



2025 Spring Series

March 2, March 16, March 30, and April 13, 2025

The Houston Yacht Club
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office. The unofficial notice board is located at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29288.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The **Dates of Racing** are listed in NoR 6.4.
- 5.2 On each day of racing:
 - a. **1000** Competitor's Briefing HYC Beachcomber
 - b. **1130** First Warning Signal
- 5.3 Up to three (3) races are planned for each day of racing.
- 5.4 On each day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after **1530** hrs.
- 5.5 Flag "A" (ALPHA) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today".

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags and order of starts are defined in the addendum, *Class Flags and Order of Starts*.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2 The course diagrams are shown in the addendum, *Course Diagrams*. The course diagrams show the courses, the order in which each mark is to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1 and 2 are 5' yellow tetrahedrons. There are no offset marks.

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8.2 Mark S (the Starting Pin) is a round, orange ball.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 The change mark is an orange tetrahedron.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 minutes for the first boat in a class to pass Mark 1.
- 12.2 Race Time Limit:
 - a. Windward/Leeward Courses: Time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 minutes.
 - b. Pursuit Courses: Time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 150 minutes.
- 12.3 Finishing Window: Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course is 30 minutes.
- 12.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

14. [NP] CHECK IN

- 14.1 Prior to the warning for the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in. "Check-in" means passing on starboard tack, close astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying the code Flag "L" and hailing her sail number and being recognized by the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Boats failing to check-in shall receive a 20% scoring penalty in the first race of the day, without a hearing, in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c).

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15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office by telephone: **281-471-1255**, or **VHF Channel 68**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from this regatta.
- 15.2 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See: **NoR 11** "RISK STATEMENT", and **RRS 3**, "Decision to Race".

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, reach out to Juliane Graham PRO, Spring Series.

Addendum: Class Flags & Order of Starts

For the FIRST RACE of each day, the start order shall be:

(Additional Races, the start order may be changed)

Keel Boat Classes

CLASS

PHRF Non-Spin

PHRF Spin-A

PHRF Spin-B

Ensigns

J/22

J/24

FLAG

Pink Flag

Gray Flag

Maroon Flag

Ensign Class Flag

J/22 Class Flag

J/24 Class Flag

Dinghy Classes

CLASS

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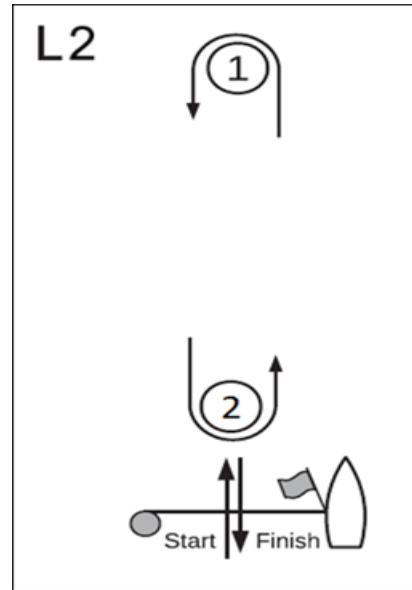
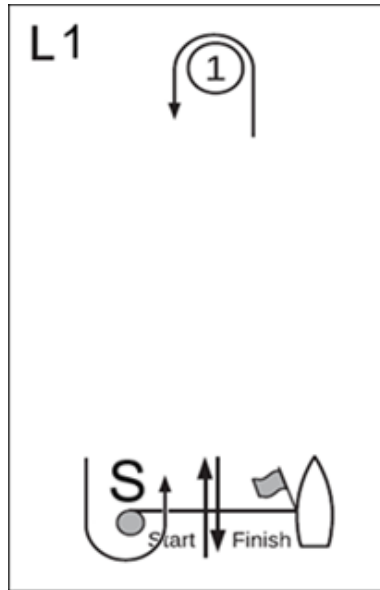
FLAG

Melges 15 Class Flag

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Addendum: Course Diagrams Windward/Leeward Courses: No Gate

Course	Flag	Mark Rounding Order
L 1	Pennant 1	Start - 1 - S - 1 - Finish
L 2	Pennant 2	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish



Pursuit Courses

To Be Announced before Spring Series 2