



## Galveston Bay Catamaran Championships

April 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Clear Lake Racing Association

El Jardin Beach, Texas

### NOTICE OF RACE – Amended 2/22/2017

#### 1. RULES

- a. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, any applicable published rules of a participating one design class, and as modified by the sailing instructions.
- b. Any changes to these rules will be posted at the Regatta Tent.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- a. The regatta is open to all beach catamarans.
- b. All classes are welcome
- c. Classes will initially be divided as Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker, but sub-classes are possible.
- d. There will be three classes to choose from to start: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker A, Non-Spinnaker B. NS-B is designed for people with less than 10 years of racing experience; where they can race against boats of similar skill set. Each class, NS-A and NS-B, must have at least 5 boats each entered; or they will be merged into a single class.
- e. A minimum of three yachts of the same design, or similar rating, may constitute a class
- f. Boats entered during early registration shall receive 2 regatta caps.
- g. Entrants shall enter on-line with [www.RegattaNetwork.com](http://www.RegattaNetwork.com)
  - i. [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=13945](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13945)

#### 3. FEES

- a. Single-handed class entry fee \$30
  - i. Includes 1 (one) dinner ticket
- b. Double-handed class entry fee \$40
  - i. Includes 2 (two) dinner tickets
- c. Additional Dinner tickets \$15 each

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- a. **Monday, March 27: Noon** On-line early entry deadline.
- b. **Friday, April 7: Afternoon** Boat set-up is available.
- c. **Saturday, April 8: 9:30 a.m.** Registration ends.
- d. **Saturday, April 8: 10:00 a.m.** Skipper's Meeting at Regatta Tent.
- e. **Saturday, April 8: 12 noon** Warning signal for distance race.
- f. **Saturday, April 8: Evening** Post-race social on beach with random prizes.
- g. **Sunday, April 9: 10:00 a.m.** Skipper's Meeting at Regatta Tent
- h. **Sunday, April 9: 12 noon** Warning signal for buoy races. Three races scheduled.
- i. **Sunday, April 9** Awards will be presented one (1) hour after race committee returns to Regatta Tent.

#### 5. MEASUREMENTS

- a. Yachts will be rated under US Sailing Yardstick. Factors for modifications not listed, or ratings for yachts not listed, will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. The final sailing instructions will be distributed at the skippers meeting.
- b. Sailing Instructions may be posted early as a convenience.

## **7. VENUE**

- a. All races will be sailed in the vicinity of Galveston Bay bordered by Bayport Ship Channel to the north, Houston Ship Channel to the east, San Leon shoreline to the south, and Kemah/Seabrook shoreline to the west.
- b. Regatta tent will be located along the waterfront of El Jardin Park, between El Jardin Dr. and Park Dr. See "Aerial of Staging Area" below.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- a. Distance race will use fixed marks/obstructions located in Galveston Bay and described in prescribed Sailing Instructions.
- b. Buoy races will use floating inflatable marks described in the prescribed Sailing Instructions.

## **9. SCORING**

- a. A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. Yachts shall be scored as one-design, or under US Sailing Yardstick in the event of a non-one-design class forms.
- c. Class and fleet places will be scored.
- d. The overall Galveston Bay Catamaran Championship trophy will be awarded to the overall fleet winner.

## **10. BERTHING**

- a. Racers will be permitted to store boats on the grass area, or on their trailer, during non-race times.
- b. All participants and support crews shall keep all areas clean and respectable.
- c. Camping is not allowed on grass areas or on beach area.
- d. A range of competitive hotels are available in Seabrook and La Porte areas. Local housing may also be available. Contact race organizer, Scott Tuma at **C\_L\_R\_A@Comcast.net** for availability.

## **11. PRIZES**

- a. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class at end of early registration. Additional trophies may be awarded if more entries enter a class after early registration.
- b. Class awards will be awarded as follows:
  - i. 3 boats competing: 1<sup>st</sup> place awarded
  - ii. 6 boats competing: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awarded
  - iii. 9 boats competing: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded
  - iv. 12 boats competing: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place awarded
- c. Two regatta caps given to early registration teams.
- d. Random prizes may be given out at the end of each day.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- a. For further information, please contact the GBCC Race and Regatta Chairman, Scott Tuma, at **C\_L\_R\_A@Comcast.net**.

# Aerial of Staging Area

