

# THE 2023 REACH DOWN THE BEACH

## NEWS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE

1. Will HYC run this event? All we need to run this event is two boats racing... Now, the weather is another matter. In the 12-year history of the event we have abandoned only once. Three years ago, our weather provider (Weather Routing Inc.) called us at 3:00 am to inform us that there were waterspouts in the vicinity of Galveston. We looked out the hotel window and saw... a waterspout. The procedure if we abandon is to call each Skipper individually to inform them of the cancellation. Please be sure we have your current phone number.
2. How many heads for dinner? Several have not responded - please advise – we don't want to run out of food...
3. Update to NOR: This verbiage was added today at the request of Captain Nick Moore who is hosting the Race Committee on his yacht Canis Major. **“(HOWEVER – in the event of heavy chop (which damages stationary motor yachts), we will default to a beach-capture window start and follow our normal courses)”**.
4. Van service and hotels: As we are only 10 boats this year we will only rent one van. We are having difficulty finding a member of the Race Committee who will agree to abstain from excessive libation. Do any of you all have a crew member who would volunteer to drive the van, please? Hours would be 3:30 to 9:00 Friday and Saturday 6 am to 7:30 am. They would be shuttling between the two hotels in Clute and the two marinas in Surfside Beach.
5. Draft Sailing Instructions will be posted this evening.
6. Zoom Weathercast: As you may know – our weather provider is hosting a ZOOM call and weather discussion. These are live human beings, not an algorithm, and all are degreed meteorologists. Below are the details.

Houston Yacht Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Weather Routing & Reach Down the Beach Meeting  
Time: May 11, 2023 01:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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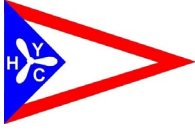
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7. There is a gent looking for a ride this weekend if you are short crew. See Mathias Konig's introduction below.

Hello Bill,  
my name is Matt and I am interesting in crewing on a boat during "Reach Down the Beach Offshore Regatta (TORC)", May 11-13, 2023

I have basic sailing experience (participated in the 2022 HMR and have ASA 106 certification), but really lack experience that goes beyond Galveston Bay. Thus, if you were aware of anyone that was looking for a crew for the TORC, I'd be very interested and would appreciate it if you could put me in contact.

I am a mid-40 engineer working here in HOuston for an O&G operator as an engineer.

Looking forward to hearing back from you,

Best,  
Matthias Koenig