



2019 GBCC
October 5, 2019
Clear Lake Racing Association
El Jardin Beach, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

This event is governed by the "Rules" defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 (RRS)*.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors enter the Regatta by registering at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18171> and must have completed registration and paid all fees with the Organizing Authority before becoming official competitors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Regatta Tent.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at or before 1000 hours on the day it takes effect.

4.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by VHF or verbal hail in accordance with RRS 90.2.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals Made Ashore shall be displayed from the El Jardin Beach flag pole,

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.'

5.3. Signal flags may be flown either by themselves (in which case they apply to all fleets), or they may be flown BENEATH one or more Fleet flags. The individual Fleets will be designated by the following flags:

5.3.1. Short Course: Green NSB flag

5.3.2. Long Course: Yellow M Flag

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The intent is to conduct one (1) distance race on Saturday.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. All races will be sailed in the vicinity of Galveston Bay bordered by the Bayport Ship Channel to the north, Houston Ship Channel to the east, San Leon shoreline to the south, and the Kemah/Seabrook shoreline to the west.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. Attachment A shows the courses, how to cross the Start Line, the order in which marks are to be rounded, how to cross the Finish Line, and the approximate course length in nautical miles.

8.2. The aeriels in Attachment A are for reference and not for navigation. It is recommended each boat carry and use a GPS.

8.3. Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel, or Bayport Ship Channel, WHILE RACING.

8.4. The distance race may be shortened at a mark in accordance with RRS 32, but this is anticipated only in the event of dire emergencies, adverse weather, and/or prolonged dead calms.

8.5. The Non-Spinnaker B class may be given a different course than the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker A classes.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks of the course will consist both of fixed marks in Galveston Bay, and marks that will be set by the RC. These marks are all set forth in Attachment A.

10. THE START

10.1. Distance race check-in: Race Committee will be based on land and will check in boats as they launch. If you sail into the venue on Saturday, it is your responsibility to check in with the RC by VHF channel 68 or hailing by voice on the beach once you arrive in the starting area.

10.2. The starting line will be defined by a single pole with an orange flag and a floating mark. At or before the Warning Signal, the RC will display a numeral pennant designating the course to be sailed along the extension of the start/finish line on the beach at the water's edge.

10.3. A boat shall start a race no later than 15 minutes after her designated start time.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. For the distance race, unless the race is shortened at a mark of the course, the Finish Line will be the same line as the Start Line.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. There is no time limit for these races. Race Committee may choose to finish a yacht "in place" if it is obvious a yacht's corrected time will not be less than the last official finisher.
- 12.2. Abandonment of a race shall be signaled according to the rules.

13. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

- 13.1. Scoring Penalties and Protest Procedures shall apply as outlined in Appendix T, sections A, B and D apply. T1, "Penalties at the Time of the Incident" applies. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 when racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 13.2. Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board, located at the Regatta Tent. Protests shall be delivered there as soon as possible and within the protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit will be sixty (60) minutes after the RC makes notice at the Regatta Tent.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply. One race shall be completed to constitute an event. No scores shall be excluded. This changes Rule A2.
- 14.2. Competitors will be scored per class, as well as Fleet, using SCHRS.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Any boat that has checked in and withdraws before finishing a race, shall notify the RC on the water, or, if that is not possible, the RC by telephone: **281-705-3712**, or **VHF channel 68**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the event.
- 15.2. Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels operating in the Houston Ship Channel (HSC). Boats doing so will be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 15.3. Race Committee highly recommends each competitor to carry their own safety gear; comprising of at least a cell phone, VHF radio, multi tool with knife and flashlight/mirror.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1. A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.
- 16.2. **The RC will monitor Channel 68.**
- 16.3. It is highly recommended that yachts carry a VHF radio and/or a cellular phone.
- 16.4. Competitors will be allowed/encouraged to use the RaceQs app for post-race analysis, but not for instant tracking. For Safety, the RC highly encourages the use of RaceQs with live streaming enabled during the distance Course. A separate notice with the RaceQs regatta page and instructions will be posted in a separate bulletin.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 17.2. Overall Championship Trophy will be awarded to the lowest point score between Spinnaker Fleet and Non-Spinnaker Fleet (First in Fleet) for all races.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4, Decision to Race.**
- 18.2. The organization (Clear Lake Racing Association), it's members (including race committee), and/or the host (El Jardin Community Association) and/or their associates will not accept liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with the event.

GBCC Distance Courses

Attachment A

Course 1: 27.1 nm

- Start with piling to starboard and buoy to port
- Sail to **Redfish Island Mark** and round to port
- Proceed to Houston Ship Channel Low Range Marker and round to port
- Return back to Start/Finish Area, round buoy to port (**WATCH FOR BOATS FINISHING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)
- Sail back to **Redfish Island Mark** and round to port
- Finish with piling to port and buoy to starboard (**WATCH FOR BOATS ROUNDING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)

Course 2: 11.54 nm

- Start with piling to starboard and buoy to port
- Sail to “House” oil rig platform: known as “H” mark; round to port
- Proceed to Houston Ship Channel Low Range Marker; round to port
- Return to Start/Finish area; round buoy to port (**WATCH FOR BOATS FINISHING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)
- Sail back to “House” oil rig platform: known as “H” mark; round to port
- Finish with piling to port and buoy to starboard (**WATCH FOR BOATS ROUNDING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)

Course 3: 15.63 nm

- Start with piling to starboard and buoy to port
- Sail to Kemah Channel Marker #2 (green); round to port
- Proceed to “House” oil rig platform, aka “H” mark; round to port
- Sail to Houston Ship Channel Low Range Marker, aka “E” mark and round to port
- Return to Start/Finish area, round buoy to port (**WATCH FOR ANY BOATS FINISHING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)
- Sail back to Kemah Channel Marker #2; round to port (WATCH FOR BOATS USING CHANNEL)
- Sail to “House” oil rig platform; known as “H” mark; round to port
- Finish with piling to port and buoy to starboard (**WATCH FOR BOATS ROUNDING**)

Course 4: 20.10 nm

- Start with piling to starboard and buoy to port
- Sail to Kemah Channel Marker #2 (green); round to port
- Proceed to “House” oil rig platform, aka “H” mark; round to port
- Sail to Houston Ship Channel Low Range Marker, aka “E” mark and round to port
- Return to Start/Finish area, round buoy to port (**WATCH FOR ANY BOATS FINISHING OPPOSITE DIRECTION**)

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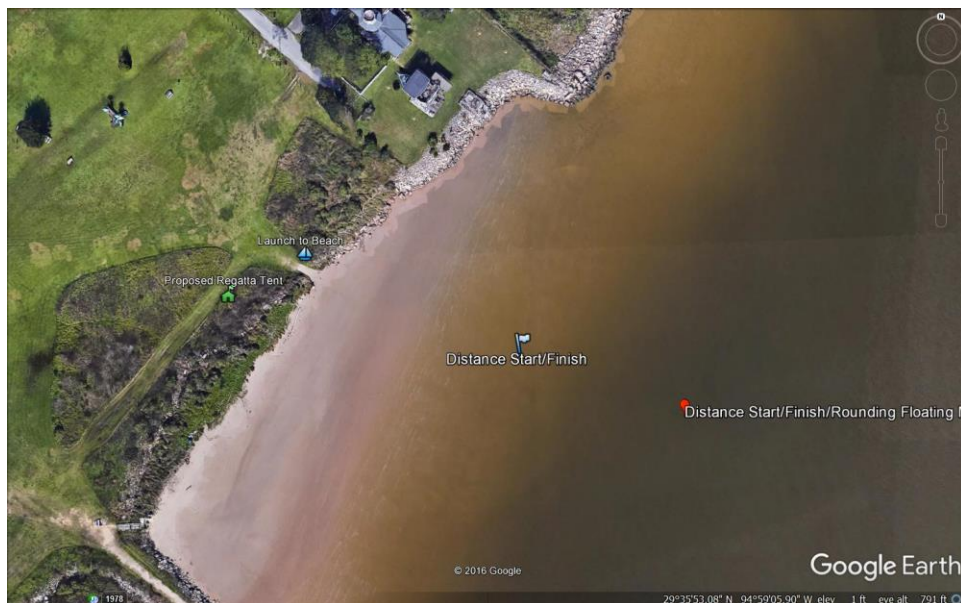
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- Sail back to Kemah Channel Marker #2; round to port (WATCH FOR BOATS USING CHANNEL)
- Sail to channel crossing Marker #8 (red piling); round to port
- Finish with piling to port and buoy to starboard (**WATCH FOR BOATS ROUNDING**)

Mark coordinates:

- Start/Finish: 29°35.867'N 94°59.027'W
- Redfish Island: 29°31.043'N 94°53.933'W
- Houston Ship Channel Low Range "E" Mark: 29°35.779'N 94°56.934'W
- "H" Mark: 29°33.697'N 94°57.545'W
- Kemah Marker #2: 29°33.159'N 94°59.543'W
- Marker #8: 29°32.419'N 94°55.077'W

Distance Start/Finish Area:



Redfish Island Mark:

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E Mark (Range Marker):



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H Mark (Big House):

