



Armadillo Cup Regatta A-Class Catamaran April 2-3, 2022 **NOTICE OF RACE**

This Notice of Race (NOR) is dated January 27, 2022
HOUSTON YACHT CLUB
3620 Miramar Dr.
Shoreacres, TX 77571

The organizing authority is the Houston Yacht Club in conjunction with the US A-Class Catamaran Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 and the applicable class rules.
- 2.2. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 3.1. The regatta is open to foiling and classic boats of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA).
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.3. All United States (US) competitors shall be fully paid members of the U.S. A-Class Catamaran Association (USACA).
- 3.4. Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic Discipline.
- 3.5. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 3.5.1. Completed waivers and releases including:
 - Liability Release
 - In the case of a competitor under the age of 18 years of age, a completed and Medical Authorization signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.
- 3.6. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
- 3.7. Competitors may register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23934>
- 3.8. No entries will be accepted after midnight, Friday April 1st.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be \$65 per boat if paid by midnight March 15th. The entry fee shall be \$85 per boat if paid after March 15th.
- 4.2. Extra dinner tickets may be purchased for \$25, payable at the club.
- 4.3. Eligible entries must be received and paid for at registration either on site or via Regatta Network.

5. SCHEDULE

The Racing and Social Calendar for the regatta is as follows.

5.1 Five races are planned for the regatta

5.2 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.

Saturday, April 2:

- o Registration and payment - 0830-1000
- o 1030 Skipper's meeting at the Beachcomber
- o First Race first warning 1230.
- o Time TBA – Boiled Crawfish dinner and beer after racing at the Beachcomber.

Sunday, April 3:

- o First race first warning 1100.
- o No warning signal after 1400.
- o Awards Ceremony after racing completed.

6. VENUE

Racing will be in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgans Point on the north, the Houston Ship Channel on the east, the Bayport Ship Channel on the south and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline on the west.

7. MEASUREMENT

Competitors are responsible for making sure their boat complies with the Class Rules. Measuring of boats will occur only at the direction of the Organizing Authority or the protest committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at Regatta Network no later than March 31, 2022.

9. COURSES

The courses will be W/L as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. A minimum of one race will constitute a series.

10.2. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply except that, when 5 races have been completed a boat's worst score will be discarded.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top competitors overall in each discipline. The number of prizes will be based on the number of entrants.

12. PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

Participation in this regatta implies that consent by each competitor is given to the organizing authority and their sponsors to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and other reproductions of the athlete during the event without compensation.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Houston Yacht Club, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. SUPPORT BOAT/PERSONNEL

- 14.1. Support/coach/non-race committee spectator boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at the time of competitor registration Saturday April 2 0830-1000.
- 14.2. Support boats shall notify the Principal Race Officer of their intention to be on the course, and shall obey local legislation and the instructions of race committee/OA at all times. Rules governing the conduct of all support persons or boats will be in accordance with RRS 4, 60.3 (d) and 64.5.

15. LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Boat and trailer storage after the regatta is available on HYC grounds for competitors intending to race in the Admiral's Cup Regatta and the World Championship. Please make arrangements with Harbor Manager Philip Meeker at harbormanager@houstonyachtclub.com

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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