



2014 GBCA RIB Regatta

Texas City Levee, Texas City, TX

~~Oct 4/5~~ ~~March 22/23~~, 2014

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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Sailing Instructions - Revised

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current 2013 -2016 *Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix F Kiteboard Racing Rules*, 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, the GBCA Regatta Network at:

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

and the GBCA RIB Regatta Kiteboard Event Facebook page.

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 0930 hours Saturday ~~Oct 4~~ ~~March 22~~, 2014. The warning sound for the first race will be no earlier than 1100 hours. Subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after the end of the previous race with the intent to run as many races as possible. If weather delay, same schedule will apply on Sunday, ~~Oct 5~~ ~~March 23~~, 2014

4.2 Race/heat starting sequence for all races and the class flags are shown in Appendix A.

5. Racing Area

The racing area will be between the bend at Beach Drive and the Texas City Dike, between the Texas Levee and the Houston Ship Channel. Kiteboards shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. The Houston Ship Channel is designated as an obstruction. Racing will not extend beyond the end of the dike. (Appendix C)

6. Courses and Marks

6.1 Marks will be 4' orange and yellow tetrahedrons and red balls.

6.2 There will be two courses as described below (Appendix B)

6.2a Reaching "Σ" course - run twice; first to cross in each class wins

6.2b Reaching "Speed Trap" - two heats; fastest time/speed in each class wins;

6.2b1 In case of tie, we will use other heat time to break tie

6.3 Freestyle event to follow racing courses if conditions permit.

6.3a Judging parameters TBD at competitors briefing.

7. Check In

Before the warning signal of the first race, each rider shall check in with the Race authorities on land at the labeled check-in station.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the windward end and the course side edge of the leeward end starting mark.
- 8.2 Kiteboards whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all kiteboards 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.
- 8.4 The starting sequence:
 - 8.4a for the Σ course shall be a 3 minute sequence of horns and flags as noted in Appendix A.
 - 8.4b for the Speed Trap, riders will enter the "lead in box" every 15-30 seconds, one at a time; to gain speed for the starting line. Riders will finish the course and exit the lead out box and wait for the second heat.

9. The Finish

- 9.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the windward end and the course side edge of the leeward end finish mark.

10. Safety

- 10.1 A rider that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 10.2 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."

11. Protests and Requests for Redress

The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize basic elements of the new RRS Appendix T, a US Sailing Prescription. These rules are intended to improve compliance with the Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules. For this regatta we will use Section B, Post Race Penalties, and Section C, Expedited Hearings, some parts of which are included in the following description.

- 11.1 A kiteboard intending to protest shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail 'Protest'.
- 11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the GBCA beach tent and delivered to that office within 2 hours after the last boat finishes the last race. (This modifies RRS 63.6 of Appendix F)
- 11.3 Riders intending to file a protest shall notify, and be acknowledged by the Race Committee, prior to leaving the levee.

12. Penalty

- 12.1 A kiteboard may take a 360⁰ – Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.
- 12.2 360⁰-Turn Penalty – After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a 360⁰ –Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360⁰ turn with her hull in the water and with no requirement for take and gybe. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finish line, she shall sail completely to the course side before *finishing*.

13. 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

14. Communication

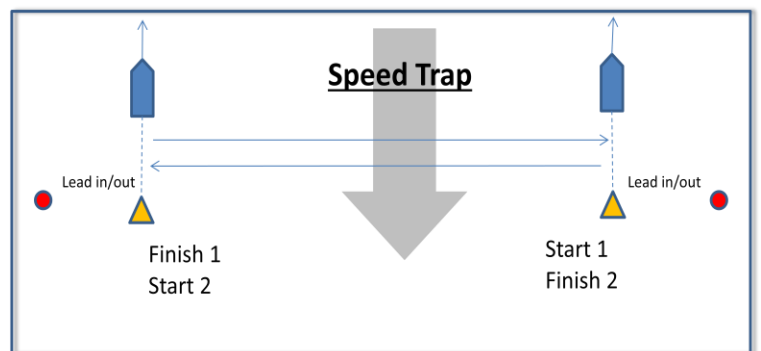
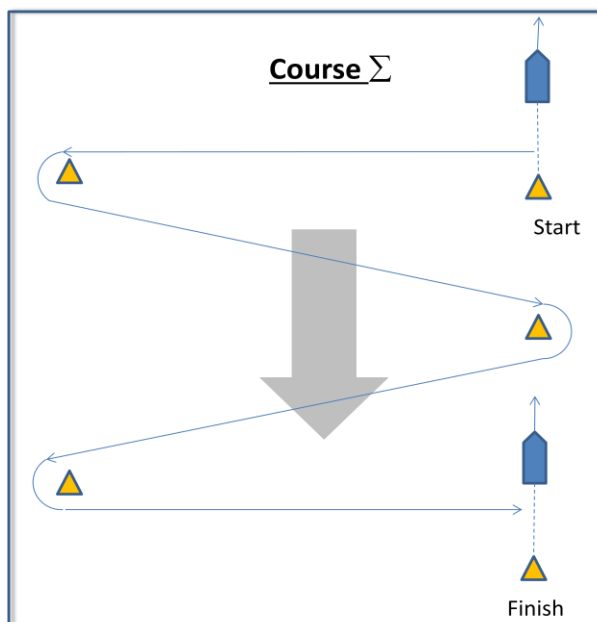
- 14.1 Communication will be conducted on VHF channel 69 and/or loudspeaker system. Oral instructions may be given on the water.
- 14.2 In addition to signaling Individual Recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the names or registration numbers of riders that have started early. Failure to make such a broadcast, failure of a rider to receive that broadcast, a rider's order in that broadcast, or the promptness of that broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3 If a weather-related postponement is required it will be announced at 1000 on VHF Channel 69.

Appendix A – Starting Sequence

Event	Course	Flag
Race 1	Σ	Red
Race 2	Σ	Red
<i>Short Break to Reset Course</i>		
Race 3 - Heat 1	Speed Trap	Red
Race 3 - Heat 2	Speed Trap	Red
<i>Break for BBQ Lunch on the beach</i>		
All	Freestyle Event	

Signal	Flag	Sound	Time to Start
"Warning"	Red up	3 ...	3 minutes
"Mark"	Yellow up	2 ..	2 minutes
"Set"	Green up	1 long	1 minute
"GO"	Green Down	1 .	0

Appendix B - Courses



Appendix C – Race Area

