



# 2024 Battleship Texas Regatta

April 26-28, 2024

## The Houston Yacht Club

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### Invitation:

The Houston Yacht Club invites you to join us for our second annual two-day Battleship Texas Regatta on Galveston Bay. This event will offer a first-class Regatta experience with venues both on and off the water second to none. Regatta Organizers are eager to raise awareness among our sailing community of the ongoing restoration of the Regatta's namesake, the BB-35, USS Texas, which has been an active museum ship since 1948.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted online prior to the deadline to register at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568).

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Regatta Network shall be the official notice board. Notices shall also be posted on the Regatta Network at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568).
- 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 may 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 keelboats with a valid PHRF-GB or ORC rating, multihulls with a valid TOMA rating, and one-design dinghies, and to members of all active yacht and boat clubs and class organizations.
- 4.2 A minimum of three (3) boats will constitute a Class. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a class may be formed for two (2) boats.
- 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 at the discretion of the Race Committee, or an entry fee refund may be requested by the registrant. All registrations must be made online.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online on the Regatta Network website at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27568) using the online entry form.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and must pay required fees by the registration entry deadline.

#### 5. FEES AND REGISTRATION

##### 5.1 Registration Fees:

| Registration Type            | Early Bird | Standard | Late     |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| All Keelboats and Multihulls | \$75.00    | \$90.00  | \$100.00 |
| Dinghies                     | \$35.00    | \$50.00  | \$60.00  |
| Sunfish One Day (Saturday)   | \$35.00    | \$35.00  | \$35.00  |

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- 5.2 US Sailing Members receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 5.3 Registration Details – All registrations include Saturday Post-Race Entertainment with keg beer, Sponsored Rum, and drink tickets valid for the Regatta weekend. All paid Keelboat and Multihull Early and Standard registrations will include two (2) Saturday evening Wells Fargo Advisors Battleship Texas Charity Dinner and Auction tickets and one (1) Wells Fargo Advisors Battleship Texas T-shirt. Dinners and T-shirts are not included with Dinghy registrations.
- 5.4 Other Fees:
  - a. Additional Wells Fargo Advisors Battleship Texas Charity Dinner and Auction tickets are available for \$50.00 each. The cutoff for paid Dinner ticket purchase is Sunday, April 21 concurrent with the paid Standard registration deadline.
  - b. Regatta wares are also available. See Regatta Network Storefront for details.

### 6. SCHEDULE

#### 6.1 Event Schedule

##### **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2400 Deadline for *Early Bird* Registration. Early Bird Discount ends at midnight.

##### **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

2400 Deadline for *Standard* Registration. \$25 late fee applies thereafter. Cutoff for Wells Fargo Advisors Battleship Texas Charity Dinner and Auction ticket purchase.

##### **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2400 Deadline for *Late* Registration. Registration is CLOSED.

##### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1700 - 1900 Check-in at the HYC Clubhouse Ballroom  
 1900 Competitor’s Briefing, HYC Clubhouse Ballroom

##### **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1100 First Warning Signal, all classes.  
 Post-race Saturday Post-race Entertainment, Snacks and Happy Hour at Poolside and the Porthole, with keg beer, Sponsored Rum, and drink tickets valid for the Regatta weekend.  
 1800 Wells Fargo Advisors Battleship Texas Charity Dinner and Auction under the Wells Fargo Advisors Hospitality Tent. Dinner tickets are available until Standard Registration ends at 2400 on April 21.

##### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1000 First Warning Signal, all classes.  
 1430 No Warning Signal after 1430 hours, all Classes.  
 TBA Awards presentation at the HYC Clubhouse Ballroom, approximately 1½ hours after the Race Committee enters the HYC Harbor. Results may be delayed pending protests.

#### 6.2 RC will attempt to run the following number of races:

| Classes                          | Total Races | Races per day Scheduled | Races per day Maximum |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| All Dinghies, except Sunfish     | 10 Races    | 5 Races                 | 6 Races               |
| Sunfish, Saturday only           | 6 Races     | 6 Races                 | 6 Races               |
| All Keel Boat One-Design classes | 8 Races     | 4 Races                 | 5 Races               |
| PHRF Spinnaker                   | 6 Races     | 3 Races                 | 4 Races               |
| PHRF Non-Spinnaker               | 5 Races     | 3 (2 Sunday)            | 3 Races               |
| ORC                              | 5 Races     | 3 (2 Sunday)            | 3 Races               |

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## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 [NP] Yachts racing in one-design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.
- 7.2 [NP] Each boat not racing in one-design shall produce or verify the existence of a valid 2024 rating certificate from either:
  - a. The *Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay* (PHRF-GB)
  - b. The *Offshore Racing Congress* (ORC)
  - c. The *Texas Offshore Multihull Association* (TOMA)
- 7.3 There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

## 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, the Clearlake Channel to the South, and the shoreline to the west and north.
- 8.2 **One-design** keelboat classes 30' or less in length and all **Dinghy** classes will race Windward/Leeward courses north of the Bayport Shipping Channel.
- 8.3 **One-design keelboat classes greater than 30' in length, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, ORC, and Multihull** classes will race Windward/Leeward courses south of "Red Bluff Point" (29° 36' N, 94° 59' W).
- 8.4 All racecourses are bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the east.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 Keelboat One-Design, ORC, and PHRF Spinnaker classes will race Windward/Leeward courses. Each race is expected to be approximately 45-60 minutes in duration.
- 9.3 PHRF Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes will race longer Windward/Leeward courses. Each race is expected to be approximately 60-90 minutes in duration.
- 9.4 Dinghies (such as Sunfish, Lasers, and Optis) will race Windward/Leeward courses that may be separated from the Keelboat One-Design classes.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 and RRS Appendix V2 (alternative penalties) shall apply.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 11.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 11.3 For any class completing five (5) or more races, one (1) score will be excluded from the total score for each boat in that class. This modifies RRS A2.1.

## 12. 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 [maintenance@houstonyachtclub.com](mailto:maintenance@houstonyachtclub.com) or at **(281) 471-1255**.

## 13. 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. Upon registration, each entrant will be asked to review and sign the HYC standard release and waiver form.

## 14. 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.

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## 15. PRIZES

15.1 The Battleship Texas Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the winning skipper of the largest keelboat fleet in the Battleship Texas Regatta. The largest fleet may be One-Design, PHRF, or ORC.

“Largest Fleet” is defined as follows: The keel boat fleet with the highest number of competitors that were scored other than “DNC” in at least one (1) race during the regatta.

15.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the regatta, as follows:

| <b>Boats per Class</b> | <b>Number of Awards</b>              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 – 3 boats            | 1st place awarded                    |
| 4 – 5 boats            | 1st and 2nd place awarded            |
| 6 – 8 boats            | 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awarded      |
| 9 or more boats        | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place awarded |

## 16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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