



2024 REVOGNAH REGATTA

Monday January 01, 2024

Houston Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 The regatta is open to all keelboats, all Clubs.

2.2 Classes will be: Handicap Non-Spinnaker and Handicap Spinnaker.

2.3 Competitors to have either a PHRF-GB certificate or a HYC club rating assigned by the Race Committee. (Note: this is a FUN regatta providing an opportunity for friendly competition and sailing to celebrate the start of the New Year)

2.4 Competitors must enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27204> or at the Competitor's briefing at the HYC bar at 11:00. Online entry deadline is Sunday December 31, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any Notices or Changes to SI's will be made orally at the Competitor's Briefing.

4. IDENTIFICATION

Each boat shall comply with the requirements of Appendix G and class rules with respect to class insignia and sail numbers.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Any signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff on the HYC lawn.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" under the "Race Signals" AP section (RRS).

5.3 Signal Flag "N" means the race is abandoned; no racing.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. One race will be sailed.

6.2. Individual start times are distributed at the Competitor's briefing, Attachment A – Starting Times.

6.3 In the event of a postponement, new starting times may be calculated by the race committee and communicated by **VHF radio channel 68** or by voice hail. Competitors are responsible for requesting and verifying this information.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 The starting area will be at the leeward end of the course and the location will be announced at the Competitor's briefing.
- 7.2 The course will be 4 windward/leeward legs (2 laps) S-W-L-W-F, **no offset mark or gate**. Total course length to be shown in Attachment A – Starting Times. (Available at the Competitor's Briefing).
- 7.3 The windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 7.4 The leeward mark will be approximately .05 nm to windward of the start/finish line and is not a part of the course for the 1st and 4th legs.
- 7.5 Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. The Houston Ship Channel shall rank as an obstruction.

8. THE START AND STARTING TIMES

- 8.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby orange floating mark.
- 8.2 The start for each competitor is staggered, based on their handicap rating. See Attachment A – Starting Times.
- 8.3 A boat shall start not later than 10 minutes after her assigned starting time.
- 8.4 All start times are based on Official Time (GPS time). The Race Committee will monitor competitor start times and will attempt to identify OCS boats by hailing either their sail number or yacht name and display of signal flag "X". Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

9. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby orange floating mark, same as the start line. This changes RRS Race Signals.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race is 120 minutes from the scratch start time of the first boat. Any boat finishing after this time will be considered as "did not finish" and will not be scored.

11. SAFETY

Any boat entered and then withdraws before finishing, shall notify the Race Committee by VHF radio channel 68 or, if that is not possible, the HYC office by telephone: 281-471-1255.

12. PENALTIES

A boat that takes a Two-Turns Penalty shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 **This is an informal, fun event. Protests are discouraged.** Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS, but competitors are strongly urged to take penalties on the water.

13.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Information Board (Official Notice Board) located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC offices.

14. SCORING

Finish places will be determined by the order of finish.