



2026 HYC Harvest Moon Pursuit Race

September 26, 2026

The Houston Yacht Club
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or these Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress 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* and the *US Sailing Prescriptions*.
- 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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 2.2 On the water communications by radio will be on **VHF 69** for all classes.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 5:00 PM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before it takes effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Houston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes **Race Signals AP**.
- 4.3 Signals made ashore shall apply to all Divisions.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday, September 26, 2026
 - a. 6:30 PM: Competitor's Briefing, Beach Comber.
 - b. 7:08 PM: Harvest Full Moonrise.
 - c. 7:11 PM: Actual Sunset.
 - d. 7:30 PM: Scratch time for the pursuit starts, (all classes).
- 5.2 There will be one race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 There will be no class flags for this race.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The location of the racing area is shown in the Notice of Race Addendum, RACE AREA.

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8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are described in the addendum, *Course Descriptions*. They describe the order in which each mark is to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 There are four possible courses, 1 - 4. The course to be sailed will be announced at the competitor's briefing and again on VHF Channel 69 no later than 7:25 PM.
- 8.3 Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel while racing. Ship channels are *Obstructions*.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The approximate location of each mark is shown in the Addendum: *Race Marks*.
- 9.2 Mark 1 is the "Judges Stand" located at **29° 37.367'N, 94° 59.726'W**
- 9.3 Mark 2 is the "High Range" located at **29° 37.790'N, 94° 58.214'W**
- 9.4 Mark 3 is a tetrahedron located near "Morgan's Point" at **29° 39.833'N, 94° 58.919'W**
- 9.5 Mark 4 is a tetrahedron located near "Sylvan Beach" at **29° 38.839'N, 95° 00.114'W**

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a yellow floating shape on the port end and Mark 1 (the "Judges Stand") on the starboard end.
- 10.2 The "Start Time" for each boat is based on her PHRF. Start times for a specific racecourse and a specific PHRF are in the addendum, *Pursuit Start times, Full Moon Race*.
- 10.3 The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear the hail, or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her start time will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.5 The official scratch time is 7:30 PM for PHRF = 300.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between a yellow floating shape on the starboard end and Mark 1 (the "Judges Stand") on the port end. To correctly finish, a boat must cross the start/finish line in the opposite direction that she started.
- 11.2 When a boat finishes, she shall hail the race committee via VHF 69 and announce their sail number and that they have finished.
- 11.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 The Race Time Limit is 5 hours. If no boat within a class has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race for that class shall be abandoned.
- 12.2 There is no finishing window for this race.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat reaches the dock.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 13.4 Hearings may be scheduled on the following day, Sunday, August 30, 2026.
- 13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2), 60.2 (b)(3), and 60.2(d).

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14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, The Houston Yacht Club office by telephone: **281-471-1255**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from future regattas.
- 14.2 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

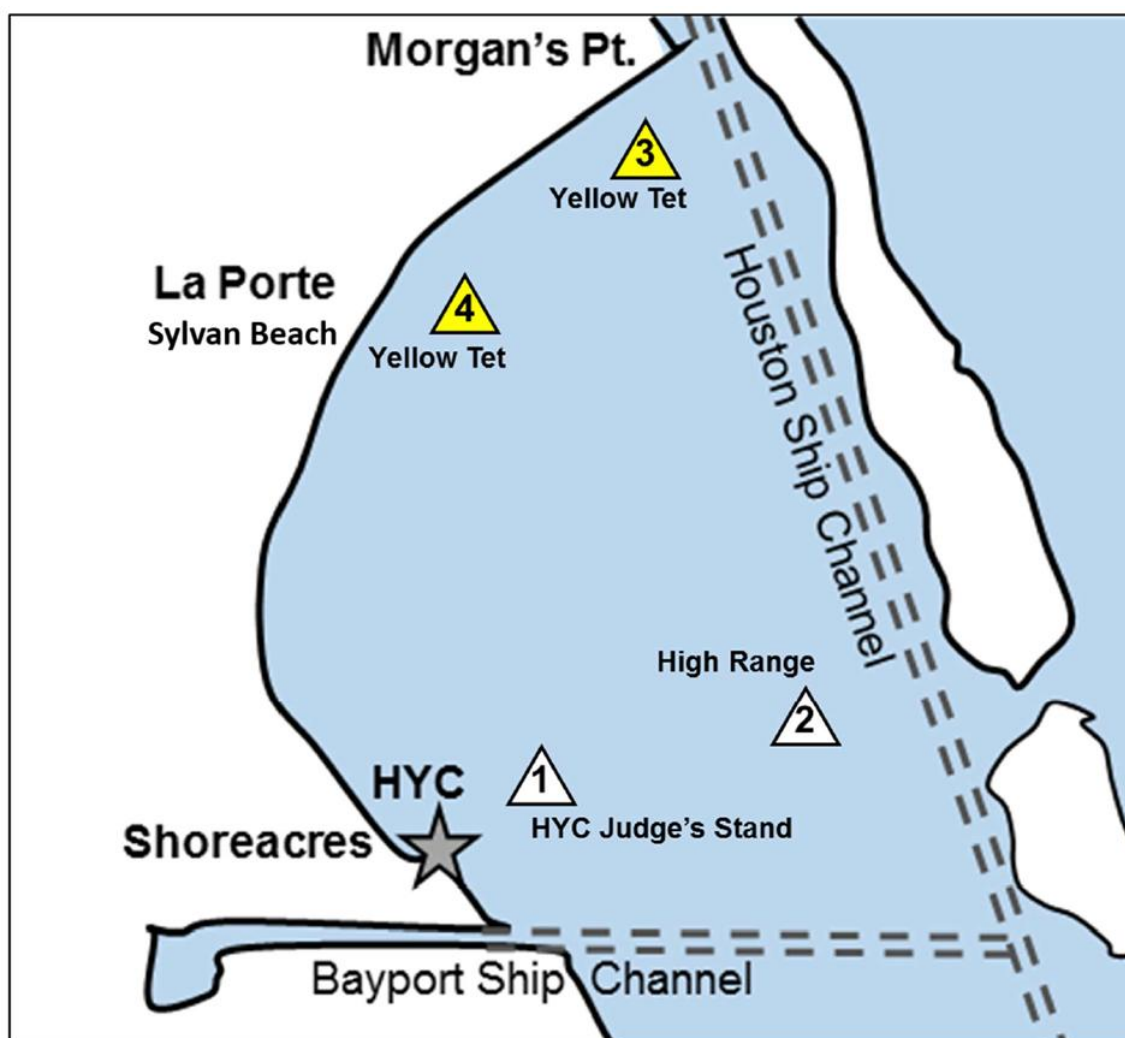
15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 3. 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.
- 15.2 Refer to the Notice of Race, **NoR 12. RISK STATEMENT**.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information, visit Houston Yacht Club at houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/rscc4MsDtW.

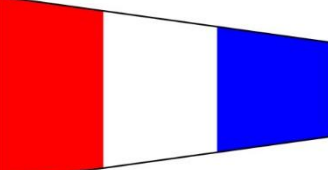
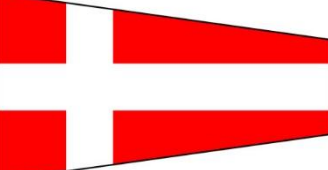
Addendum: Race Marks



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Addendum: Course Descriptions

	Course 1 10 nm	Mark 1 to Mark 2 / High Range Mark 2 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 2 / High Range Mark 2 to Mark 3 / Morgan's Point Mark 3 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand	Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port
	Course 2 8.1 nm	Mark 1 to Mark 3 / Morgan's Point Mark 3 to Mark 2 / High Range Mark 2 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand	Leave on Starboard Leave on Starboard Leave on Port
	Course 3 9.4 nm	Mark 1 to Mark 2 / High Range Mark 2 to Mark 3 / Morgan's Point Mark 3 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand Mark 1 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand	Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port
	Course 4 14.4 nm	Mark 1 to Mark 2 / High Range Mark 2 to Mark 3 / Morgan's Point Mark 3 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand Mark 1 to Mark 4 / Sylvan Beach Mark 4 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand Mark 1 to Mark 3 / Morgan's Point Mark 3 to Mark 1 / Judge's Stand	Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port Leave on Port

Addendum: Pursuit Start Times, Full Moon Race

The Addendum for Pursuit Start Times, for each of the four courses, is located on the event website.

See: **2026 Full Moon Pursuit Start Times.pdf**

at houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/rscc4MsDtW

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