



## 2023 Spring Series

March 25, April 1, & April 29, 2023

### The Houston Yacht Club

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## 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 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/25974# docs](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25974# 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/25974# newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25974# 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, who are members of the Houston Yacht Club and their guests.
- 4.2 A minimum of two (2) boats will constitute a class.
- 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.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25974> 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 by the registration entry deadline.

### 5. FEES & REGISTRATION

There are no entry fees. This is a free event.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There will 2 - 3 races per race day, for a total of 6 - 9 races for the series.

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- 6.2 Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- a. 1200 Competitor's Briefing HYC Beachcomber Pavilion
  - b. 1300 First Warning Signal
  - c. 1530 No Warning Signal after 1530 hrs.
- 6.3 Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- a. 1200 Competitor's Briefing HYC Beachcomber Pavilion
  - b. 1300 First Warning Signal
  - c. 1530 No Warning Signal after 1530 hrs.
- 6.4 Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- a. 1200 Competitor's Briefing HYC Beachcomber Pavilion
  - b. 1300 First Warning Signal
  - c. 1530 No Warning Signal after 1530 hrs.

### 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

### 8. VENUE

Races will be held on Upper Galveston Bay in the recreational area North of the Bayport Shipping Channel and bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the East.

### 9. COURSES & MARKS

- 9.1 Racecourses will be windward/leeward for all classes except PHRF Non-Spinnaker.
- 9.2 Racecourses for **PHRF Classes** will be windward/leeward with a rounding mark leeward of the start/finish line.
- 9.3 The start/finish line is an obstruction for the **PHRF Classes**, except when starting or finishing.
- 9.4 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 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 series.
- 10.3 One (1) score will be excluded for any class completing six (6) or more races during the series.

### 11. 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.

### 12. 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.

### 13. PRIZES

Trophies for the series will be awarded on the last day of racing.

### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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