

2019 Spring Series Mardi Gras Regatta



March 9-10, 2019

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in 2017-2020 *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, The Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18144>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions, schedule of races, or notice of race will be posted before 2200 on the day prior to the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located out front of the GBCA clubhouse located at 1500 Marina Bay Dr., Building #113. If postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A competitor's meeting will be held at 1000 March 9th at GBCA clubhouse.
- 5.2 The warning gun for the first race will be no earlier than 1200 hours both days.
 - 5.2.1 Subsequent races for each class will follow as soon as possible after the end of the previous race with the intent to run as many races as possible.
- 5.3 The class starting order for the *first* race and the class flags are shown in Appendix A.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are denoted in Appendix A.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be between Seabrook Channel Marker No. 2 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.

8. COURSES

- 8.1** The Starting line for all classes will be communicated at the Competitor's Briefing; but planning to be located at approximately one-half nautical mile south of Clear Creek Channel Marker #2.
- 8.2** Courses to be sailed will be as follow:
- 8.2.1** Handicap Classes will sail a **Triangle Windward/Leeward** or combination of course.
 - 8.2.2** One-Design Classes will sail a **Windward/Leeward** course
- 8.3** The diagrams in Appendix B show the course layout. The diagrams are not to scale.
- 8.4** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg on a white board.
- 8.5** If the Race Committee displays the "S" code flag with one or more class flags, the shortened course applies only to those classes. If the "S" code flag is flown alone, all classes will sail the shortened course. **This modifies RRS 32.**

9. MARKS

- 9.1** Marks will be orange and yellow tetrahedrons. Starting and finishing mark will be an orange tetrahedron. The marks will be as follows:

Mark:	Rounding:	Original Color/Type:	Change of course color:
Start/Finish	Mark on port	Orange tetrahedron	N/A
Windward 1-D	Port	6' Yellow tetrahedron	6' Orange tetrahedron
Windward Handicap	Port	8' Orange tetrahedron	8' Yellow tetrahedron
Wing Mark	Port	8' Orange tetrahedron	N/A
Leeward Mark	Port	8' Orange tetrahedron	N/A

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1** After a class's start, the start/finish line shall be an obstruction, and not a mark of the course, until their finish. (Reference SI 10 for shorten course.)

11. START

- 11.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** Starts will be rolling. Therefore, the start of one class shall be the warning signal for the following class.
- 11.3** The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of port end starting mark.
- 11.4** The Race Committee may trail a float and line astern of the Race Committee boat which shall be considered as part of the committee boat.
- 11.5** Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.6** A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7** Any class subjected to a General Recall may be restarted after the last scheduled start for that race. **This modifies RRS 29.2.**

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

If the Race Committee displays the "C" code flag with one or more class flags, the course change applies only to those classes. If the "C" code flag is flown alone, all classes will sail the changed course. **This modifies RRS 33.**

13. FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the floating mark as the port end.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee as the first reasonable opportunity.

13.3 On the finishing leg of a course, the Leeward Mark is not a mark of the course.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident instead of a formal hearing or penalty turns. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as start in rule 44.3(c), but used as an adjustment of scoring position. However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by so informing the race committee in writing prior to the protest time limit., identifying the parties and when and where the incident occurred. The Post-Race Penalty shall be as follows:

- 20%, if taken *before* the protest time limit
- 30%, if taken *after* the protest time limit or during arbitration, but before the beginning of a formal hearing involving the incident.
- Penalty as ruled by the protest committee in any formal hearing

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 Time limit for each class will be 180 minutes to finish.

15.2 Individual classes may be shortened at any mark of the course, as described by SI 8.5.

15.3 A boat(s) may be finished in place to expedite starting the next race.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at GBCA Clubhouse (1500 Marina Bay Dr., Building 113B). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize basic elements of the new RRS Appendix T, a US Sailing Prescription.

16.3 Protests shall be communicated to the Race Committee by VHF channel 69 before leaving the race area and must be filed in writing prior to 2 hours after the signal boat docks on the day of protest. Docking time will be posted per Sailing Instruction 2. **This modifies RRS 61.**

17. 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**

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Before the warning signal of **a competitor's first race** of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hail the boat's name or sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable on **VHF channel 69**. If radio communication is unavailable, call or text message the Race Committee phone number: **281.705.3712**. Please state the boat's name, sail number and class and the fact that the boat has retired.

18.3 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."**

19. COMMUNICATION

19.1 Radio communication for will be conducted on **VHF channel 69**.

19.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor and may make courtesy announcements on the designated VHF channel for that line. The failure of the Race Committee to make announcements or the manner in which announcements are made will not be grounds for redress. **This modifies RRS 62.1(a).**

19.3 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).**

19.4 If a weather-related postponement is required it will be announced at 1000 on VHF Channel 69.

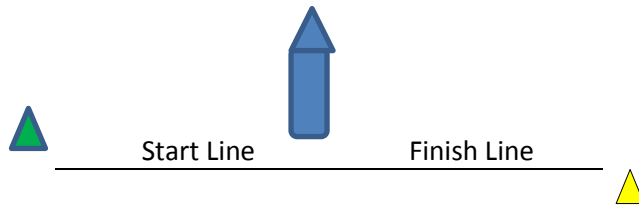
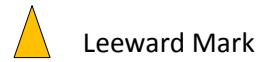
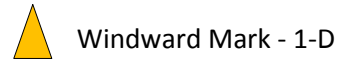
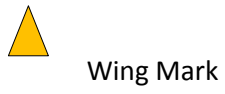
19.5 Race Committee will allow racing yachts to use RaceQs, or similar tracking app, that does not have a "live feed" option viewable by other competitors.

APPENDIX A

2019 Spring Series Mardi Gras Regatta First Race Starting Order / Class Flags

Fleet	Flag	Course
J-22	Numeral Pennate 1	Windward/Leeward
J-24	Numeral Pennate 2	Windward/Leeward
Asym Spin	Numeral Pennate 3	Triangle W/L
Sym Spin	Numeral Pennate 4	Triangle W/L
Non-Spinnaker	Numeral Pennate 5	Triangle W/L

APPENDIX B



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