



2022 HYC James T. Liston Turkey Day Regatta November 19-20, 2022

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Dinghy and Windward/Leeward Lines

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 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/25433.

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/25433. 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.
 - 4.2.2. When flag AP over "2" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Distance Line.
 - 4.2.3. When flag AP over "3" pennant is displayed, the signal applies to the Windward/Leeward Line.
 - 4.2.4.If no Numeral Pennant is displayed, the signal pertains to all lines. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. **SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 19	11:00 a.m.	Warning Signal for the first race. Up to three races are planned for the Windward/Leeward line. Up to four races are planned for the Dinghy Line.
Sunday, November 20	10:00 a.m.	Warning Signal for the first race. Up to three races are planned for the Windward/Leeward line. Up to four races are planned for the Dinghy Line No warning signal shall be made after 3:00 p.m.
	Sunday after racing completed	Awards ceremony approximately 2 hours after the last race Committee Boat 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.
		Regatta Turkey Social

6. CLASS FLAGS and stating order for the 1st race each day (Dinghy Line)

Sunfish Pink

CLASS FLAGS and starting order for the 1st race each day (W/L Line)

Ensign Light Blue J/22 Green J/24 Yellow

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 ILLUSTRATION A-RACE AREA.
- 7.2. Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

8. CHECK IN

8.1. Prior to the warning signal on each day of racing, 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.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. 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 **ILLUSTRATION B – COURSE DIAGRAM**.

10. **MARKS**

- 10.1. The Dinghy Line
 - 10.1.1. All marks will be ORANGE BALLS.
 - 10.1.2. The start/finish line pin is a floating shape.
- 10.2. The Windward/Leeward Line
 - 10.2.1. Original marks will be YELLOW tetrahedrons
 - 10.2.2. The windward mark will include an offset.
 - 10.2.3. New marks as provided in instruction 11.2 will be ORANGE tetrahedrons.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1. <u>The Dinghy Line</u> Marks may be relocated to square the course. No change will be signaled. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2. The Windward/Leeward Line To change the next leg of the course, a mark boat will lay a new mark (described in Section 10.2) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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.

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).

14. THE FINISH

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

15. **TIME LIMITS**

LINE	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Dinghy	40 minutes	10 minutes
Windward/Leeward	60 minutes	20 minutes

15.1. 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.

- 15.2. Failure to meet any time limit(s) will NOT be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.3. If no boat in a class has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race for that boat class shall be abandoned.

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 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.
- 16.3. 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.
- 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 at the redress hearing will be satisfied by a signup 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, 2022.** This changes RRS Appendix S13.1 and RRS 62.2.

17. **SCORING**

- 17.1. Scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 17.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

18. SAFETY

- 18.1. 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 (DNF).
- 18.2. Boats shall not discharge trash into the water.
- 19. **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.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1. 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 the VHF Channel for their line and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 20.2. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF Channel 68 for the Dinghy Line, VHF Channel 69 for the Windward/Leeward, and VHF Channel 72 for Distance line; and may use VHF radio to hail premature starters and the abandonment of races.

ILLUSTRATION A

RACING AREA

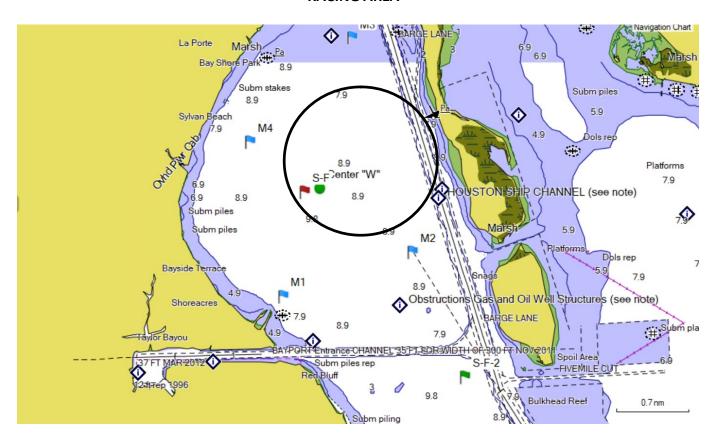


ILLUSTRATION B

COURSE DIAGRAM

