



2018 REVOGNAH REGATTA

Monday January 01, 2018

Houston Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

This event is governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors enter the event by registering at the Competitor’s Briefing 12:00 noon in the HYC main bar. Competitors race under the PHRF system and must have either a current PHRF-GB certificate, or an HYC club rating assigned by the Race Committee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any Notices to Competitors will be made orally at the Competitors’ Briefing.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions are distributed approximately one hour before the start; thus there will be no posted changes.

5. IDENTIFICATION

Each boat shall comply with the requirements of Appendix G and class rules with respect to class insignia and sail numbers.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Any signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff on the HYC lawn.

6.2 Signal Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) with two sound signals (one when lowered) means “The race is postponed.” Signal Flag “N” means the Race is abandoned; no racing.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1. One race will be sailed.

7.2. Individual start times are distributed at the Competitor’s briefing, Attachment A – Starting Times.

7.3 In the event of a postponement, new starting times may be calculated by the race committee and communicated by **VHF Channel 68** or by voice hail. Competitors are responsible for requesting and verifying this information.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1. The start line will be at the leeward end of the course between a staff displaying an orange flag and a nearby orange tetrahedron. The location of the starting area will be announced at the Competitor's briefing.
- 8.2. The course will be 4 windward/leeward legs (2 laps) S-W-L-W-F. Total course length to be shown in Attachment A – Starting Times.
- 8.3. The windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.4. The leeward mark will be approximately .1 nm to windward of the start/finish line and is not a part of the course for the 1st and 4th legs.
- 8.5. Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. The Houston Ship Channel shall rank as an obstruction.

9. THE START AND STARTING TIMES

- 9.1 The start for each competitor is staggered, based on their PHRF handicap. See Attachment A – Starting Times.
- 9.2 A boat shall start not later than 10 minutes after her assigned starting time.
- 9.3 All start times are based on Official Time (GPS time). The Race Committee will monitor competitor start times and will attempt to identify OCS boats by hailing either their sail number or yacht name and display of signal flag "X". Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby orange tetrahedron.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race is 150 minutes from the scratch start time. Any boat finishing after this time will be considered as "did not finish" and will not be scored.

12. SAFETY

Any boat entered and then withdraws before finishing, shall notify the Race Committee, or, if that is not possible, the HYC office by telephone: 281-471-1255 or VHF Channel 68.

13. PENALTIES

A boat that takes a Two-Turns Penalty shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 This is an informal, fun event. Protests are dis-couraged. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS, but competitors are strongly urged to take penalties on the water.

15. SCORING

Finish places will be awarded based on the order of finish.