

2024 Houston Open One Design (HOOD) Regatta

J/24 Beasley Cup

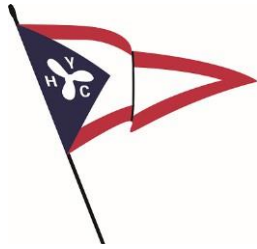
J/22 Heritage Cup

September 21 - 22, 2024

The Houston Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE

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. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The event is open to all keel, multihull, and centerboard dinghy boats.

2.2 A minimum of three (3) boats of the same design will constitute a class.

2.3 Potential fleets include A-Cat, C-22, Ensign, ILCA, J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/105, Lightning, Melges-15, Open Skiff, Opti, RS Aero, Sonar, Sunfish, VX Evo, VX One, & Viper 640.

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 the PHRF-Spinnaker class.

2.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28605#_home 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 before the registration entry deadline.

3. FEES & DISCOUNTS

3.1 Keel Boat Entry Fee, includes two dinner tickets and three drink tickets: \$ 125

3.2 Centerboard Entry Fee (Dinghies), includes one dinner ticket and one drink ticket: \$ 100

3.3 Sunfish Entry Fee, racing on Saturday only: \$ 35

3.4 **Additional late registration after Sep. 15th, 1900 hrs:** \$ 25

3.5 Early Entry Discount for entries received before Aug. 14th: \$ 10

3.6 US Sailing Member Discount: \$ 5

3.7 Youth Sailing Discount for sailors under age 18: \$ 20

3.8 Other items available for purchase:

- a. Additional Buffet dinner tickets are available on Regatta Network or at the time of the event: See the online storefront for additional purchases.

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4. SCHEDULE

4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Sep. 15

1900 Entry Deadline: Entry Fee must be fully paid to avoid the late fee.

Thursday, Sept. 19

1900 **Late Entry Deadline. All entry fees must be paid by 1900 hrs.**

Friday, Sept. 20

0900 Crane open, assistance available for visiting boats.

1700 - 1915 **Check-in.** All competitors must check in at the registration desk. Additional dinner tickets available for purchase.

1915 **Competitor's Briefing for all keelboats in the Ballroom.**

Club Dining & Buffet available to all visitors with guest card. Guest cards may be obtained at the HYC Front Desk, form also posted on RN.

Saturday, Sept. 16

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

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

1630 **Cocktail Party on the pool deck.**

1730 **Buffet and musical entertainment on the pool deck.** Dinner tickets will be available for purchase on Regatta Network.

Sunday, Sept. 17

1100 First Warning Signal, all racecourses.

TBA Awards presentation, post racing.

4.2 Keelboats:

- a. Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.
- b. No more than four (4) races will be sailed per day.

4.3 Centerboards (Dingies):

- a. Seven (7) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.
- b. No more than five (5) races will be sailed per day.

4.4 Sunfish:

- a. Five (5) races are scheduled on Saturday only.
- b. No more than six (6) races will be sailed.

4.5 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 2024 rating certificate from *The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB)*, the ORC, or TOMA.

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

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6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28605#_home prior to Sep. 16th.

7. COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The official notice board will be https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28605#_newsroom.

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, and either north of the Bayport Shipping Channel in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club.
- 8.2 There will be up to two racecourses. A dinghy course and a keelboat course.

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 7:00 PM on Sep. 10, 2023. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. J/24 Class only

The "J/24 Texas Circuit NOR Addendum" is available at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28605#_docs.

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16. J/22 Class only

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17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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Thank you for your contributions and for making this a great regatta!

