



2024 HYC Midwinter Regatta

February 16 - 18, 2023

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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).

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 Melges-15, Open Skiff, Opti, Sunfish, ILCA, Ensign, J/22, J/24, J/105, PHRF Spinnaker, and PHRF Non-Spinnaker.
- 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, park.tupper@gmail.com.
- 2.5 A class of fewer than the required number of entries shall be entered in one of the PHRF classes.
- 2.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/27455 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 | Keel Boat Entry Fee: | \$ 100 |
| 3.2 | Centerboard Entry Fee (Dinghies): | \$ 50 |
| 3.3 | Sunfish (Saturday Feb 17 th only) | \$ 35 |
| 3.4 | Additional late registration after Feb. 15th, 17:00: | \$ 25 |
| 3.5 | US Sailing Member Discount: | \$ 5 |

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 15

1700 Late Fee Deadline: Entry Fee must be fully paid to avoid the late fee.

Friday, Feb. 16

1700 Regatta Network registration closed

1915 Competitor's Briefing for Keel Boat lines, in the Ballroom.

Club Dining & Buffet available to all visitors with guest card. Guest cards may be obtained at the HYC Front Desk.

Saturday, Feb. 17

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

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

Post Race Clam Chowder & Gumbo for competitors at the HYC Beachcomber. Beverages available for purchase. Non-members will need to present an HYC Guest Card for purchases. Guest cards are available at the HYC front office

Sunday, Feb. 18

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

TBA Awards presentation, post racing.

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4.2 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)*.
- 5.3 [DP] There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/27455 prior to Feb. 15th.
- 6.2 Sailing Instructions will be available at the HYC Club Office on Feb 16th.

7. COMMUNICATION

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

8. VENUE

- 8.1 There will be up to three racecourses. The dinghy course and one-design small keel boat course will be set on Upper Galveston Bay in the vicinity of HYC. A longer J/105 and PHRF course will be set south of Red Bluff.

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 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 19:00 on Feb. 05, 2024. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Event Chair, Park Tupper park.tupper@gmail.com.