



2020 GBCA Women's Regatta

Galveston Bay

July 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. For each race in the regatta, each boat competing shall be helmed by a female from the warning signal for her class until she is finished. Crew may be female or male.
- 3.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat more than 75% of each race for the regatta.
- 3.3. This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2020 PHRF-GB certificates, boats entering for GBCA Club Handicap, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.4. GBCA Senior membership is not required to enter but encouraged.
- 3.5. Expected classes include, but not limited to, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, and One-Design classes.
- 3.6. PHRF Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **1200 hours on Friday, July 10, 2020 and includes:**
 - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **1700 hours on Friday, July 17, 2020 and includes:**
 - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
 - 4.2.2. Late registration fee
- 4.3. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20931>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is:
 - 5.1.1. GBCA Senior member: \$35
 - 5.1.2. Non-GBCA Senior member: \$40
- 5.2. Late Registration: The Registration entry fee shall be:
 - 5.2.1. GBCA Senior member: \$40

5.2.2. Non-GBCA Senior member: \$50

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1. This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the [Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series](#).

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, July 10 th	1200 hours	Registration Deadline
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Friday, July 17 th	1700 hours	Late Registration Deadline
Saturday, July 18 th	1000 hours	Competitor's Briefing
Saturday, July 18 th	1300 hours	Warning Signal all classes
Saturday, July 18 th	2 hours after RC docks	Award Presentation TBD

7.1. Competitor's Briefing

7.1.1. The Competitor's Briefing will be conducted via **teleconference at 605.313.5580 meeting code 186082**.

7.2. Number of races

7.2.1. All classes are intended to race at least three (3) races. One Design classes may race up to five (5) races.

7.3. Awards presentation and post-race social.

7.3.1. The availability and location of the awards presentation and post-race social will be made available at the Competitor's Briefing.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. Each handicap boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, July 17, 2000 hours on at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20931>

10. VENUE

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

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

11.1.1. All classes are intended to sail windward/leeward style courses.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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

13. SCORING

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

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

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

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats shall be marked with their club representative burgee and check in with race committee.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1. N/A

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1. N/A

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. 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.

17.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, with a regatta replay 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.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline (July 10th @ 1200 hours) as follows:

- 3-5 Boats First place prize
- 6-8 Boats First and second place prize
- 9-11 Boats First, second, and third place prize

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

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1. 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.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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