



Wednesday Night Spring Regatta

April 23 - May 21, 2025

The Houston Yacht Club

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



NOTICE OF RACE

Official Event Website: www.regattanetwork.com/event/29294.

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. 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* apply.
- 1.3 Appendix V1 and V2 of the *US Sailing Prescriptions* are in effect.
- 1.4 Flag "A" (ALPHA) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today". This changes RRS SIGNAL FLAGS.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, *Standard Sailing Instructions (SI)*, and *Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI)*.
- 2.2 The *Supplementary Sailing Instructions* will be available on the official notice board, no later than 1800 hours, Wednesday, one week before the first day of racing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the *Official Event Website* (listed at the top of this notice).
- 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 *Supplementary Sailing Instructions*.

4. ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION, & FEES

- 4.1 This event is open to all keel boats, Melges 15, and C420 centerboard boats.
- 4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online at the *Official Event Website* (top of this notice).

5. FEES

- 5.1 HYC Member Entry Fee: \$ 12.00
- 5.2 Guests of HYC, Entry Fee: \$ 115.00

6. FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 This regatta is one of four in a four-regatta series, referred to as the *Wednesday Night Regatta Series*, which consists of the following regattas:
 - a. Wednesday Night Spring Regatta
 - b. Wednesday Night Midsummer Regatta
 - c. Wednesday Night Monsoon Regatta
 - d. Wednesday Night Autumn Regatta
- 6.2 A boat entered in any of these regattas, is automatically entered in the series, and her scores for the series will be her final score in each of the regattas.
- 6.3 No score in the *Wednesday Night Regatta Series* will be excluded from the total score. This modifies RRS A2.1

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Dates of Racing:

April 23 rd	April 30 th	May 7 th	May 14 th	May 21 st
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- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day of racing is:
 - a. **5:50 PM** for the Ensign and Dinghy classes.
 - b. **6:00 PM** for all other classes.
- 7.3 Ten (10) races are scheduled over five days of racing.
- 7.4 Two (2) races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.5 No warning signal will be made less than 40 minutes prior to Actual Sunset, Refer to *Addendum, Rise & Set for the Sun for 2025*.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the area West of the *Houston Shipping Channel* and North of the *Bayport Shipping*, in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The racecourse configurations are posted in the *Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix S*.
- 9.2 All classes will race a *Course L* (Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish).

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 10.2 Three (3) races completed are required to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores. This modifies RRS A2.1
- 10.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1 Competitors may leave their boats at HYC during the regatta at no extra charge.
- 11.2 [NP] All competitors must provide a copy of their marine liability insurance and contact information to the Harbor Manager's office, c/o Philip Meeker, maintenance@houstonyachtclub.com, (281) 471-1255.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the series 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.
- 12.2 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.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 Tim Johnson Chief Principal Race Officer tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com