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Perpetual Conundrum

Galveston Bay

April 18, 2020

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Regatta Network.
- 1.3. Racing Rule 53 shall be modified to read: Autopilot and/or wind-powered self-steering gear are allowed.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. Expected classes include singlehanded and doublehanded divisions of spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and Club Handicap classes.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is 1700 hours on Wednesday, April 15th, 2020.
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is 1700 hours on Friday, April 17th, 2020.
- 4.3. Boats may be entered at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20657

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration:
 - 5.1.1. **Non-GBCA Sr.** members shall be **\$55**
 - 5.1.2. **GBCA Sr.** members shall be **\$35**
- 5.2. Late Registration:
 - 5.2.1. **Non-GBCA Sr.** members shall be **\$65**
 - 5.2.2. **GBCA Sr.** members shall be **\$45**

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 15 th	1700 hours	Early Registration Deadline
Friday, April 17 th	1700 hours	Late Registration Deadline
Friday, April 17 th	1900 hours	Competitor's Briefing via teleconference *
Saturday, April 18 th	1100 hours	Warning signal for pursuit start
TBD		Award Presentation at GBCA

* Competitor's Briefing teleconference info:

- Call in number: (917) 900-1022
- Conference ID: 888-0236

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Competitor's Briefing at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20657#_docs

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in Galveston Bay; between the Houston Ship Channel, Bayport Ship Channel and the shoreline between Red Bluff and Eagle Point.

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed is designed to require racers to make three separate laps around fixed and /or RC dropped marks which may be made in any order. The course is planned to be approximately 22-24nm. This will be a reverse start (pursuit) race, with the start time for each boat based on its PHRF rating. More detail will be presented in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

11.2. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

12.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.

12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. Except in emergencies or to avoid collision a boat that is racing shall not communicate

either by voice or data systems, information regarding wind, current, course, speed or any other information with any other boat to gain an unfair advantage.

- 16.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed. Tracking devices (e.g. SPOT, InReach) are allowed provided that the information communicated is available to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage. It is encouraged to turn off live mode in these devices.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Early Registration Deadline as follows:

- 3 Boats First place prize
- 6 Boats First and second place prize
- 9 Boats First , second , and third place prize
- One additional prize for every three boats entered.

- 17.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, volunteers, or sponsors 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain, Scott Tuma at 281.705.3712 or TexasTuma@Comcast.net or www.gbca.org