

Single Hand & Mixed Doubles Regattas

Galveston Bay Texas
August 19th-20st, 2017

Galveston Bay Cruising Association
1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Clear Lake Shores, TX

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the case of a discrepancy between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted at:

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

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions or notice of race will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect.

4. WARNING SIGNAL

4.1 The warning gun for the first race of the Single Hand Regatta on Saturday will be no earlier than 1400. The warning gun for the first race of the Mixed Doubles Regatta on Sunday will be no earlier than 1400. Subsequent races for each class will follow as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

5. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the part of Galveston Bay between Seabrook and the Houston Ship Channel, and between San Leon and the Bayport Ship Channel. Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel or Bayport Ship Channel while *racing*. The Houston Ship Channel and the Bayport Ship Channel are designated as obstructions.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATION

6.1 Radio communication will be conducted on VHF channel 69.

6.2 In addition to signaling Individual Recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the names or sail numbers of boats that have started early. Failure to make such a broadcast, failure of a boat to receive that broadcast, a boat's order in that broadcast, or the promptness of that broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

7. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

All yachts intending to race shall check in with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 prior to their warning signal.

8. START LINE / FINISH LINE

The Start Line / Finish Line will be approximately 0.6nm southeast of Clear Lake channel marker 1, between an Orange Flag displayed from the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby Orange Mark.

9. THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of a nearby Mark at the port end of the line.

9.2 The start will be a standard five minute sequence following RRS 26.

9.3 Classes will start according to the starting order listed in Appendix A with their corresponding class flag. Subsequent races may not follow this order.

10. COURSE and MARKS

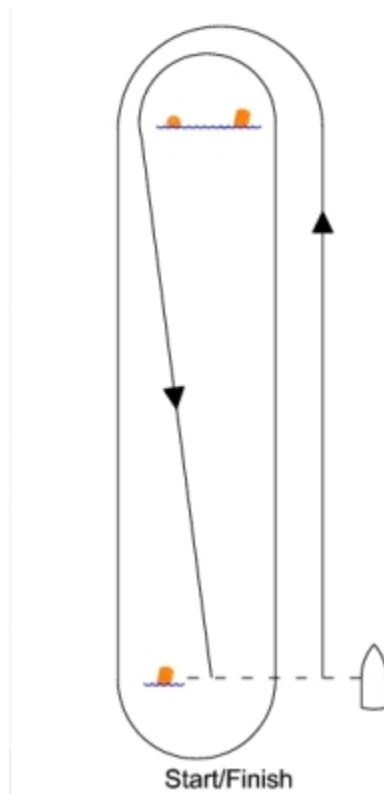
10.1 Courses will be Windward/Leeward.

10.2 Courses will be signaled by a numeral pennant corresponding to the number of legs.

10.3 The leeward mark shall be the same mark as the port end of the starting line.

10.4 An offset mark may be used.

10.5 Example Course 4 diagram:



10.6 Original course marks will be orange except for multihulls which will have a yellow windward mark on a longer course. Offsets may be any color.

10.7 The approximate heading and distance to the windward mark(s) may be displayed on a white board on the committee boat.

11. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the port end and the course side edge of the starboard end Orange Mark.

12. Shorten Course

If the Race Committee displays the "S" code flag for weather reasons, all classes will sail the shortened course.

13. PROTESTS

The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize basic elements of the new RRS Appendix T, a US Sailing Prescription. Protests shall be communicated to the Race Committee before leaving the race area and must be filed in writing within 2 hours of the last boat finishing. This modifies RRS 61. Protests shall be filed at the GBCA office.

14. SAFETY and WITHDRAWING PROCEDURES

14.1 Attention is called to RRS 4: Decision to Race, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.”

14.2 The Race Committee places high priority on accounting for every yacht participating in a race. It is imperative that any yacht withdrawing from a race makes its best and most persistent efforts to notify other parties of such withdrawal at the earliest opportunity. Withdrawing yachts should make every effort to contact the Race Committee and/or other nearby yachts to communicate the withdrawal via VHF channel 69. . If radio communication is unavailable, call the Race Committee phone number: 281-216-4082 and leave a message. Text messages to this number are also acceptable. Proper reporting of a withdrawal should include; yacht name, sail number and skipper's name.

14.3 Single Handed Regatta – Code flag “Y” **SHALL BE** displayed

14.4 Mixed Doubles Regatta – Code flag “Y” **MAY BE** displayed from the RC Signal boat in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 27.1.

15. TIME LIMIT

None, except we have a post-race party scheduled after racing at the GBCA Clubhouse. This modifies RRS 35.

16. SCORING

The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply. One race constitutes a series. There will be no throw-outs. This modifies RRS A2.

17. Schedule of Events

17.1 A Competitors Briefing for both events will be held at the GBCA office at 0900 Saturday, August 19, 2017.

17.2 These are single day regattas, therefore, as many races as practical will be run during each regatta.

Subsequent races for each class will be started as soon as possible after the class has finished the prior race. The warning signal for the first race of the regatta will not be before 1400 hours Saturday and Sunday, August 19 & 20, 2017.

17.3 A Recovery Party and awards presentation, following the Single Hand Regatta, will be held following the conclusion of the last race on Saturday at the GBCA Clubhouse.

17.4 Refreshments and trophy presentations for the Mixed Doubles Regatta will be on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at the GBCA clubhouse following the conclusion of the last race.

Appendix A

Starting Order and Class Flags

Portsmouth Multihull	Green
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PHRF Spinnaker	White
PHRF Non-Spinnaker	Pink