

2023 Houston Open One Design (HOOD) Regatta

Ensign Region IV Championship

J/24 Beasley Cup

J/22 Heritage Cup

September 15 - 17, 2023

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

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NOTICE OF RACE AS AMENDED 09/10/2023

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 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 **DELETED.**

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all keel, multihull, and centerboard dinghy boats, and all Clubs.
- 2.2 A minimum of three (3) boats of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.3 Potential fleets include A-Cat, C-22, Ensign, ILCA, J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/105, Lightning, Melges-15, Open Skiff, Opti, RS Aero, Sonar, Sunfish, VX Evo, VX One, & Viper 640.
- 2.4 Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the entry form should register as "Generic One-Design: and contact the Event Chair, tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com.
- 2.5 A class of fewer than the required number of entries shall be entered in the PHRF-Spinnaker class.
- 2.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at regattanetwork.com/event/26133 and using the online entry form. All registrations must be made online.
- 2.7 To be considered an entry in the event, an entrant shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required fees prior to the registration entry deadline.

3. FEES & DISCOUNTS

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| 3.1 | Ensign Regional Entry Fee, includes two dinners and one T-shirt: | \$ 150 |
| 3.2 | Keel Boat Entry Fee, includes: two dinners and one T-shirt: | \$ 125 |
| 3.3 | Centerboard Entry Fee (Dinghies), includes one dinner and one T-shirt: | \$ 100 |
| 3.4 | Additional late registration after Sep. 10th, 7:00 pm: | \$ 25 |
| 3.5 | Early Entry Discount for entries received before Aug. 14 th : | - \$ 10 |
| 3.6 | US Sailing Member Discount: | - \$ 5 |
| 3.7 | Youth Sailing Discount for sailors under age 18: | - \$ 20 |
| 3.8 | Other items available for purchase, | |
| | a. Regatta Banquet Fajita Dinner Tickets: | \$ 27 ea. |
| | b. Regatta Short Sleeve SPF T-Shirts: | \$ 20 ea. |
| | c. Regatta SPF Golf (Polo) Shirts: | \$ 25 ea. |

See the online storefront for photos and additional purchases.

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4. SCHEDULE

4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Sep. 10

1900 Entry Deadline: Entry Fee must be fully paid to avoid the late fee.

Thursday, Sept. 14

1300 Cranes open, assistance available for visiting boats.

1700 - 1915 **Ensign Check-in.** All Ensign competitors *must* check in at registration desk.

1900 **Late Entry Deadline. All entry fees must be paid by 7:15 pm.**

1915 Competitor's Briefing for the *Ensign Region IV Championship*.

Friday, Sept. 15

0900 Crane open, assistance available for visiting boats.

1100 First Warning Signal, *Ensign Region IV Championship*.

1700 - 1915 **Check-in.** All competitors other than Ensigns must check in at registration desk.

1915 Competitor's Briefing for **all** keel boat lines (including Ensigns), in the Ballroom. Club Dining & Buffet available to all visitors with guest card. Guest cards may be obtained at the HYC Front Desk.

Saturday, Sept. 16

0900 Competitor's Briefing for Dinghy line, at the Beachcomber.

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

1700 - 1800 **Cocktail Party** at pool pavilion featuring complimentary **Mount Gay Rum** drinks.

1830 Regatta Banquet and musical entertainment in the Ballroom. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase at Check-in.

Sunday, Sept. 17

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

TBA Awards presentation, post racing.

4.2 Ensign Region IV Championship:

- a. Nine (9) races are scheduled over three (3) consecutive days.
- b. No more than four (4) races will be sailed per day.

4.3 Keel boats (other than Ensigns):

- a. Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.
- b. No more than four (4) races will be sailed per day.

4.4 Centerboards (Dingies):

- a. Seven (7) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.
- b. No more than five (5) races will be sailed per day.

4.5 No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hrs. on the last day of racing.

5. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

5.1 [NP] Yachts racing in one-design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

5.2 [NP] Yachts not racing in one-design shall produce a valid 2023 rating certificate from *The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB)*, the ORC, or TOMA.

5.3 [DP] There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

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6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at regattanetwork.com/event/26133 prior to Sep. 13th.
- 6.2 Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the **Competitor's Check-in Table**. Thereafter, copies will be available at the HYC Club Office.

7. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the areas bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the east, and either north of the Bayport Shipping Channel in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club, or south of "Red Bluff Point" (29° 36' N, 94° 59' W).
- 8.2 There will be up to three racecourses. A dinghy course, a keelboat course for similar sized classes, and a third course located south of Red Bluff Point for the J/105 and PHRF-Spin classes.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 All classes will race a windward / leeward course around floating marks.
- 9.2 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3 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 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 No score will be excluded from a boat's regatta score, this modifies RRS A2.1.

11. BERTHING

Competitors may 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

Regatta Racing Trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries per class at 7:00 PM on Sep. 10, 2023. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. Ensign Class only

The "Ensign Regional NOR Addendum" is available at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/26133#_docs.

16. J/24 Class only

The "J/24 Texas Circuit NOR Addendum" is available at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/26133#_docs.

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17. J/22 Class only

The "J/22 NOR Addendum" is available at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/26133#_docs.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Event Chair, Tim Johnson tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com.

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