



2012 GBCA Performance Cup Regatta

Galveston Bay

October 6 & 7, 2012

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 the current 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, The Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and at:

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

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions, schedule of races or notice of race will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

4. Race Schedule

4.1 The Competitors meeting will be 1900 hours Friday October 5, 2012.

The warning gun for the first race will be no earlier than 1100 hours both days.

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.

4.2 The class starting order for the *first* race and the class flags are shown in Appendix A.

5. 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.

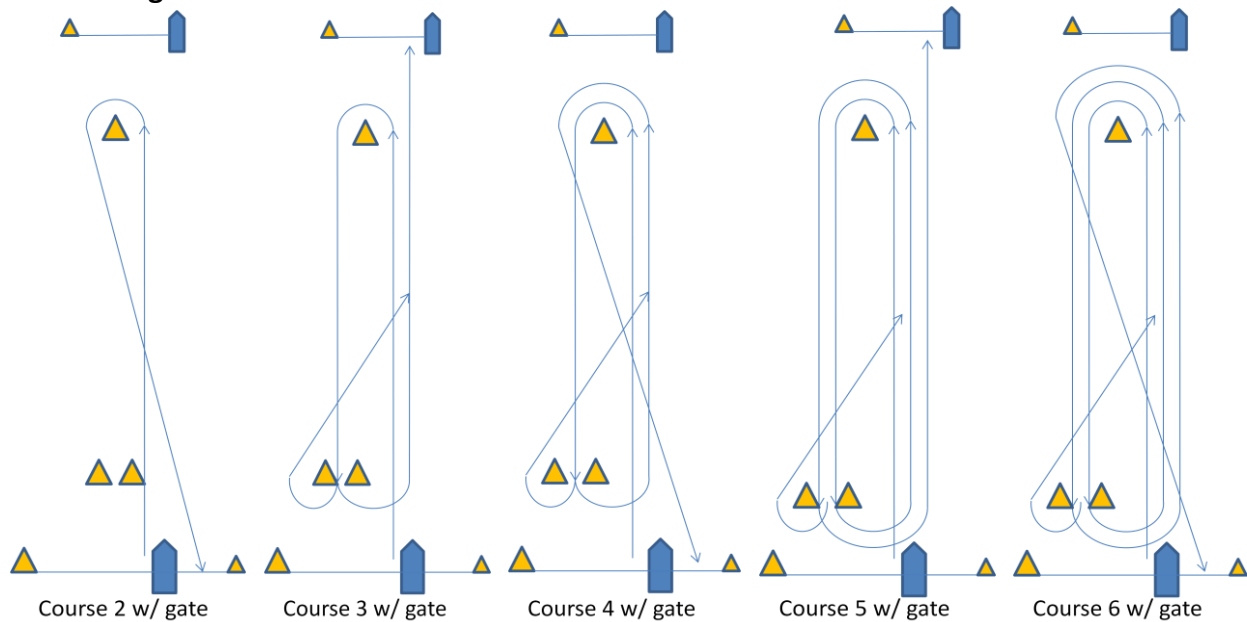
6. Courses and Marks

6.1 Windward/Leeward Courses

Marks will be orange and yellow tetrahedrons. The original course marks will be yellow. Change of course marks will alternate between orange and yellow

6.1a The number of legs to be sailed will be signaled by a numeral pennant correlating with the course diagrams below. The approximated heading and distance to the windward mark may be displayed on a white board on the committee boat.

Course Diagrams



- 6.1b The leeward gate will be set approximately 0.1 nm on the course side of the starting line. The windward finish will be set approximately 0.1nm beyond the windward mark.
- 6.1c Windward turning marks shall be left to port. Leeward gate maybe left to either side after passing between the gate.
- 6.1d For the first leg of all courses and the last leg of a leeward finish, the leeward gate is not considered to be a mark of the course. For the last leg of a windward finish, the windward mark is not considered to be a mark of the course.
- 6.2 There will be two courses as described above:
 - 6.2a Short course: using four foot (4') tetrahedron windward mark for the J22, Viper and PHRF Spin B classes.
 - 6.2b Long course: using eight foot (8') tetrahedron windward mark for the J105, PHRF Spin A and the Non-Spin classes.
- 6.2c All classes shall use the same leeward gate.

7. Check In

Before the warning signal of the first race, 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.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end starting mark. The Race Committee may trail a float and line astern of the Race Committee boat which shall be considered as part of the starting mark.
- 8.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 8.3 Any class subjected to a General Recall may be restarted after the last scheduled start for that race. This modifies RRS 29.2.

9. 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.

10. Shorten Course

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.

11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line will be:

11.1a for a leeward finish, between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end finish mark; side opposite from the starting line.

11.1b for a windward finish, between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee mark set boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of the nearby port end mark, set 0.1 nm beyond the windward mark of that class's course.

12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for shall be ninety minutes or thirty minutes after the first boat properly sails the course and finishes, whichever is longer.

12.2 Boats exceeding the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This modifies RRS 35.

13. Safety

13.1 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 the Race Committee phone number: 713.823.1577 and leave a message.

13.2 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. Protests

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the GBCA office and delivered to that office within 2 hours after the last boat finishes the last race.

14.2 Boats intending to file a protest shall notify, and be acknowledged by the Race Committee, prior to leaving the finish area.

15. 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

16. Sail Numbers

Boats shall carry USSA, class, or hull numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, and each overlapping headsail having a luff perpendicular exceeding 130% of the base of the fore triangle. These sail numbers shall correspond to the sail numbers listed on the scratch sheet, unless different numbers are approved by the Race Committee. Notification of such approval will be posted before 0800 on the day approval is given on: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162

16. Communication

- 16.1 Radio communication will be conducted on VHF channel 69.
- 16.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor and may make courtesy announcements on VHF channel 69. 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).
- 16.3 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).
- 16.4 If a weather-related postponement is required it will be announced at 1000 on VHF Channel 69.



Appendix A

**2012 Performance Cup Regatta
Starting Order / Class Flags**

Fleet	Course	Flag
J105	Long	J105
PHRF - Spin A	Long	Purple
PHRF - Spin B	Short	Pink
PHRF - Non Spin	Long	Green
J22	Short	Yellow
Viper	Short	Grey