



2025 HYC Midwinter Regatta

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025

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*.
- 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all keel, multihull, and centerboard dinghy boats, and all Clubs.
- 2.2 A minimum of three (3) boats of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.3 Potential fleets include Melges-15, Open Skiff, Opti, Sunfish, ILCA, Ensign, J/22, J/24, J/105, PHRF Spinnaker, and PHRF Non-Spinnaker.
- 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 one of the PHRF classes.
- 2.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29137 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, agree to the provisions of this NOR, sign and agree to any required hold harmless and indemnity forms, and pay the required fees prior to the registration entry deadline.

3. FEES & DISCOUNTS

- 3.1 Keel Boat Entry Fee: \$ 85.00
- 3.2 Centerboard Entry Fee (Dinghies): \$ 45.00
- 3.3 **Additional late registration after Feb. 7th, 1700:** \$ 25.00
- 3.4 US Sailing Member Discount: - \$ 5.00

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 In the event that inclement weather prevents racing on Saturday, February 15, the event will be rescheduled to Sunday, February 16. The schedule for Sunday will follow the same timings as originally planned for Saturday. The intended schedule for the regatta is as follows:

4.2

Friday, Feb. 07

1700 Entry Deadline: Entry Fee must be fully paid to avoid the late fee.

Thursday, Feb 13

1900 Race Committee to announce racing day, Saturday, Feb 15 or Sunday, Feb 16. Notice will be posted on ONB and Regatta Network.

Saturday, Feb. 15

0900 **Check-in.** All competitors must check in at the Beachcomber.

0915 Competitor's Briefing, all lines, at the Beachcomber.

1100 First Warning Signal, all race courses.

Post Race Clam Chowder & Gumbo for competitors at the Beachcomber. Beverages available for purchase. Non-members will need to present an HYC Guest Card for purchases. Club Dining & Buffet is also available to all visitors with guest card. Guest cards may be obtained at the HYC Front Office.

TBA Awards presentation, post racing.

- 4.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hrs on race day.

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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 2025 rating certificate from *The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB)*.
- 5.3 [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 www.regattanetwork.com/event/29137 prior to Feb. 13th.
- 6.2 Sailors are encouraged to print their own Sailing Instructions.

7. COMMUNICATION

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

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 north of the Bayport Shipping Channel in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club.
- 8.2 There will be up to two race courses. Course 1 (larger boats) Course 2 (for smaller boats)

9. COURSES

- 9.1 All classes will race a windward / leeward course around floating marks.
- 9.2 The race course 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 One (1) race is 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 on VHF Channel 68, 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 the end of racing. 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.