



# 2024 HYC Wednesday Night Series

March 27 through September 18, 2024

The Houston Yacht Club  
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## SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS As Amended April 2, 2024

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and these supplementary sailing instructions. Appendix S has been included for reference.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors may also be posted at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/27576](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27576).

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Appendix S)

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1400 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The **Dates of Racing** are listed in NOR 4.1.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:
  - a. 1800 for the Ensign class and the Melges 15 class.
  - b. 1815 for all other classes.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made less than 40 minutes prior to Actual Sunset.
- 5.4 Five (5) series are scheduled, and each series is scheduled for four days of racing.
- 5.5 Two - three races are scheduled for each day of racing.
- 5.6 One (1) race in an individual series is required to complete the series.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each class flag will be the class insignia on a plain background.
- 6.2 PHRF Spinnaker classes will be a gray class flag.
- 6.3 PHRF Non-Spinnaker classes will be a pink class flag.
- 6.4 The order of the starts will be announced over VHF Channel 68 during Check-in, (See SI 15).

### 7. THE COURSES (Appendix S)

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2 The course diagrams are on the pages following SI 13. They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

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### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 **Mark 1** will be a yellow tetrahedron, and no offset.
- 8.2 **Marks 2S and 2P** are gate marks and will be yellow or orange floating shapes.
- 8.3 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded leaving the mark to port.
- 8.4 If both gate marks are missing, the **Starting Mark** shall be rounded to port.
- 8.5 The **Starting Mark** is a floating shape as shown in the **COURSE DIAGRAMS, Appendix S**.

### 9. THE START (Appendix S)

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

### 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (Appendix S)

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### 11. THE FINISH (Appendix S)

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

### 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 

Mark 1 Time Limit	20 minutes
Race Time Limit	60 minutes
Finishing Window	15 minutes
- 12.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

### 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (Appendix S)

- 13.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### 14. SCORING

- 14.1 For each series, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with the following exclusions:
  - a. Her worst score is excluded when six (6) or more races have been completed,
  - b. Her worst two (2) scores are excluded when eight (8) or more races have been completed.
- 14.2 Rule A5.3 applies.

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### 15. CHECK-IN

- 15.1 [NP] Prior to the warning for the first race of each day, each boat shall check in. "Check in" means: While the Race Committee is displaying Code Signal "L", a boat shall pass close astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number and be recognized by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 Boats failing to check-in shall receive a 20% scoring penalty for the first race of the day, in accordance to RRS 44.3 (c).

### 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [NP] A boat that retires early from racing, prior to the end of racing for the day, shall notify the race committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office either by telephone: **281-471-1255** or VHF Channel **68**.
- 16.2 Failure to comply with SSI 16.1 shall result in Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) for all races scored on the day that the boat failed to comply with SSI 16.1.

### 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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