



2023 HYC Midwinter Regatta

February 24-26, 2023

The Houston Yacht Club
3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

(281) 471-1255

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. If a One-Design class forms for a specific one-design fleet, the class rules for that one-design fleet will apply, except as noted herein.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/25783#_docs prior to the deadline to register.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office. Notices may also be posted at www.regattanetwork.com/event/25783#_newsroom if time permits.
- 3.2. [DP] All keel boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all keel, multihull, and centerboard dinghy boats, and all Clubs.
- 4.2. A minimum of three (3) boats will constitute a class. At the discretion of the *Race Committee*, a class may be formed for two (2) boats.
- 4.3. A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form a class and may be assigned to another class, or an entry fee refund may be requested.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25783#_home and using the online entry form. All registrations must be made online.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay required fees by the registration entry deadline.

5. FEES & REGISTRATION

Registration Type	Standard Registration	Late Registration
All Keel Boats	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
Centerboards & Dinghies	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
US Sailing Membership	\$ - 5.00 (Discount)	\$ - 5.00 (Discount)

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6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Event Schedule:

Friday, February 24, 2023	
1700	Deadline for Standard Registration
1900	Competitor's Briefing at HYC Clubhouse

Saturday, February 25, 2023	
0900	Deadline for Late Registration
1100	First Warning Signal, all courses
Post-Race	Clam Chowder & Gumbo for competitors at the Beachcomber. Beer donated by J-24 Fleet 5 for competitors over 21.

Other beverages will be available for purchase. Non-members will need to present an HYC Guest Card for purchases. Guest cards are available at the HYC front office.

Sunday, February 26, 2023	
1000	First Warning Signal, all courses
1430	No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours.
Post-Race	Awards presentation post-race at the HYC clubhouse approximately 1½ hours after the Race Committee enters the HYC harbor. Results may be delayed by pending protests.

6.2. Number of Races:

Classes	Total Races	Races Per Day Scheduled	Races Per Day Maximum
Centerboards, Dinghies	10 races	5	6
One-Design classes	8 races	4	5
PHRF, Spinnaker	6 races	3	4
PHRF, Non-Spinnaker	5 races	3 Sat. / 2 Sun.	3
ORC	5 races	3 Sat. / 2 Sun.	3

7. VENUE

All races will be held on Upper Galveston Bay adjacent to the Houston Yacht Club in the recreational areas either north or south of the Bayport Shipping Channel and bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the east.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1. The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. **One-Design** classes will race Windward/Leeward courses, described in Appendix S of the RRS as courses **L, LA, W, and WA**. Each race is expected to be approximately 45-60 minutes in duration.
- 8.3. **ORC and PHRF** classes will race longer distance courses described in Appendix S of the RRS as courses **TL and TW**. Each race is expected to be approximately 60-90 minutes in duration.
- 8.4. The mark colors and shapes will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 9.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 9.3. One (1) score will be excluded for each class which has completed five (5) races or more.

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10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. [NP] Yachts racing in one-design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.
- 10.2. [NP] Each boat **not** racing in one-design shall produce or verify the existence of a valid 2023 rating certificate from either:
 - a. The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB),
 - b. The Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), or
 - c. The Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA).
- 10.3. [NP] There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

11. BERTHING

Competitors are welcome to leave their boats at HYC for the week before and the week after the regatta at no charge. However, upon arrival all boat owners must complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number. For slip availability and further information, please contact the HYC Harbor Manager at harbormanager@houstonyachtclub.com, or on VHF Channel 68, or at (281) 471-1255.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. INSURANCE

[NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the conclusion of the regatta, as follows:

Boats per Class	Number of Awards
1 – 3 boats	1 st Place Award
4 boats	1 st and 2 nd Place Awards
5 – 6 boats	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Place Awards
7 or more boats	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th Place Awards

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, or to contact club operations, please feel free to reach out to:

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