



2025 Battleship Texas Regatta

April 25-27, 2025

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

(281) 471-1255



NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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.
- 1.3 Appendix U shall **not** apply.
- 1.4 Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board by 1800 hrs. on April 24th, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29413. The onshore unofficial notice board is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 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 Melges 15, Sunfish, RS-21, and all keelboats.
- 4.2 Expected classes are Melges 15, Sunfish, J/22, J/24, J/105, PHRF Spinnaker, and PHRF Non-Spinnaker. Boats in the PHRF Classes are required to have a valid 2025 PHRF-GB certificate.
- 4.3 A minimum of three (3) boats will constitute a Class.
- 4.4 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 at the discretion of the Race Committee, or a partial entry fee refund may be requested by the registrant. All registrations must be made online.
- 4.5 Boats may enter the event by registering at the official event website www.regattanetwork.com/event/29413 using the online entry form.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required entry fees by the registration entry deadline.

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5. FEES & DISCOUNTS

- 5.1 Keel Boats, the required entry fee is \$100, which must be received by 1800 hrs. on April 18th, 2025. Keelboat and Multihull registrations will include two Saturday evening Battleship Texas Charity Dinners and one Battleship Texas T-shirt.
- 5.2 Dinghies, the required entry fee is \$65, which must be received by 1800 hrs. on April 18th, 2025. Dinners and T-shirts are not included with Dinghy registrations nor Sunfish registrations.
- 5.3 Sunfish, the required entry fee is \$45, which must be received by 1800 hrs. on April 18th, 2025.
- 5.4 US Sailing Members receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 5.5 **EARLY REGISTRATIONS** receive a \$5.00 discount, if received by 1800 hrs. on **March 23rd, 2025**.
- 5.6 **LATE REGISTRATIONS** paid after 1800 hrs. on **April 18th, 2025** will be charged an additional \$25 and will **NOT** include dinner tickets.
- 5.7 Registration Details – All registrations include Saturday Post-Race Entertainment with keg beer, Sponsored Rum, and drink tickets valid for the Regatta weekend.
- 5.8 Other Fees:
 - a. Additional Battleship Texas Charity Dinners are available for \$75.00 per person. The deadline for Dinner purchases is 1800, April 18th, 2025.
 - b. Regatta merchandise will also be available at:
112824a.blackbaudhosting.com/112824a/Regatta-Dinner-and-Auction.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 A boat's advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

1800 The *Early Bird* Registration Discount expires.

Friday, April 18th, 2025

1800 Deadline for *Standard* Registration. \$25 late fee applies thereafter.
Deadline for Battleship Texas Charity Dinner ticket purchases.

Thursday, April 24th, 2025

1800 Deadline for *Late* Registration. Registration is **CLOSED** after 1800 hrs.
Late registrations do **NOT** include dinner tickets.

Friday, April 25th, 2025

1700 - 1900 Check-in at the Event Registration Desk in the HYC Ballroom.
1900 Competitor's Briefing in the HYC Ballroom.

Saturday, April 26th, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal, all classes.
Post-race Saturday Post-race Entertainment, Snacks and Happy Hour at Poolside and the Porthole, with keg beer, Sponsored Rum, and drink tickets valid for the Regatta weekend.
1800 Battleship Texas Charity Dinner and Auction.

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

1000 First Warning Signal, all classes.
1430 No Warning Signal after 1430 hours, all Classes.
Post-race Awards presentation at the HYC Clubhouse Ballroom, approximately 1½ hours after the Race Committee enters the HYC Harbor. Results may be delayed pending protests.

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7.1 Keel Boats

- a. Seven (7) races are scheduled over two consecutive days.
- b. Four (4) 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 and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.
- c. No Warning signal will be made after 1430 on the last day of racing.

7.2 Dinghies (except Sunfish)

- a. Nine (9) races are scheduled over two consecutive days.
- b. Five (5) 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 and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.
- c. No Warning signal will be made after 1430 on the last day of racing.

7.3 Sunfish

- a. Six (6) races are scheduled for Saturday.
- b. There are no races scheduled for Sunfish on Sunday.
- c. No Warning signal will be made after 1530 for Sunfish on Saturday, (the last day of racing).

8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 8.1 [NP] Each boat racing in a PHRF class shall provide a valid 2025 rating certificate from the *Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay* (PHRF-GB) at www.phrfgb.org.
- 8.2 [DP][NP] Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:
 - a. Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 15.
 - b. A valid 2025 PHRF-GB certificate (PHRF classes only).

9. VENUE

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W
Physical Address: 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 All classes will race Windward/Leeward courses.
- 10.3 Dinghies, One Design, and PHRF classes will each have their own course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix V1 and RRS Appendix V2 (alternative penalties) shall apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 12.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.3 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. This modifies RRS A2.1.

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13. 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**, Philip Meeker, at maintenance@houstonyachtclub.com or at **(281) 471-1255**.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form provided in the race documents section of the event website. The signed Waivers must be submitted online or at the Registration Desk by **1800 April 25th, 2025**.

15. 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.

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Competitors shall supply proof of insurance during registration per NoR 8.2.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 The Battleship Texas Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the winning skipper of the largest keelboat fleet in the Battleship Texas Regatta. The largest fleet may be One-Design, PHRF, or ORC. "Largest Fleet" is defined as follows: The keel boat fleet with the highest number of competitors that were scored other than "DNC" in at least one (1) race during the regatta.
- 16.2 Other prizes provided by the Texas Battleship foundation, will be awarded at the conclusion of the regatta, based on the number of entries in each class.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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Park Tupper	Regatta Event Chair	park.tupper@gmail.com

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ADDENDUM, RACE AREA

