

# HOUSTON YACHT CLUB

## Championship Qualifier Series

### Notice of Series (NoS)

*The Organizing Authority for the Houston Yacht Club Championship Qualifier Series is the Houston Yacht Club (HYC).*

*The HYC Championship Qualifier Series will qualify the top, eligible competitors for the HYC Club Championship Regatta, which will determine the HYC Club Champion.*

*The designation [NP] means that a competitor may not protest another competitor for a perceived breach of the statement or condition that follows that designation.*

#### 1) ELIGIBILITY

The HYC Club Championship Qualifier Series is open to any monohull, multihull or dingy subject to the following eligibility requirements:

- a) [NP] Each competitor must be a member of HYC in good standing;
- b) Each competitor must have either
  - i) Competed in and scored in at least one of five qualifying events (four for "Singlehanded Dinghies"), which include the HYC Spring Series, HYC Summer Series, the HYC Fall Series, the Battleship Texas Regatta, and the Reach Down the Beach/Offshore Regatta (Offshore only) (for PHRF and Multihull Classes), or, alternatively, the HOOD Regatta for One-Design Classes ("Qualifying Events").
  - ii) Been designated as the current Club Champion, usually as having been so designated in the previous year.
  - iii) [NP] Been named as the "Commodore's Choice" through specific recognition by the Commodore, or the Commodore's designee, of certain special accomplishments in the sport of sailboat racing that may have prevented their participation in one or more of the Qualifying Events.
  - iv) Individual Classes may pre-designate additional "Qualifying Events" by which they may determine their Fleet representative ("Fleet Champion") to the HYC Club Championship Regatta
- c) Eligibility for scoring in the HYC Championship Qualifier Series will be determined by the qualifying HYC member competing in that Class, rather than by a certain boat being entered in any of the Qualifying Events,
- d) For the purposes of the HYC Championship Qualifier Series, a competitor may compete in more than one Class in the individual Qualifying Events.

#### 2) SERIES EVENTS

Each of the five "Qualifying Events" (four for "Singlehanded Dinghies") will earn competitors points toward their overall score for the HYC Championship Qualifier Series.

#### 3) QUALIFYING EVENTS

Qualifying Events for 2024 are scheduled as follows; however, this schedule might be modified by either 1) the Notice of Race for the appropriate event, or 2) this NoS as amended with a revised schedule:

- a) HYC Spring Series
  - i) Day 1 – March 16
  - ii) Day 2 – March 23
  - iii) Day 3 – April 6
- b) Battleship Texas Regatta – April 27-28
- c) RDTB/Offshore – May 11 (Offshore only)
- d) HYC Summer Series
  - i) Day 1 – June 15
  - ii) Day 2 – July 20
  - iii) Day 3 – July 27

- e) HYC Fall Series
  - i) Day 1 – September 14
  - ii) Day 2 – October 12
- f) HOOD Regatta – September 21-22

#### **4) CHANGES TO THIS NOS**

Changes or modifications to this HYC Championship Qualifier Series NoS, including but not limited to changes in scheduling or venue, can be made by any subsequent NoS for any of the three Qualifying Series events.

#### **5) POTENTIAL CLASSES**

Classes may include, but are not limited, to the Ensign, J/22, J/24, ORC, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, and dinghy classes that may include Sunfish and Laser (“Singlehanded Dinghies”) and Melges 15. For the purposes of this HYC Championship Qualifier Series, a Class shall consist of at least two boats of that Class that compete in any of the Qualifying Events and are designated as a Class by the Race Committee for that Qualifying Event.

#### **6) SERIES SCORING**

- a) For each of the Qualifying Events, a competitor receives HYC Championship Qualifier Series points equal to their overall position in that event, using the appropriate rating system for their Class. If a competitor does not compete in one or more of the Qualifying Events, their score for that event shall be the number of boats competing in their Class in that event plus two.
- b) For the purposes of the HYC Club Championship Qualifier Series, only those competitors that meet the eligibility requirements described in 1) above, will be scored, and they will be scored only against each other.
- c) A competitor’s HYC Championship Qualifier Series score for a Class will be the total of the series points they have earned in the “Qualifying Events.”
- d) The competitor with the lowest total HYC Championship Qualifier Series points will be the winner of the Series for her Class. Ties will be broken pursuant to Section 8 of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- e) The winning competitor in their respective Class shall have been on board the boat for all races and shall have helmed the winning yacht in most races in which that boat has competed, independent of the makeup of the crew for a particular race or event.
- f) All points awarded for each of the Classes’ “Qualifying Events” will count toward the competitor’s final score – There will be no throw-outs, unless specified in that Classes’ stated (prior to the first “Qualifying Event”) requirements.

#### **7) AWARDS**

Awards for all Classes will consist of commemorative trophies as awarded at each of the “Qualifying Events.” The number of trophies to be awarded to each Class will be determined by the number of entries in that Class.

#### **8) HYC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

The HYC Club Championship Regatta will determine the HYC Club Champion for the following year and will be open to those competitors that have met the following eligibility requirements:

- a) [NP] Each competitor must be a member of HYC in good standing;
- b) Each competitor must have either
  - i) competed in and recorded the winning low score in a particular Class in the HYC Championship Qualifier Series;
  - ii) been designated as the current Club Champion, usually by having been so designated in the previous year;
  - iii) [NP] been named as the “Commodore’s Choice” through specific recognition by the Commodore, or the Commodore’s designee, of certain special accomplishments in the sport of sailboat racing that may have prevented their participation in any or all of the Qualifying Events.
- c) Eligibility in accordance with item 8) b) i) will be determined by the qualifying competitor competing in a particular Class, rather than by a certain boat being entered in any of the Qualifying Events.
- d) For the purposes of the HYC Championship Qualifier Series, a competitor will be eligible to qualify for only one Class, although they might compete and be scored in other Classes in the individual Qualifying Events.

In that event, that competitor's lowest point-score in each of the Classes in which they have received a score will determine which Class they would represent. If any competitor foregoes their eligibility in a particular Class for that reason, then the other competitors in that Class will move up in standing one place toward eligibility in that Class.

- e) [NP] Crew selection must be made such that each competitor's team consists entirely of HYC members in good standing; crew selection must be declared in advance of the closing of registration for the HYC Club Championship Regatta.

All prospective competitors that satisfy the eligibility requirements described in 8) a) through 8) d) will be automatically entered in the HYC Club Championship Regatta and will be in contention for the HYC Club Championship accordingly.

Racing for the HYC Club Championship will be on windward/leeward courses, with at least as many races as would fairly establish two clear leaders. A sail-off between these two leading competitors, with at least as many races necessary to determine a victor by point score, but not fewer than two, will determine the HYC Club Champion. The competitor that is eliminated in this final elimination match will be named the "Reserve Club Champion" and will replace the Club Champion should the Club Champion become ineligible during the term of their reigning year.

Further details regarding scheduling, venue, courses to be sailed, particular boats to be sailed, etc., will be described in detail in the HYC Club Championship Regatta Notice of Race (NoR).