



Wednesday Night Autumn Regatta

August 19 - September 16, 2026

The Houston Yacht Club

3620 Miramar Drive, La Porte, TX 77571

(281) 471-1255



NOTICE OF RACE

Official Event Website: houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/57PNzbBFB7.

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 RRS Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows:
(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 **and is from a boat that** was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 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 the *Supplemental Sailing Instructions* (SSI) included with this Notice of Race.

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.

4. ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION, & FEES

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

5. FEES

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| 5.1 | HYC Member Entry Fee: | \$ 15.00 |
| 5.2 | Guests of HYC, Entry Fee: | \$ 115.00 |
| 5.3 | State & Local Sales Tax: | 8.25 % |
| 5.4 | Card Processing Fee: | 3.00 % |

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:**

August 19 th	August 26 th	September 2 nd	September 9 th	September 16 th
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- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day of racing is **6:00 PM** for all 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.

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 Windward/Leeward, either *Course L* (Leeward Finish) or *Course W* (Windward 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

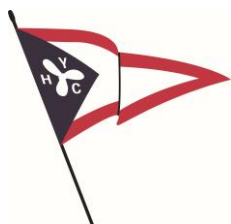
- 12.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous 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 Questions may be directed to Tim Johnson, Chief PRO, at tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com.



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SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions **1 - 13** are provided by **APPENDIX S** in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as stated in **NoR 2.1**.

14. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, SUPPLEMENT

- 14.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the "Official Event Website", as shown at the top of the *Notice of Race*. This modifies **RRS S2.1**.
- 14.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

15. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE, SUPPLEMENT

- 15.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the **Houston Yacht Club** flagpole. This modifies **RRS S4.1**.
- 15.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

16. SCHEDULE OF RACES, SUPPLEMENT

- 16.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled over five Wednesdays of racing. This modifies **RRS S5.1**.

Date	Ensigns / Dinghies First Warning	All Others First Warning	Races Scheduled:	No Warning Signal After:	Actual Sunset (Info Only)
August 19	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	2	7:16 pm	7:56 PM
August 26	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	2	7:09 pm	7:49 PM
September 2	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	2	7:01 pm	7:41 PM
September 9	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	2	6:52 pm	7:32 PM
September 16	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	2	6:44 pm	7:24 PM

- 16.2 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

17. THE COURSES, SUPPLEMENT

- 17.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course to be sailed with Numeral Pennants 2, 3, 4, or 5. This modifies **RRS S7.1**.
- 17.2 The course diagram(s) are in *ADDENDUM: WNR COURSE DIAGRAMS*. They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. This modifies **RRS S7.2**.

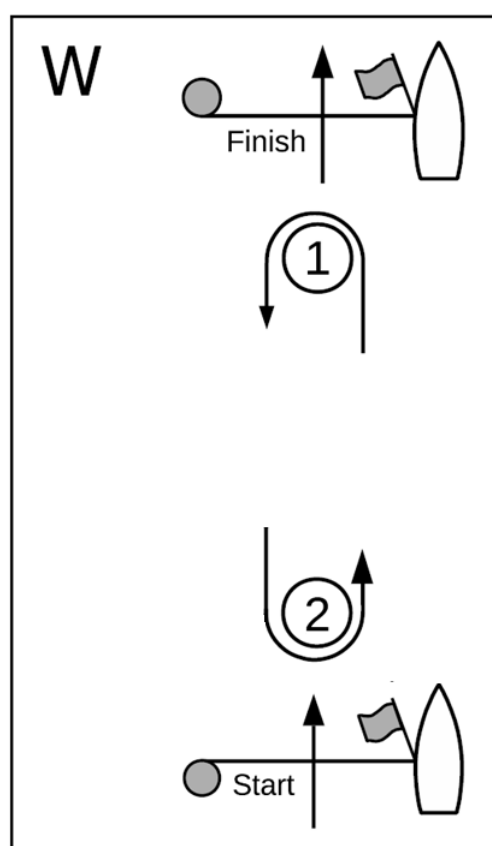
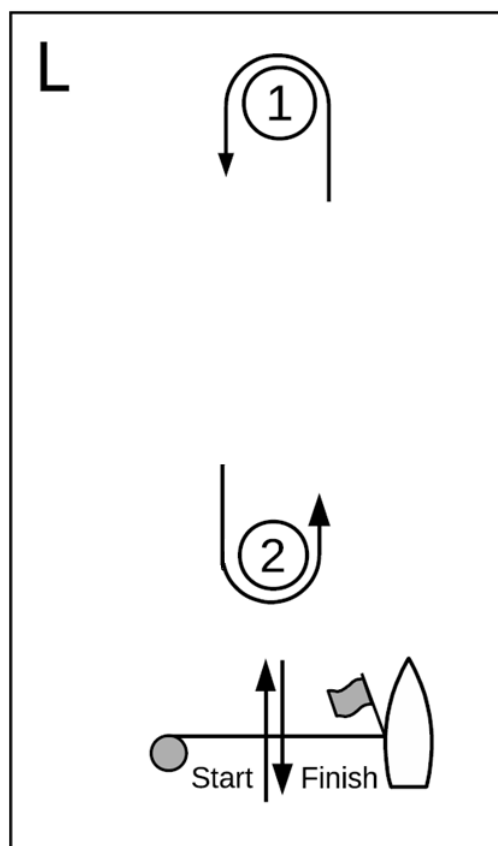
18. MARKS, SUPPLEMENT

- 18.1 Mark "S" is a floating red/orange shape.
- 18.2 Marks "1" and "2" are floating yellow shapes. This modifies **RRS S8.1**.

19. TIME LIMITS, SUPPLEMENT

- 19.1 This modifies **RRS S12.1**.
 - a. Mark 1 Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1 is 30 minutes.
 - b. Race Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 minutes.
 - c. Finishing Window: Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course is 15 minutes.

ADDENDUM: WNR COURSE DIAGRAMS



Note: For courses W2 and W3, the finish pin may be the same as Mark 1.

	SIGNAL	COURSE	MARK ROUNDING ORDER	Notes
	Pennant 2	L 1	Start - 1 - Finish	2 "legs"
	Pennant 3	W 2	Start - 1 - 2 - Finish	3 "legs"
	Pennant 4	L 2	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish	4 "legs"
	Pennant 5	W 3	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish	5 "legs"

This modifies **RRS APPENDIX S, COURSE DIAGRAMS**.