



2026 HYC Club Championship

November 7, 2026

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 V1 & V2 apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 4, 202.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board, "HYC Race Information", is in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 [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 HYC Members, who have either:
 - a. Won their class in a regatta.
 - b. Represent the Flag, WSA, Ragnots, J/24 fleet, Sunfish fleet, Melges 15 fleet, Ensign fleet, J/22 fleet or the PHRF fleet.
- 4.2 **Additional Eligibility:** HYC Members wanting to compete in the championship but not qualified under NoR 4.1 (a) or 4.1 (b) may petition the Fleet Captain. Petitions will be granted on a "first-come, first-serve" basis after the competitors in 4.1 have been identified.
- 4.3 At least 50% of the crew for each competitor must be HYC members.
- 4.4 The club championship will be raced on class J-24s.
- 4.5 Competitors may enter the event by registering at the official event website:
houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/aHaRHX3giH
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a competitor shall complete all registration requirements by the registration entry deadline.

5. FEES & DISCOUNTS

- 5.1 There are no fees for this event.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will be available until **Thursday, November 5, 2026, 6:00 pm**. After that, registration is closed.

6.2 Day of racing, Saturday, November 7, 2026:

Time	Description
8:30 am	Mandatory Check-in, Beachcomber, sign waivers, and draw for boats.
9:15 am	Competitor's Briefing, Beachcomber.
11:00 am	First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.
3:00 pm	No more Warning Signals, racing is concluded.
Post Racing	Haul Outs, all competitors, please assist boat owners with haul outs.
4:30 pm	Awards Presentation, HYC Bar.

6.3 Up to six (6) races are planned.

6.4 Competitors will draw for boats and then rotate to the next boat between each race.

7. VENUE

7.1 All races will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay in the areas bound by the *Houston Shipping Channel* to the East and the *Bayport Shipping Channel* to the South, in the vicinity of Houston Yacht Club.

7.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9"N 95°00'08.0"W

8. COURSE

8.1 All races will be Windward/Leeward courses.

8.2 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

8.3 Each race is expected to be approximately 30 minutes in duration.

9. SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.

9.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

9.3 No score will be excluded from the total score for each boat. This modifies RRS A2.1.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1 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.

10.2 The Skipper 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 competitor, and his/her exclusion from the regatta.

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- 10.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form provided at the **Competitor's Briefing**. The signed Waivers must be submitted at the Check-in prior to the briefing.

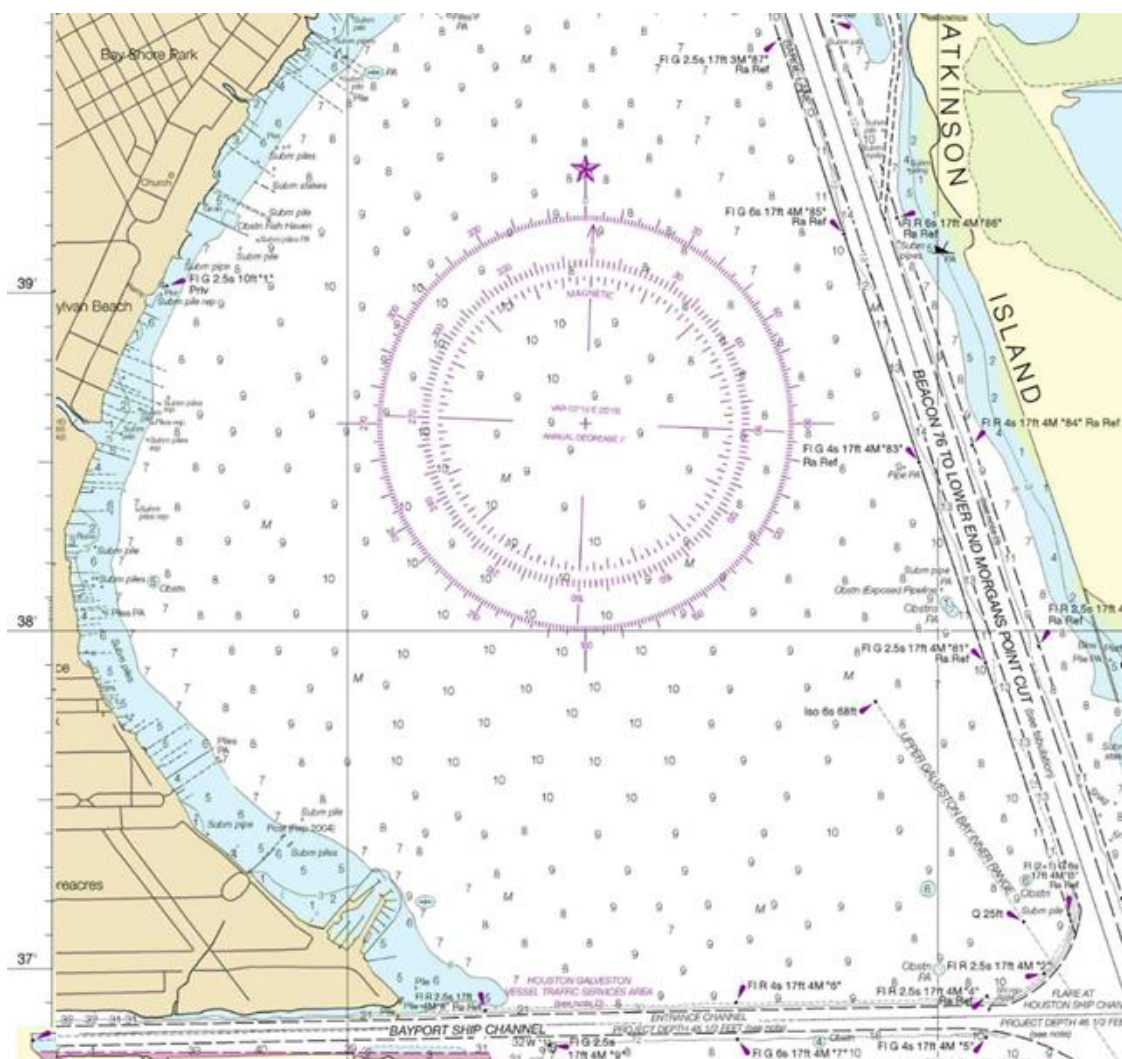
11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded after racing.
- 11.2 The *Weatherford Trophy* will be awarded to the overall winner of the Club Championship. The *Weatherford Trophy* is located at the top of the main stairway, in a glass case.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 Sandra Baldrige, Fleet Captain and Regatta Chair. Srbaldrige10@gmail.com

ADDENDUM, RACE AREA



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