



GBCA Offshore Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

September 26th-27th, 2015

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building 113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Notice of Race

Amended 8/21/2105

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

Eligibility

This regatta is open to all seaworthy yachts suitable for offshore cruising or racing along the Texas Gulf Coast. All yachts shall have either a valid PHRF-GB certificate or be entered in the GBCA Cruising Class, or shall have formed a one design class and supplied a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Expected classes are PHRF-Spinnaker, PHRF-Non-Spinnaker and GBCA Cruising Club. Classes which have formed by 2359 hours, **Wednesday September 23rd, 2015** will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1st place
- 4-6 boats: 1st, 2nd place
- 7-9 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
- 10 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place

Entries

Competitors may enter online at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162. PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be \$50. Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$5.00 discount. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is **Wednesday September 23, 2015 at 2359 CDT**; however, entries received after 2359 CDT, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

Boats intending to race in a handicap fleet other than GBCA Club Handicap must have delivered a current PHRF-GB rating certificate to the Race Committee or uploaded it to Regatta Network before the conclusion of the competitors briefing.

Courses

This is an overnight, offshore race. Courses will be around fixed rig marks between Bolivar Roads, Galveston Jetties and the Gulf of Mexico as far south along the Texas Coast as Freeport, and as far north on the Texas coast as Sabine Pass. V

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available online after 1900 Friday, September **25th** at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162.

Any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

Notices to Competitors

Will be posted on https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162.

Scoring

No races will be excluded from scoring. This Modifies RRS A4. One completed race constitutes a series.

This is the last race in the 2015 series for spinnaker boats competing for the Texas Navy Cup and non-spinnaker boats competing for the S. Rhoads Fisher Cup. Participation in the TMCA Spring Fling offshore race, the LYC Heald Bank, the HYC Offshore, and this race to be held are required to contend for the Navy and Fisher Cups.

Schedule of Events

- A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, **September 25th, 2015.**
- The first warning signal for the race will not be before 1200 hours September 26th, 2015
- Post-race activities and award presentations will be in conjunction with the GBCA/Watergate Fall Regatta "Chili Chase" at GBCA, **November 7th, 2015**