

2024 James T. Liston Turkey Day Regatta

November 23 - 24, 2024

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571
(281) 471-1255

NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *US Sailing Prescriptions*.
- 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 All skippers and crew are required to complete, accept, and submit the **REGATTA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** on Regatta Network prior to the Competitor's Briefing. Registration is incomplete unless all forms and waivers have been filled out and submitted on Regatta Network .
- 1.4 The J-24 Texas Circuit *Addendum to Notice of Race*.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats.
- 2.2 A minimum of two (2) boats of the same design shall constitute a class.
- 2.3 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another class, or entry fee refund may be requested.
- 2.4 Potential fleets include Opti, ILCA, Sunfish, C-420, Melges-15, Ensign, J/22, J/24, J/105, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, & Multi-hull.
- 2.5 Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the entry form are invited to register as "Generic One-Design". If registering as "Generic One-Design", please contact event chair to receive a class assignment.
- 2.6 To register for this event, skippers must register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28849> There will be no on-site registrations.
- 2.7 To be considered an entry in the event, an entrant shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required fees prior to the registration entry deadline.

3. FEES & DISCOUNTS

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| 3.1 | Multi-Crew Entry Fee (Keel Boats & Multi-hulls): | \$ 100.00 |
| 3.2 | Dinghy Class Entry Fee (Dinghies): | \$ 70.00 |
| 3.3 | Single-Handed Class Entry Fee (Saturday only Dinghies): | \$ 35.00 |
| 3.4 | Early Entry Discount for entries received before Nov. 5th: | \$ 10.00 - |
| 3.5 | Youth Discount for sailors under age 18: | \$ 10.00 - |
| 3.6 | US Sailing Member Discount: | \$ 5.00 - |
| 3.7 | Additional late registration after Nov. 17th: | \$ 15.00 + |

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4. SCHEDULE

4.1

Monday, Nov 4 th	2300	Deadline for <i>Early Registration Discount</i> .
Sunday, Nov. 17 th	2300	Deadline for <i>Standard Registration</i> . \$15.00 Late Fee applied thereafter.
Friday, Nov. 22 nd	1700	Registration Closed.
Friday, Nov 22 nd	1900	Competitor's Briefing in the HYC Ballroom
Saturday, Nov. 23 rd	1000	Competitor's Briefing for Dinghies at the Beachcomber.
	1100	Warning Signal for the first race, all classes.
Sunday, Nov. 24 th	1100	Warning Signal for the first race.
	1500	No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours.
	After Racing	The awards ceremony will be approximately 1.5 hours after the last race Committee Boat enters the HYC harbor.

4.2 Keel boats and Multi-hulls:

- a. Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.
- b. No more than five (5) races will be sailed on Saturday.
- c. No more than three (3) races will be sailed on Sunday.

4.3 Centerboards (Dingies):

- a. Seven (7) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days. Sunfish race on Saturday only.
- b. No more than seven (7) races will be sailed on Saturday.
- c. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on Sunday.

4.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last day of racing.

4.5 In the event of one or more protests, classes involved in protest hearings may receive awards after the conclusion of the hearing. Other classes, however, which are not involved in protest hearings, may be presented with awards prior to the conclusion of the protest hearing(s).

5. HANDICAP RATINGS

- 5.1 [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)*.
- 5.2 [DP] There will be no club handicaps assigned by the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28849> prior to 1700 hours on Tuesday, November 19th 2024.
- 6.2 Paper copies of the Sailing Instructions **will not be available** at the Competitor's Briefing. Competitors are encouraged to print the Sailing Instructions posted on Regatta Network.

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6.3 A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted for viewing on the official notice board “Race Information Board” located in the HYC breezeway adjacent to the main clubhouse lobby.

7. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board, “HYC Race Information”, is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

8. VENUE

All races shall be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club on Upper Galveston Bay in the area bounded by Houston Ship Channel to the East, the Bayport Ship Channel to the South, and the shoreline along Shoreacres, La Porte, and Morgan’s Point.

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses will be Windward/Leeward, as described in **RRS, Appendix S**.

9.2 Course diagrams for each course shall be published in the sailing instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Three (3) races completed shall constitute a regatta.

10.2 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.

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 keel 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

14.1 Trophies will be turkeys; the number will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class after racing on November 24, 2024.

14.2 The perpetual James T. Liston Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat in a One Design keelboat class with the largest number of boats scored in the class.

14.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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