

TEXAS OFFSHORE RACE CIRCUIT - NOTICE OF SERIES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Houston Yacht Club (HYC), Galveston Bay Cruising Association (GBCA), and Bay Access Sailing Foundation (for Lakewood Yacht Club).

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The TORC Series is open to any keelboat or multihull subject to the eligibility requirements of each series race as described in each race's notice of race. No specific entry in the series is required; any boat which finishes a series race will be scored in the Series.
2. **SERIES RACES:** Three races earn competitors points in the series. Each race will start and end inside the Galveston jetties, near Houston Ship Channel Marker #11, and consist of courses in the Gulf of Mexico of 30 to 90 nautical mile lengths as designated by the applicable OA or race committee depending on class and weather conditions. Races are the HYC Quantum Cup, GBCA Offshore Race, and LYC Heald Bank Race with dates and registration listed in Events section below.
3. **POTENTIAL CLASSES** include ORC, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and Multihull.
4. **SERIES SCORING**
 - a. In each qualifying regatta, a competitor receives Series Points equal to the overall position he/she placed in that regatta using appropriate rating system for their class. If a competitor does not compete in a race their score for that race shall be the number of boats competing in their class in that race plus one.
 - b. A competitor's Series Score will be the total of the Series Points earned in the races.
 - c. The competitor with the lowest total Series Points shall be the winner of the TORC Series for their class. Ties will be broken pursuant to Section 8 of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - d. For purposes of calculation of the Texas Navy Cup, results for each of the HYC and LYC races shall count once, with the GBCA race counting twice per the Deed of Gift.
 - e. For the purposes of the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy the boat and skipper shall enter all races in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker class.
 - f. The winning skipper in their respective class shall have helmed the winning yacht in all races in which the boat raced.
5. **AWARDS**
 - a. The winner of the TORC Series in the ORC class will win the Texas Navy Cup with the skipper's name being placed on the perpetual trophy and the skipper being awarded a separate commemorative trophy to keep. Second and third places in the ORC class shall also receive commemorative trophies to keep.
 - b. The winner of the TORC Series in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker class will win the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy.
 - c. Awards in other classes will consist of commemorative trophies with the number awarded based on number of entries with up to three places being awarded for six boats entered, two places being awarded for three boats entered, or one place being awarded for two boats entered.
6. **EVENTS**

Competitors' briefings will be at host club and via Zoom at 1800 on evening preceding the race.

OA/EVENT	Date	Registration Information
Kick-Off Information Mtg/Party @ GBCA	Feb. 18 @ 1800	N/A
HYC Quantum Cup	Mar. 18, 2023	https://houstonyachtclub.com/web/pages/race-schedule
GBCA Offshore Race	Jun. 3, 2023	https://gbca.org/
Bay Access (LYC) Heald Bank Race	Jun. 24, 2023	https://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/racing-schedule
Awards Party @ HYC	Jul. 22 @ 1800	N/A