

2026 HYC Sturgeon Moon Pursuit Race



August 29, 2026

The Houston Yacht Club

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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 Appendix T shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted before August 26, 2026, at houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/zA0RVIK5DA.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 3.2 [DP] All keel boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the US Coast Guard.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 69.
- 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 all keelboats and multihull boats. Centerboards are excluded.
- 4.2 [NP] Yachts entering the race shall have a valid 2026 rating certificate from the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (PHRF-GB).
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:
 - a. PHRF Spin-A 2 or more boats, flying Asymmetrical spinnakers.
 - b. PHRF Spin-B 2 or more boats, flying Symmetrical spinnakers.
 - c. PHRF Non-Spin 2 or more boats, without spinnakers.
- 4.4 All registrations must be made online. Boats may enter the event by registering at houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/zA0RVIK5DA.
- 4.5 A minimum of two (2) boats are required to constitute a class.
- 4.6 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be assigned to another class.
- 4.7 All classes will race on one line, with assigned start times, per the pursuit race format.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is \$15.00 and must be received by noon on the day of the race.

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6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There will be one race for each class.
- 6.2 A **Competitor's Briefing** will be held in the HYC Beachcomber on the day of the race at **6:30 pm**.
- 6.3 The "Scratch" start time is **7:30 pm**. All Pursuit start times will be based on this time.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the area 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*.
- 7.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 The racecourse will be a "Pursuit distance" course.
- 8.2 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix V1 & V2 are in effect.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 No score will be excluded from the total score for each boat. This modifies RRS A2.1.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1 Competitors may leave their boats at HYC for the day before and the day after the race 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, please contact the **HYC Harbor Manager**, Philip Meeker, at **(281) 471-1255**.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.
- 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.

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13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information please contact Timothy Johnson.

ADDENDUM, RACE AREA

