



2019 FALL SERIES

5 October 2019

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all HYC members, their families and guests.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all classes.
- 2.3 A minimum of two yachts of the same design will constitute a class.
- 2.4 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another line.
- 2.5 Potential classes may be One Design, Pursuit Spinnaker and Pursuit Non-Spinnaker.
- 2.6 Boats may enter by checking in with the Race Committee at the Competitors' Briefing or on the Signal Boat in the starting area by hailing their sail number, handicap and intended spinnaker or non-spinnaker class.

3. FEES

There are no fees!

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Saturday, October 5, 2019**
 - **Competitors' Briefing at 1100 hours** at the Beachcomber. There will be no racing signals before **1300 hours**.
 - **Awards Presentation** at the Beachcomber approximately 1.5 hours after the race committee boat enters the harbor.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Yachts racing PHRF MUST have a current PHRF rating certificate. Yachts without a valid PHRF Certificate will be assigned to the HYC Club Handicap Class.
- 5.2 One Design will comply with all requirements of the relevant class association.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Competitors' Briefing. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the official notice board "HYC Race Information" located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

7. **VENUE**

7.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shoreacres shoreline.

8. **THE COURSE**

8.1 A pursuit course is planned. Course details will be detailed at the Competitors' Briefing. All participants will race around designated marks. Attachment B shows the courses and the order in which the marks are rounded.

8.2 No later than the warning/preparatory signal, the Race Committee Signal boat will display a numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed. (See Attachment B.)

9. **SCORING**

9.1 A single race completed will constitute a series.

9.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.3 No scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A.

10. **PRIZES**

10.1 Prizes will be awarded per paragraph 4.

11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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.

12. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

12.1 For further information, please contact the PRO Race and Regatta Chair Madonna Breen (mbreen@embarqmail.com).