You are cordially invited to participate in the Houston Yacht Club's Annual Regatta on Galveston Bay on Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th. Some 90 to 100 boats in 14 Classes are expected to compete for prizes, with their skippers and crews renewing acquaintances as guests of the Houston Yacht Club at a special Regatta supper and informal dance Saturday evening.

**RACES & POINT SCORE** - One race will be held for each class on each day. Points to be awarded on basis of one point for starting and one point for each yacht defeated, with a starter in either race considered as a starter in both races. Prizes to be awarded on basis of best point scores for the two races. Ties in point score will be decided on basis of best overall corrected time in Handicap Classes, and by the toss of a coin in One-Design Classes.

**ENTRY** - Crossing the starting line with your class shall signify entry.

**RULES** - 1953 Rules of the North American Yacht Racing Union shall govern. One-Design Classes shall conform to their class rules.

**STARTING LINE** - Between white flag on Committee Boat and marker with green flag.

**FINISH LINE** - Between white flag on Committee Boat and marker with red flag.

**COURSES** - (See Course Charts to be distributed.)

COURSE #1 - From starting line to and around Ship Channel Beacon #63, thence to and around Beacon #55, thence to finish line - all marks to starboard. Distance 7.66 miles. ONCE AROUND.

COURSE #2 - The reverse of Course #1 - all marks to port - ONCE AROUND.

COURSE #3 - From starting line to marker A, thence to marker B, thence to red flag marker near Committee Boat - all marks to starboard - TWICE AROUND.

COURSE #4 - The reverse of Course #3 - all marks to port - TWICE AROUND.

COURSE #5 - From starting line to marker C, thence to marker D, thence to red flag marker near Committee Boat - all marks to starboard - TWICE AROUND.

COURSE #6 - The reverse of Course #5 - all marks to port - TWICE AROUND.

**NOTE** - Courses used will be either 1, 3, and 5, or 2, 4, and 6.

**STARTING TIMES & SIGNALS** -

1:00 P.M. ............................ Course Signals
1:05 ................................. Warning .......................... White Flag
1:10 ................................. Preparatory ........................ Red Flag
1:15 - Course 3 or 4 (Start Handicap Class) .......................... Blue Flag
   **" Rebel 22 Class**
1:20 - Course 1 or 2 .......................... Start G.B.C A. Class A .......................... White Flag
1:25 - Course 1 or 2 .......................... " " " " " .......................... B .......................... Red Flag
1:30 - Course 1 or 2 .......................... " " " " " .......................... C .......................... Blue Flag
1:35 - Course 3 or 4 .......................... " Thistles .......................... White Flag
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1:40 P.M. - Course 3 or 4 Start Corinthians . . . . . Red Flag
1:45 - Course 3 or 4  " Flatties . . . . . Blue Flag
1:50 - Course 3 or 4  " (Lightnings) . . . . . White Flag
1:55 - Course 3 or 4  " Snipes . . . . . Red Flag
2:00 - Course 5 or 6  " Rhodes Bantams. . . Blue Flag
2:05 - Course 5 or 6  " Penguins. . . . White Flag
2:10 - Course 5 or 6  " Teals . . . . . Red Flag
2:15 - Course 5 or 6  " Beetles . . . . . Blue Flag

NOTE - All classes start on same starting line and finish on same finish line.

POSTPONEMENTS - Will be for even 15 minute intervals and will be signalled by hoisting of both Red and Blue flags on a single hoist.

PRIZES - First prizes in all Classes, second prize if six or more in Class, third prize if 10 or more in Class. 1953 Award of Houston Yacht Club Cabin Sloop Trophy to winner in G.B.C.A. Class B.

REGISTRATION - All participants are requested to register on arrival at the registration desk in Club Lobby. Identifying badges will be distributed and scrip tickets to cover restaurant, bar and other charges will be obtainable.

ROOMS - Accommodations in Club dormitories will be available for about twenty each visiting men and women sailors. The registration desk will assign these rooms, and provide information on nearby tourist courts, etc. for any overflow.

MEALS - Club dining room and poop deck will serve at customary hours.

LAUNCHING - Hoists, slings, and manpower will be available on the Club pier to facilitate launching of visiting craft from trailers.

MOORING & TENDER FACILITIES - H.Y.C. harbormaster will provide berths within the Club basin for as many visiting craft as possible. Larger craft will be requested to anchor outside the Basin, whence tender service will be provided.

SPECTATOR CRAFT - Families and friends of visiting yachtsmen are invited to follow the races aboard H.Y.C. power boats - Register at information desk on pier for assignment.

SUPPER & DANCE - Visiting skippers and crew members are invited to be guests of the Houston Yacht Club at supper and a dance on Saturday.

AWARD OF PRIZES - Commodore Charles M. Knipe will award prizes on the Club lawn after Sunday's racing.

HOUSTON YACHT CLUB RACE COMMITTEE:
Rear Commodore J. Fred Haworth, General Chairman
Fleet Captain Rufus G. Smith, Essex
Vice-Commodore Charles M. Smythe, Spectator Craft
Mr. George H. Allen, Prizes
Mr. Frank Core, Launching & Parking
Mr. Al C. Felt, Mooring & Assistance
Mrs. Rufus G. Smith, Registration

ADDRESS: Houston Yacht Club
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Houston Grand 9-2174
(25 Miles SE of Houston)
NOPE - All answer are yes except The one that is not true...

[Signature]

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