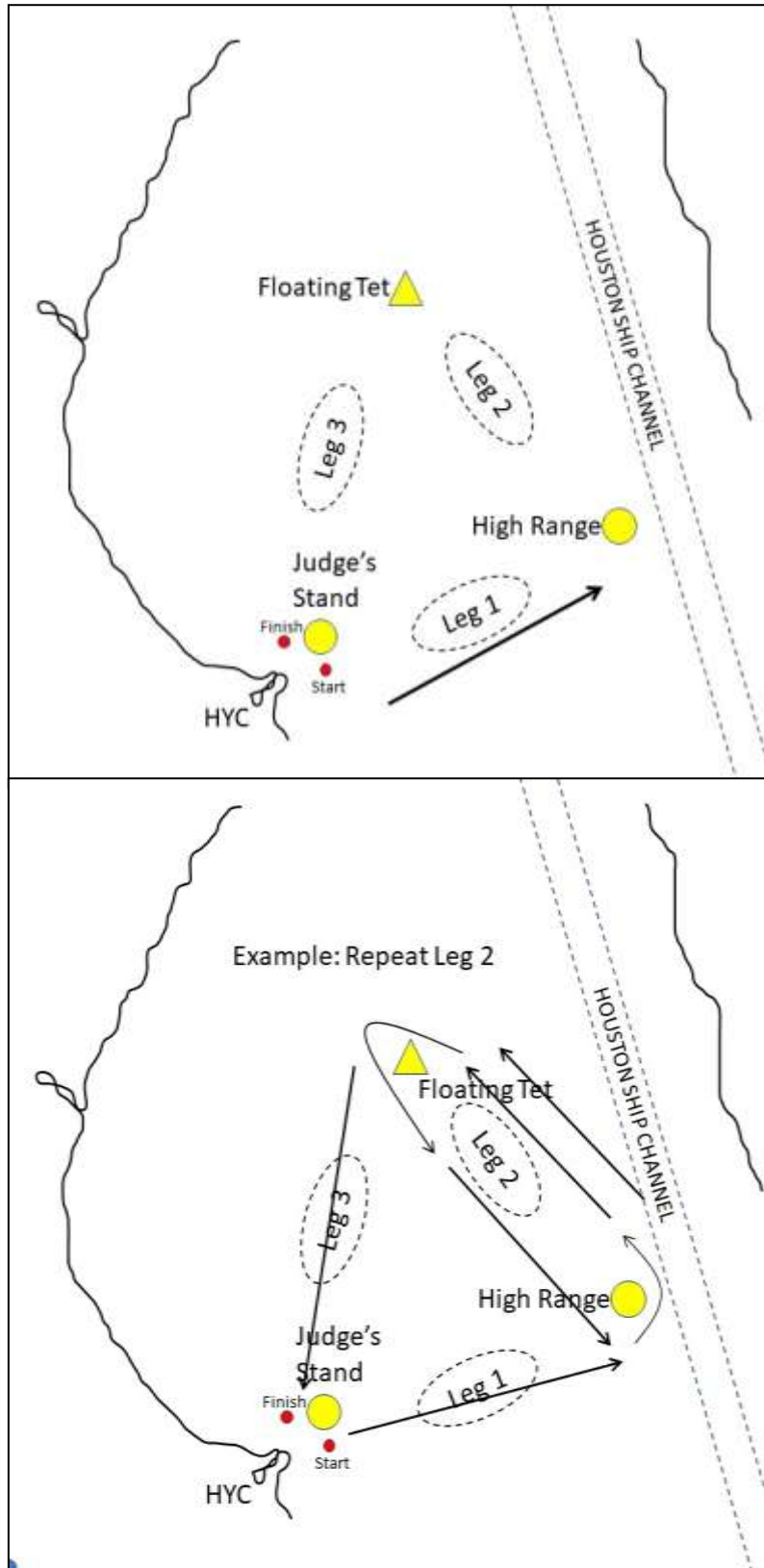
ATTACHMENT B

DINGHY/ENSIGN WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE



ATTACHMENT C

PURSUIT LINE COURSE DIAGRAMS



ATTACHMENT D
PURSUIT COURSE START TIMES