



HYC Spring Series

March 2nd, March 16th, and March 30th, 2025

The Houston Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI 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 The US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board by 1800 hrs. on February 28th, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office. The unofficial online notice board is located at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29288.
- 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 dinghy boats, whose skippers are members of the Houston Yacht Club and their guests.
- 4.2 [NP] Yachts not racing in one-design shall produce or verify the existence of a valid 2025 rating certificate from:
 - a. Keel boats: The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB)
 - b. Multihulls: The Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA).
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:

One-Design	2 or more boats of a single one-design class.
PHRF Spin-A	2 or more boats, flying spinnakers, under 29 ft.
PHRF Spin-B	2 or more boats, flying spinnakers, over 29 ft.
PHRF Non-Spin	2 or more boats, without spinnakers, any size.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29288.
- 4.5 All registrations must be made online.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat must complete all registration requirements.
- 4.7 A minimum of two (2) boats are required to constitute a class.
- 4.8 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form a class and may be assigned to another class.
- 4.9 All classes will race on one-line, separate starts.

5. FEES

There are no entry fees. This is a free event.

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6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be available through the Friday before each event.
- 6.2 Boats that register after the series has begun will be scored DNC for the races that were completed prior to their registration date.
- 6.3 There will be 1 - 3 races per race day for a maximum of **12** races for the series.
- 6.4 Dates of Racing:
 - Sunday, March 2nd, 2025
 - Sunday, March 16th, 2025
 - Sunday, March 30th, 2025
 - Sunday, April 13th, 2025
- 6.5 On each day of racing a **Competitor's Briefing** will be held in the HYC Beachcomber at **1000 hrs.**
- 6.6 On each day of racing the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1130 hrs.
- 6.7 On each day of racing **no warning signal** will be made after **1530 hrs.**

7. VENUE

- 7.1 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.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Racecourses will be W/L (windward/leeward).
- 8.2 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix V1 and V2 are in effect.

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 For any class completing five (5) or more races, one (1) score will be excluded from the total score for each boat in that class. For any class completing ten (10) or more races, two (2) scores will be excluded from the total score for each boat in that class. This modifies RRS A2.1.
- 10.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.

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12. 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. Note: *Most homeowner's and renter's insurance policies have such coverage, but actual boat insurance is always better.*

13. PRIZES

Trophies for the series will be awarded on the last day of racing.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM, RACE AREA

