



2023 Battleship Texas Regatta

May 5-7, 2023

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

(281) 471-1255



NOTICE OF RACE AS AMENDED AND RESTATED April 30, 2023

Amended changes below are highlighted in yellow.

Invitation HYC is excited to invite everyone to this inaugural fundraising event in support of the Battleship Texas Foundation in their effort to restore the BB-35, USS Texas, which has been an active museum ship since April 21st, 1948. The Foundation is a fully compliant 501(C)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to developing the historic ship into a premier hands-on museum and visitor attraction.

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/25816#_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/25816#_newsroom when 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/25816> 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.

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5. FEES & REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry Fees

Registration Type	Early	Standard	Late
All Keel Boats	\$ 105.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00
Dinghies / Centerboards	\$ 55.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
US Sailing Membership	\$ - 5.00 (Discount)	\$ - 5.00 (Discount)	\$ - 5.00 (Discount)

5.2 Registration Details:

- a. Keel boat registrations include two (2) Saturday evening dinner tickets.
- b. Dinghy registrations include one (1) Saturday evening dinner ticket.

5.3 Other Fees:

- a. Additional Regatta Dinner Tickets are available for \$45.00 each.
- b. Regatta Shirts and hats are also available. See storefront for individual prices.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Event Schedule . . .

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

2400 Deadline for *Early* Registration. \$20.00 *Early Bird* Discount ends at midnight.

Sunday, April 30th, 2023

2400 Deadline for *Standard* Registration. \$25.00 *Late Fee* begins at midnight.

Friday, May 5th, 2023

1700 - 1900 Check-in & Late Registration, HYC Clubhouse Ballroom
1900 Competitor's Briefing, HYC Clubhouse Ballroom

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

0900 Deadline for *Late* Registration. Registration is **CLOSED**.

1100 First Warning Signal, All Classes

Post-Race Happy Hour, featuring live music from *Bayou Sounds* and Crawfish. Beer is also available for competitors over 21, donated by J/24 Fleet 5. Other beverages will be available for purchase with a valid HYC Guest Card or HYC membership. Guest cards are available at the HYC front office.

1830 Regatta Dinner: Prime Rib
Fundraising Silent & Live Auctions

Sunday, May 7th, 2023

1000 First Warning Signal, All Classes

1430 No Warning Signal after 2:30 PM, All Classes

Post-Race Awards presentation at the HYC Clubhouse Ballroom, approximately 1½ hours after the Race Committee enters the HYC harbor. Drain the kegs, Results may be delayed by pending protests.

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6.2 Number of Races:

Classes	Regatta	Races per Day	
	Total Races	Scheduled	Maximum
Centerboards & Dinghies	10 Races	5 Races	6 Races
One Design classes	8 Races	4 Races	5 Races
PHRF, Spinnaker	6 Races	3 Races	4 Races
PHRF, Non-Spinnaker	5 Races	3, (2 Sun.)	3 Races
ORC	5 Races	3, (2 Sun.)	3 Races

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 [NP] Yachts racing in one-design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.
- 7.2 [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).
- 7.3 [NP] There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

8. VENUE

Races will be held on Upper Galveston Bay in the recreational areas either north of the Bayport Shipping Channel for the windward/leeward courses or south of "Red Bluff Point" (29° 36' N, 94° 59' W) for the longer course. All racecourses are bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the east.

9. COURSES & MARKS

- 9.1 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 **One-Design, ORC, and PHRF Spinnaker** classes will race Windward/Leeward courses. Each race is expected to be approximately 45-60 minutes in duration.
- 9.3 **PHRF Non-Spinnaker and Multihull** classes will race longer distance courses. Each race is expected to be approximately 60-90 minutes in duration.
- 9.4 **Dinghies** (such as Sunfish, Lasers, and Optis) will race separate windward/Leeward courses.
- 9.5 The mark colors and shapes will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 One (1) score will be excluded for any class completing five (5) or more races.

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.

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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

- 14.1 The *Battleship Texas Perpetual Trophy* will be awarded to the winner of the largest registered class.
- 14.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the regatta, as follows:

Boats per Class	Number of Awards
1 – 3 boats	1 st Place Awarded
4 boats	1 st and 2 Place Awarded
5 – 6 boats	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Place Awarded
7 – 8 boats	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th Place Awarded

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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