



2017 GBCA Performance Cup

Galveston Bay

March 18th & 19th, 2017

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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

Notice of Race

The GBCA Performance Cup is GBCA's premier inshore regatta of the year, offering two days of windward/leeward racing to several one design and handicap fleets as well as pursuit style distance courses. GBCA has the authority to reject or rescind the entry of any boat before the start of the first race. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes at the discretion of the regatta committee.

1) Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the current PHRF-Galveston Bay rules, the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Inshore Racing (as amended for this event), as well as the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race. Additional One Design class rules may amend this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

2) Eligibility and Entry

This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2017 PHRF-GB certificates (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), boats entering for GBCA Club Handicap, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. A completed online entry and the entry fee must be received by 1930 on March 17th 2017.

Competitors may enter online at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162

3) Rating and Handicap Class Eligibility and Rules

PHRF – PHRF entries with a valid 2017 PHRF Galveston Bay certificate are invited (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker). Competitors should ensure their current certificates are

available on line at PHRFGB.com Certificates that are not available online should be made available to the Race Committee prior to the competitors' briefing.

GBCA Club Handicap – Boats who have entered their boat in the 2017 GBCA Cruising Class Ratings system are invited. To register and obtain a rating, contact Darin Keever at darin@keever.cc

4) Fee

The entry application shall be accompanied by a \$75 entry fee. 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 Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline.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 Friday, March 17th 2016 at 1930 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, March 15th 2017 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

5) Preliminary Schedule of Events

Friday, March 17

1900 – Registration and competitor's briefing at the GBCA Clubhouse. Sailing Instructions available.

Saturday, March 18

1100 – First Signal

1800 – Party after racing including food, drinks, and entertainment. Location and details to be determined.

Sunday, March 19

1100 – First Signal

Prize Giving will be held as soon as possible after racing at the GBCA Clubhouse. Drinks and snacks will also be available.

As many races as practical will be run during the regatta on Saturday and Sunday. Subsequent races for each class will be started as soon as possible after the class has finished the prior race.

6) Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available on March 17, 2017 after 1900 at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 . They will also be available for pickup during the competitor's briefing.

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

7) Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

8) Racing Areas and Courses

Courses will be windward-leeward of various lengths, and/or a distance course around fixed and/or dropped marks located in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by The Bayport Ship Channel, The Houston Ship Channel and the shoreline between Red Bluff and San Leon. A single racing area is anticipated. A second may be added at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9) Scoring

All handicap classes will be scored Time-on-Distance using the appropriate ratings.

10) Responsibility

The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race.

11) Prizes

Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1st place
- 4-6 boats: 1st, 2nd place
- 7-9 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

General Administrative Information

1) Event Management

All correspondence pertaining to the regatta can be addressed to:

GBCA
1500 Marina Bay Dr.
Suite 1592 Building #113B
Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565
www.gbca.org

Emmett Dickheiser
GBCA Fleet Captain
832-720-4093
emmett715@gmail.com

and

This is also the address of the GBCA Clubhouse where the competitor's briefing and awards will be held.

2) Performance Cup Updates

Periodic updates and the latest information can be found on the GBCA home page at www.gbca.org, Regatta Network

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 ,
and on the GBCA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GBCATexas/?fref=ts>

3) Slips/Dockage

There are multiple viable options for dockage and crane usage in the Kemah/Seabrook area. Boat owners are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. GBCA does not have dockage or haul/launch capabilities. Information is best acquired by contacting a local class representative. If you require assistance, contact Emmett Dickheiser at 832-720-4093 or emmett715@gmail.com.

4) Media

Competitors and crew members give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representation of their boats in any media (being television, print, video footage, and internet media) for purposes of press information, reporting, promoting, disseminating information or advertising.

ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF RACE

J/24 CLASS ONLY

The Notice of Race for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

- This is the first Circuit Stop of the 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit.
- The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit and the current International J/24 Class Rules.
- The regatta is open to all J/24 yachts as defined by the IJCA and whose entries are accepted by the organizer (“Competitors”). Helmspersons must be full members of a NJCA or the IJCA. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit and pay all

required registration fees to become official participants. The Notice of Circuit is located at www.j24texas.com.

- Races will be sailed on windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.
- The regatta will consist of as many as six (6) races over two (2) consecutive days. Three (3) races must be completed to count towards the overall 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores. No race scores will be excluded from a Competitor's regatta score. This modifies RRS A2. The scoring penalty as provided by RRS 44.3 and as modified by the sailing instructions will apply.
- All Competitors are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the regatta. Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1, the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their J/24 yacht hull number. Any yacht whose sails do not match their hull number may race in the regatta with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative.
- In accordance with Class Rule A.11.1, all yachts must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate. Any yacht without a Measurement Certificate should contact a class measurer or the District 14 Governor to arrange for yacht measurement in order to obtain a Measurement Certificate. Any yacht without a Measurement Certificate may race in the regatta with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the regatta.
- All yachts must carry aboard while racing the yacht's current measurement certificate (unless waived) and completed *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rule B.3. The *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* is the sole responsibility of each Competitor and does not require a class measurer to complete.
- All Competitors will be subject to crew requirements pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1. Scales will be provided at registration for weighing all crew members.
- If you have questions or need additional information regarding the Texas Circuit, contact Tonja Holmes-Moon, District 14 Governor, at 940-808-6477 or sailboats4sanity@yahoo.com ~ John Parker, Texas Circuit Representative, at (512) 983-2582 or j24tcrr@gmail.com ~ or Bryan Dyer, Texas Circuit Representative, at 817-925-9259 or bdyer@woodmont.com.