



## NOTICE OF RACE

March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>

### The Houston Yacht Club

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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).
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used. The arbitrator may be part of the panel if arbitration fails and proceeds to a hearing.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27738> before March 10th.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 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 keel, multihull, and centerboard dinghy boats, whose skippers are members of the Houston Yacht Club and their guests.
- 4.2 [NP] Yachts not racing in one-design shall produce or verify the existence of a valid 2024 rating certificate from:
  - a. Keel boats: The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB)
  - b. Multihulls: The Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA).
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:

One-Design	2 or more boats of a single one-design class.
PHRF Spin-A	2 or more boats, flying spinnakers, under 29 ft.
PHRF Spin-B	2 or more boats, flying spinnakers, over 29 ft.
PHRF Non-Spin	2 or more boats, without spinnakers, any size.
Level Set PHRF	2 or more boats, with similar PHRFs that agree to race boat for boat.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27738>.
- 4.5 All registrations must be made online.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat must complete all registration requirements.
- 4.7 A minimum of two (2) boats are required to constitute a class.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 All classes will race on one line, with separate starts.

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### 5. FEES

There are no entry fees. This is a free event.

### 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will close on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2359.

6.2 Boats that register after the series has begun will be scored DNC for the races that were completed before their registration date.

6.3 There will be 1 - 3 races per race day for a maximum of 9 races for the series.

6.4 On each day of racing **no warning signal** will be made after **1600 hrs**.

6.5 On each day of racing a **Competitor's Briefing** will be held in the HYC Beachcomber at **1000 hrs**.

6.6 Dates of Racing:

- a. Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
1130 First Warning Signal
- b. Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
1130 First Warning Signal
- c. Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
1130 First Warning Signal

### 7. VENUE

Races will be held on Upper Galveston Bay in the recreational area North of the Bayport Shipping Channel and bounded by the Houston Shipping Channel to the East.

### 8. COURSES

8.1 Racecourses will be W/L (windward/leeward) and or Pursuit distance courses.

8.2 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

### 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 & V2 are in effect.

### 10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

### 11. 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.

### 12. INSURANCE

[NP] Each participating keel boat shall be insured with valid third-party **liability insurance** with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Note: *Most* homeowner's and renter's insurance policies have such coverage, but actual boat insurance is always better.

### 13. PRIZES

Trophies for the series will be awarded on the last day of racing.

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### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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