

2025 Houston Open One Design (HOOD) Regatta



Ensign Region IV Championship
J/22 Heritage Cup
J/24 Beasley Cup

September 25-28, 2025

The Houston Yacht Club
3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571
(281) 471-1255



NOTICE OF RACE

As amended Tuesday, Sep. 23, 2025 (Changes in red)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Ensign Class only : The *Ensign Region IV Championship conditions* shall apply.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29315#_docs
- 1.3 J/22 Class Only: The *J/22 Notice of Circuit* shall apply.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29315#_docs
- 1.4 J/24 Class Only: The *J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit* shall apply.
[2025-J24-Texas-Notice-of-Circuit-Rev-3.pdf](#)
- 1.5 Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.6 Appendix U shall **not** apply
- 1.7 Appendix V1 applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board by 1800 hr. on September 23, 2025.
They will also be available online: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29315#_docs.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the breezeway near the HYC Main Entrance (downstairs).
- 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 boats.



- 4.2 A minimum of three (3) boats of the same design will constitute a Class.
- 4.3 Potential fleets include A-Cat, Catalina 22, Ensign, ILCA, J/22, J/24, J/105, Melges 15, Sunfish, Optis, C420, and FJ.
- 4.4 Entrants who do find their desired class listed on the entry form should register as “Generic One-Design” and contact the Chief Principal Race Officer.
- 4.5 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form. An entry fee refund may be requested by the registrant. All registrations must be made online.
- 4.6 Boats may enter the event by registering at the official event website, at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29315 using the online entry form.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required entry fees by the registration entry deadline.

5. FEES & DISCOUNTS

- 5.1 Keel Boats standard Entry Fee, 2 dinners & regatta shirt \$ 95.00
- 5.2 Centerboard standard Entry Fee, 1 dinner & regatta shirt \$ 75.00
- 5.3 Sunfish standard Entry Fee, (Saturday Only) \$ 40.00
- 5.4 Late Registration & Payments received after 1800, 09/15/2025 \$ 25.00
- 5.5 US Sailing Membership Discount \$ 5.00
- 5.6 Other Fees:
 - a. Additional dinners available for \$25.00 per person.
 - b. Regatta Shirt \$25.00

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 A boat’s advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The deadline for *Standard Registration* is 1800 hr. on September 15, Late Fee applies thereafter.
- 7.2 The deadline for **LATE** registration is 1800 hr. September 24. Registration closes at that time.
- 7.3 On-site Check-in for Ensigns opens at 1700 hr. Thursday, September 25. Followed by the Competitor Briefing 1900 hr.
- 7.4 On all days of racing the First Warning signal will be made not before 1100 hr.
- 7.5 On-site Check-in for all classes (other than Ensigns) opens 1700 hr. Friday, September 26. Followed by the Competitor Briefing at 1900 hr.
- 7.6 **Saturday, September 27, 2025**
 Post-Racing Sponsored Rum Party, dinner and Sunfish Fleet 172 awards.
- Sunday, September 28, 2025**
 Post-Racing Awards
- 7.7 Ensign Class Only
 - a. Nine (9) races are scheduled over three consecutive days, beginning September 26.
 - b. Three (3) races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.



- 7.8 All Other One Design Classes (except Sunfish)
- Six (6) races are scheduled over two consecutive days.
 - Four (4) races are scheduled for September 27 and two (2) races are scheduled for September 28. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.9 Sunfish
- Six (6) races are scheduled for September 27.
 - There are no races scheduled for Sunfish on Sunday.
- 7.10 No Warning signal will be made after 1400 hr. **on Sunday, September 28, 2025.**

8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 8.1 [DP][NP] Each boat shall submit "Proof of Current Marine Liability Insurance Coverage" Via online registration, see NOR 15.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the areas bound by the *Houston Shipping Channel* to the East and the *Bayport Shipping Channel* to the South, in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club.
See: *Addendum, Race Area.*
- 9.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W

10. COURSE

- 10.1 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 All classes will race Windward/Leeward courses. Each race is expected to be approximately 45-60 minutes in duration.
- 10.3 Dinghies (such as Sunfish, Lasers, and Optis) will race Windward/Leeward courses that may be separated from the Keelboat One-Design classes.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 11.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 11.3 No score will be excluded from the total score for each boat. This modifies RRS A2.1.

12. BERTHING

- 12.1** 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**, Philip Meeker, at **(281) 471-1255**.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with



inherent risks. The OA and **Houston Yacht Club** 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.

- 13.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

- 13.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form provided in the race documents section of the event website. The signed Waivers must be submitted online or at the Check-in for their class.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.
- 14.2 Competitors shall supply proof of insurance during registration per NoR 8.1.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Regatta Racing Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- a. J/24 Class, First Place, receives the Perpetual Beasly Cup
 - b. J/22 Class, first place, receives the Perpetual Heritage Cup
 - c. The Ensign, first place, receives the Ensign Region IV Championship trophy.
- 15.2 Additional prizes will be awarded based on class participation.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact event chair Beth Gibson; sailingmom25@yahoo.com



ADDENDUM, RACE AREA

