

Houston Yacht Club 2022 Reggae Regatta August 27-28, 2022

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, TX

PURSUIT LINE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preamble The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the official Notice of Race (NOR) and these sailing instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. In case of conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3. Competitors are reminded to review RRS 3: Decision to Race and the Rules of Part 2: When Boats Meet.
- 1.4. Prior to the starting time for each race, all boats shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC signal boat displaying Code Flag "L" either by passing close astern on starboard tack and hailing her sail number or by announcing it over the VHF radio.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. The race committee (RC) may, at its discretion, change the SIs on the water as follows:
 - 2.2.1. Changes will be communicated after Code Flag "L" is raised before the warning signal for the first race to which the change in SIs apply.
 - 2.2.2. This change will be communicated by VHF.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board "Notice Information Board" located in the breezeway at HYC adjacent to the HYC Offices.
- 3.2. The race office is located at 3620 Miramar, Shoreacres, TX 77571, 281-471-1255.
- 3.3. On the water, The Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the HYC lawn.
- 5.2. When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the NOR, unless changes are made as defined in 3.1 and 3.3 of these SIs.
- 6.2. All times are GPS times.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the first race is 1300 hrs.
- 6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, multiple horn sounds will be made at least five minutes before the orange flag is displayed.
- 6.5. All start times offsets are calculated using the PHRF handicap system.
- 6.6. Start times for each competitor are listed in Attachment 4.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flag for all boats is the ORANGE flag.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 8.2. Racing on day 1 will be south of the Bayport Ship Channel. Racing on day 2 will be north of the Bayport Ship Channel.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The courses are shown in Attachment 2. This lists the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left and the exact course distance in nautical miles.
- 9.2. The RC signal boat will signal the course number with a number pennant or on a dry erase board, or both, no later than the warning signal for that race.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All rounding marks are either navigation markers in the Bay or floating YELLOW tetrahedrons. The start and finish pin will be a floating object.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The Houston Ship Channel and Bayport Ship Channels are obstructions.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The ORANGE start signal flag will be raised with one horn sound at the start time 0:00 (scratch time). All racers will start pursuit-style at the start times as shown in Attachment 1. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Signal boat and a floating shape.
- 12.3. Boats that are not about to start within several minutes shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her start time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. 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).
- 13.4. Code flag X will be displayed for a short period of time, and such length of time shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee, for the Pursuit Line. This changes RRS 29. The length of time that Code flag X is displayed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.5. Pursuit Line start times are GPS time, which 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. OCS boats have the option of returning to the start line and restarting or shall take the penalty as shown in Attachment 3. The penalty will be assessed at scoring. This changes RRS 29.1 and Appendix A.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finish line will be between a blue flag on a RC boat on the starboard end of the line and the course side of a floating shape on the port end of the line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. A boat that has taken Penalty Turns shall notify the RC via VHF at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall also inform the RC of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1. The time limit is 240 minutes from the start time as defined in 5.3.

16.2. Any boats which have not finished within the time limit will be scored TLE.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 61.1. The protesting boat shall also notify the RC and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.

17.2. Protest forms are available at the HYC Office.

17.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat enters the HYC Harbor. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.4. The times and locations of the protest hearings along with the names of the involved parties will be posted on the official notice board. As a courtesy, parties providing cellular numbers may be notified of the hearing via text or a call.

17.5. Protest hearings may be virtual.

17.6. Competitors are required to provide their own equipment in order to participate in a virtual protest hearing.

18. SCORING

18.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used.

18.2. One completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

18.3. No scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP] A boat that has checked in and then retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF at the first reasonable opportunity. If this is not possible, notify the HYC office by telephone at 281-471-1255.

20. RISK STATEMENT

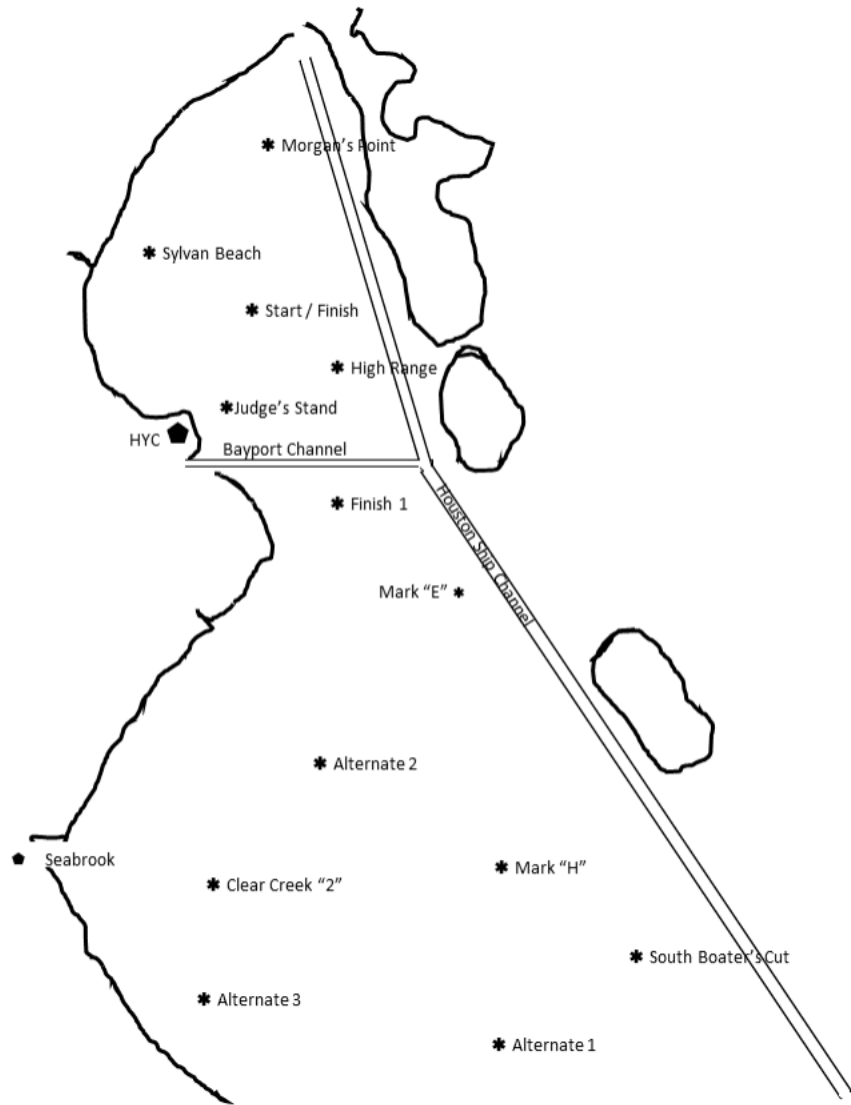
20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and 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.**

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance.

ATTACHMENT 1

Schematic of Galveston Bay



Attachment 2 Course Options

COURSE 1: 9.3 NM										
Leg	START: Located close to Clear Creek Channel marker #2					NM	Bearin g	Leave mark to..		
	Lat	Long	Between		Lat				Long	
1	29° 33.162'N	94° 59.551'W	Clear Creek 2	and	Alternate 3	29° 32.114'N	94° 59.576'W	1.0	180°	Port
2	29° 32.114'N	94° 59.576'W	Alternate 3	and	Mark H	29° 33.300'N	94° 56.500'W	3.0	66°	Port
3	29° 33.300'N	94° 56.500'W	Mark H	and	Alternate 2	29° 34.219'N	94° 58.390'W	1.9	300°	Starbd
4	29° 34.219'N	94° 58.390'W	Alternate 2	and	Mark E	29° 35.800'N	94° 56.900'W	2.0	40°	Port
5	29° 35.800'N	94° 56.900'W	Mark E	and	Finish 1	29° 36.585'N	94° 58.210'W	1.4	305°	NA
Finish 1 is just South of the Bayport Channel								9.3		

COURSE 2: 9.4 NM										
Leg	START: Located close to Clear Creek Channel marker #2					NM	Bearing	Leave mark to..		
	Lat	Long	Between		Lat				Long	
1	29° 33.162'N	94° 59.551'W	Clear Creek 2	and	Alternate 1	29° 31.670'N	94° 56.518'W	3.0	120°	Port
2	29° 31.670'N	94° 56.518'W	Alternate 1	and	Alternate 2	29° 34.219'N	94° 58.390'W	3.0	328°	Starbrd
3	29° 34.219'N	94° 58.390'W	Alternate 2	and	Mark E	29° 35.800'N	94° 56.900'W	2.0	40°	Port
4	29° 35.800'N	94° 56.900'W	Mark E	and	Finish 1	29° 36.585'N	94° 58.210'W	1.4	305°	NA
Finish 1 is just South of the Bayport Channel								9.4		

COURSE 3: 8.0 NM										
Leg	START/FINISH: Located in center of upper Bay 1.0 nm from the Judge's Stand					NM	Bearing	Leave mark to..		
	Lat	Long	Between		Lat				Long	
1	29° 38.362'N	94° 59.476'W	Start / Finish	and	Judge's Stand	29° 37.367'N	94° 59.726'W	1.0	190°	Port
2	29° 37.367'N	94° 59.726'W	Judge's Stand	and	High Range	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	1.4	070°	Port
3	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	High Range	and	Morgan's Point	29° 39.833'N	94° 58.919'W	2.1	340°	Port
4	29° 39.833'N	94° 58.919'W	Morgan's Point	and	Judge's Stand	29° 37.367'N	94° 59.726'W	2.5	195°	Port
5	29° 37.367'N	94° 59.726'W	Judge's Stand	and	Start / Finish	29° 38.362'N	94° 59.476'W	1.0	10°	NA
Total NM:								8.0		

COURSE 4: 7.5 NM										
Leg	START/FINISH: Located in center of upper Bay 1.0 nm from the Judge's Stand					NM	Bearing	Leave mark to..		
	Lat	Long	Between		Lat				Long	
1	29° 38.362'N	94° 59.476'W	Start / Finish	and	High Range	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	1.0	125°	Port
2	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	High Range	and	Sylvan Beach	29° 38.839'N	95° 00.114'W	2.0	300°	Starbrd
3	29° 38.839'N	95° 00.114'W	Sylvan Beach	and	Morgan's Point	29° 39.833'N	94° 58.919'W	1.4	045°	Starbrd
4	29° 39.833'N	94° 58.919'W	Morgan's Point	and	High Range	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	2.1	160°	Starbrd
5	29° 37.790'N	94° 58.214'W	High Range	and	Start / Finish	29° 38.362'N	94° 59.476'W	1.0	305°	NA
Total NM:								7.5		

Attachment 3

Early Start Penalty Option

Early Interval	Penalty*
0-9 sec	30 sec
10-29 sec	1 min
30-59 sec	3 min
1:00 – 1:59 min	5 min
2:00 – 5:00 min	10 min
>5 min	DNS
	*Time added to the finish time

