

Houston Yacht Club Weekly E-mail

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The purpose of the Houston Yacht Club is to support and encourage the sport of yachting, including sailing, racing, power boating and cruising; provide good fellowship among our yachting community; encourage good sportsmanship and boating safety; introduce youth to the sport of sailing and boating; provide proper facilities for the yachts of our members; and provide a comfortable home on the bay for the members and families of this fine Club.

For membership information, please call Jennifer Glass at (281) 471-1255

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Join us this Saturday, Feb. 4 for the Yachting Committee's first Family Fun Sail. Come out in the afternoon and sail around North Galveston Bay and see friends doing the same. Jack and Cissy Yoes will be at the Beachcomber around 2 p.m. if you want to come by and visit, check-in, file a sail plan, ask questions, etc. Want to have fun sailing but don't have a boat? Contact Jack Yoes (Jack.Yoes@UOP.com) and we'll get you connected. Make plans to come and play on the water and then join in for the Family Games Night in the Ballroom.

Family Games Night will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at HYC. This informal event for the whole family is sponsored by the Women's Sailing Association and is open to all Club members. A country-style, kid-friendly buffet will be available and then at 7:30 p.m. join in the fun and play board and card games. Bring your own favorite or play the games provided.

Save the date for the Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb. 5 at HYC. A buffet consisting of a baked potato bar, salad bar, chili, hot dogs and cookies will be served, all for \$8 per person. TVs will be set up in the bar and casual area with ample seating for all.

Please make plans to attend A Special Valentine Evening, Saturday, Feb. 11 starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy a three-course meal featuring steak and lobster, followed by a decadent chocolate dessert and a glass of champagne. Then dance the night away to the tunes of our very own DJ, Ed Matuszak. Tickets cost \$40 per person; please call the HYC Office at 281.471.1255 for reservations. The event is sponsored by the Ladies Association.

The HYC Midwinter Regatta is Feb.11-12 at HYC. This is race one of our "Big Five" annual regatta's (Midwinter, Elissa, Leukemia Cup, HOOD and Turkey Day). We'll have three lines: One-design, PHRF spin/non-spin and HYC Pursuit. Our club regattas are an ideal opportunity for members to get involved in sailboat racing. If you need a handicap rating but have no PHRF certificate, the Race and Regatta Committee can assign you a club rating. If you are concerned about starts, sail trim, etc. please contact R&R and we'll work to match you up with a Tactics Coach - an experienced fellow member who can ride with you on race day. This person will be a seasoned racer who can talk you through the start and offer advice as you

round the course. The race courses this year will be in our part of Galveston Bay - very little vessel traffic to contend with, so come on out and race. For online registration, please click here:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=151.

For more information and to download the Notice of Race, please click here: http://houstonyachtclub.com/documents/2012_Midwinter_Regatta.pdf.

HYC's Women's Sailing Association is hosting a Spring Fling In-Town Party 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the home of Ellen & Fred Prella.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes food, wine and entertainment. For reservations or information about joining WSA, contact Cindy McMordie at cindy@mcmordie.com or Ann Bordelon at callann@flash.net.

Join us for Yachty Gras Saturday, Feb. 18 at HYC. There will be a Family Fun Sail in the afternoon followed by a Boat Parade through the HYC Harbor starting at 5 p.m. Decorate your boat for Mardi Gras and join us for the fun. All boats are welcome - big and small, sail, motor or paddle along Piers 9 and 12. Be sure to make your reservation for the Mosquito Fleet Fish Fry, which will take place after the boat parade.

Please join us for the Mosquito Fleet Fish Fry Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Beachcomber immediately following the Yachty Gras Boat Parade (around 5:30 p.m.). The cost is \$10 per person for Skeeters (bring 2012 Membership Card) and \$12 per person for non-Skeeters and includes Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw and Iced Tea - all you can eat! Enjoy dancing from 7 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. What to Bring: Last Name beginning with A-M please bring an appetizer, N-Z please bring a dessert and everyone is asked to bring adult beverage of your choice, ice and lawn chairs. Reservations need to be in by Feb. 15 at noon to ensure enough food is ordered. Please send reservations to beckypeter@hotmail.com. If you do not receive a return email confirming your reservation, then we did not receive it. In that case, please call Becky Peter at 832.722.3702.

A US Sailing Advanced Race Management Seminar is Feb. 18-19 at the Houston Yacht Club. This seminar is sponsored by US Sailing and hosted by HYC. This seminar is for experienced race officers who would like to refresh and increase their knowledge of such topics as: organizing an event, writing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, RC equipment, race committee preparations, setting the starting line, setting the course, starting, finishing and scoring. The seminar will include discussions of the changes in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 that affect race management. People interested in becoming certified by US Sailing as Regional or National Race

Officers must attend such a seminar and pass the associated test(s). For complete details and to register for the seminar, please visit us online at <http://houstonyachtclub.com/raceregatta.html>

The Mosquito Fleet is hosting a Rodeo Barbecue Cookoff, Blessing of the Pits and Barn Dance March 3 at HYC. For complete details, please visit us online at <http://houstonyachtclub.com/raceregatta.html>.

The Windward Bound Sailing Camp Application is now available online. Windward Bound is an opportunity to learn, expand, and enhance knowledge and skills in sailing. Instructors are accomplished women sailors with years of experience in cruising, racing and teaching other women to sail. All skill levels from beginners to racers wanting to improve skills are welcome. WSA and Windward Bound promote the joy of sailing among women. The Windward Bound 2012 camp runs May 9-12. Camp cost: HYC Member, \$500; Non-HYC Member, \$650; HYC Ragnot Mom Discount, \$450. For more information and to download the application, please visit us online at: http://houstonyachtclub.com/associations_wsa_wwb.html

The HYC Dining Room Hours of Operation are as follows:

- * Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch
- * Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. for dinner
- * Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. for dinner and Friday night buffet
- * Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- * Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.