



2026 James Liston Turkey Day Regatta

November 21-22, 2026



The Houston Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE

The notations [NP] and [DP] 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 Appendixes T and V1 shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by 6:00 pm on November 19, 2026.
COPIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE COMPETITORS BRIEFING
- 2.2 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board by 6:00 pm on November 19, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/vYCtDTz1uz>.
- 3.2 [DP] All keel boats and multihulls shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 [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 keel, multihull, and centerboard boats.
- 4.2 A minimum of two (2) boats of the same design will constitute a Class.
- 4.3 Potential fleets include Ensign, J/22, J/24, J/105, Melges 15, Sunfish, PHRF-Spinnaker and PHRF-Non-Spinnaker.
- 4.4 Entrants who do not find their desired class listed on the entry form should register as "Generic One Design" and contact the Chief Principal Race Officer.
- 4.5 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form. An entry fee refund may be requested by the registrant. All registrations must be made online.
- 4.6 Boats may enter the event by registering at the official event website, at <https://houstonyachtclub.com/regatta/vYCtDTz1uz> using the online entry form.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the required entry fees by the registration entry deadline Thursday, November 19, 6:00 pm.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Keel Boats and multihulls Entry Fee \$75.00
 5.2 Centerboard Entry Fee \$50.00
 5.3 Late Registration Fee after Nov. 12, 11:59 pm \$20.00

(fees shown include sales tax)

Event Long sleeve shirts will be available for purchase here

<https://houstonyachtclub.com/shop/regatta/vYCtDTz1uz> until Thursday, Nov. 12 11:59 pm. After that, sizes and availability will not be guaranteed.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 A boat's advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration:

Description	From	To
Registration	Saturday, Oct-10, 6:00 pm	Thursday, Nov-12, 11:59 pm
Late Registration, \$20 Late Fee Applies	Friday, Nov-13, 12:00 am	Thursday, Nov-19, 6:00 pm
Competitor Briefing for keel boats and multihull classes	Friday, Nov-20, 7:00 pm	
Competitor Briefing, Sunfish and M15	Saturday, Nov-21, 9:30 am	

- 7.2 On all days of racing the First Warning signal will not be made before 10:30 am.

- 7.3 Racing:

Date	One-design classes	PHRF Classes	Sunfish and M15
Saturday, November 21	3 races	3 races	5 races
Sunday, November 22	Make up day (repeat Saturday schedule)		

- 7.4 Social Events:

Date	Activity
Saturday, November 21	Hors d'oeuvres and Awards Post Racing
Sunday, November 22	Make up day (repeat Saturday schedule)

- 7.5 Racing and social events will be rescheduled for Sunday, Nov-22 if no races are completed on Saturday.

8. REGISTRATION DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS [DP][NP]

- 8.1 Proof of Current Marine Liability Insurance Coverage, see NOR 14.
 8.2 Competitor Liability Waiver form, see NOR 13.3
 8.3 PHRF classes shall submit a current PHRF-GB certificate. Visit <https://www.phrfgb.org/phrf-ratings/2026-certificates> to download a current copy of your certificate.
 8.4 Each boat shall present all documents at the Competitors Briefing.

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9. VENUE

- 9.1 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.
See: Addendum, Race Area.
- 9.2 Houston Yacht Club is located at 29°37'02.9" N 95°00'08.0"W

10. COURSE

- 10.1 The race course configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 All classes will race Windward/Leeward courses.
- 10.3 Centerboards (such as Sunfish and Melges 15) may be separated from the Keelboat One-Design classes.

11. SCORING

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

12. BERTHING

- 12.1 Competitors may leave their boats at HYC for the week before and after the regatta 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 and further information, please contact the **HYC Harbor Manager**, Philip Meeker, at **(281) 471-1255**.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form provided in the race documents section of the event website. The signed Waivers must be submitted

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14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 [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.
- 14.2 Competitors shall supply proof of insurance during registration per NOR 8.1.

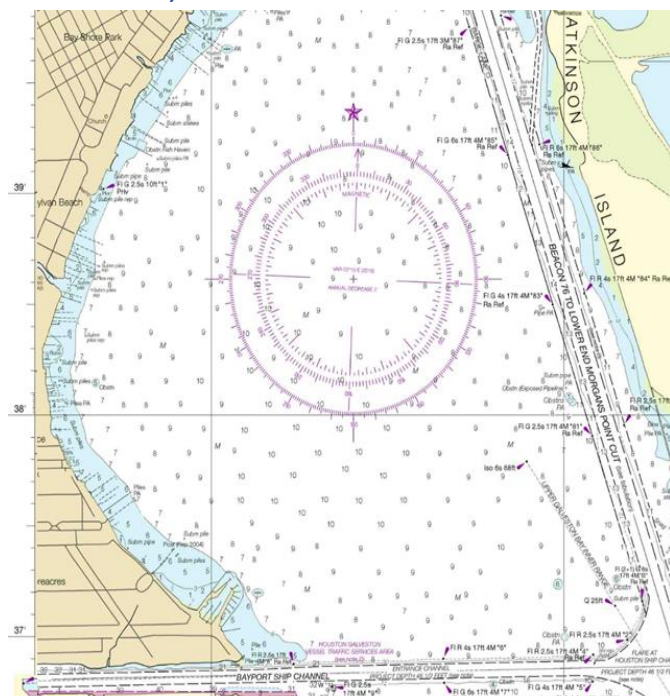
15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies will be frozen turkeys and awarded based on class participation.
- 15.2 The perpetual James T. Liston Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top-scoring boat in a One Design keelboat class with the largest number of boats scored in the class.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact event chair Lythia Metzmeier at lythia61@gmail.com

ADDENDUM, RACE AREA



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