



GBCA Texas Two Step Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

May 27-29 & June 3-5, 2016

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building 113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565



Notice of Race

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

These are the two GBCA races that count with the LYC Heald Bank (4/29-30/16) and HYC Offshore (5/6-7/16) races for scoring the Texas Navy Cup for Spinnaker boats and S. Rhoads Fischer Cup for Non-Spinnaker boats. Participants must register and compete in all four races to be in competition for these offshore racing awards.

Eligibility

This regatta is open to all seaworthy yachts suitable for offshore cruising or racing along the Texas Gulf Coast. All yachts shall have either a valid PHRF-GB certificate or be entered in the GBCA Cruising Class, or shall have formed a one design class and supplied a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Expected classes are PHRF-Spinnaker, PHRF-Non-Spinnaker and GBCA Cruising Club. Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, May 18, 2016 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- Individual Race Awards:
 - 3 boats: 1st place
 - 4-6 boats: 1st, 2nd place
 - 7+ boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
- Combined, overall Regatta Awards:
 - 1st place in each class only

Classes which form after 1700 hours Wednesday, May 18, 2016 are eligible for trophies but trophies may not be available for presentation at the awards ceremony.

Entries

Competitors may enter online at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162. PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee for the entire regatta will be \$225.00. This is a two race, two weekend regatta. The fee includes two races, docking fees for the week between and two party passes to Sundays "Cowboy Boots and Hawaiian Shirts" party at CCYC. Participants not wishing to do both races or do not need the docking fees will be able to request reimbursement for unused portions of the regatta. Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$10.00 discount. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is Friday, May 20, 2016 at 1900 CST; however,

entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, May 18, 2016 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Each race entry includes an event passes. Additional event passes will be available for \$15.

Courses

Offshore, overnight yacht race, on courses around buoys and channel markers in the Gulf of Mexico and Corpus Christi Bay; between Galveston Jetties / Bolivar Roads, Port Aransas Jetties and Corpus Christi Marina T-heads. This is a two weekend regatta on back-to-back weekends, with two offshore overnight races scheduled. The first race will start 1100 hours Friday, May 27th, 2016 from the Galveston Jetty / Bolivar Roads Marker #11, follow the Texas coast, then transit the Port Aransas Jetties and ICW to enter Corpus Christi Bay and end at the Corpus Christi Marina T-head Saturday, May 28th, 2016. The second race will start 1100 hours Saturday, June 4th, 2016 at the Port Aransas Jetties, exiting into the Gulf of Mexico and end at the Galveston Jetty / Bolivar Roads Marker #11 Sunday, June 5th, 2016.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, May 20, 2016 and at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

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

Notices to Competitors

Notices regarding protest and race scheduling will be posted on https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

and race committee will attempt to email/contact registered participants through RN. Please provide email and SMS text contact information during registration.

Scoring

No races will be excluded from scoring. This Modifies RRS A4.

TORC – Texas Offshore Racing Circuit Awards

The Texas Navy Cup will be awarded to the PHRF Spinnaker yacht with the lowest Cup Fleet score combining two races of the GBCA Texas Two Step and the lowest Navy Cup Fleet score of either the LYC Heald Bank race or the HYC Offshore Freeport Race. The Navy Cup Fleet consists only of those PHRF Spinnaker yachts that participated in all three regattas. Spinnaker Yachts that did not participate in either of the GBCA, LYC or HYC races are not eligible for the purposes of Texas Navy Cup scoring. GBCA is the owner and sponsor of the Texas Navy Cup.

The S. Rhoads Fischer Cup will be awarded to the PHRF Non-Spinnaker yacht with the lowest Cup Fleet score combining one of the races of the GBCA Texas Two Step and the LYC Heald Bank race and the HYC Offshore Freeport Race. The S. Rhoads Fischer Cup Fleet consists only of those PHRF Non-Spinnaker yachts that participated in all three regattas. Non-Spinnaker Yachts that did not participate in either of the GBCA, LYC or HYC races are not eligible for the purposes of S. Rhoads Fischer Cup scoring. HYC is the owner and sponsor the S. Rhoads Fischer Cup.

Schedule of Events

- A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, May 20, 2016.
- Race and Post-race activities include:
 - Friday (5/27/16) – Race 1, no warning signals before 1200 hours.
 - Saturday (5/28/16)– Race ends after 40 hours after class start.
 - Docking will be available at Corpus Christi Marina for the week between races
 - Saturday evening (5/28/16) – Welcome sailor party.
 - Sunday (5/29/16) – 1st race awards and party at Corpus Christi Yacht Club.
 - “Cowboy boots and Hawaiian Shirts”.
 - Monday (5/30/16) – Return home/Houston.
 - Buses available to transport crews.
 - Price of bus ticket (tbd) available for purchase on line and at competitors briefing.
 - Friday (6/3/16) – Drive back to Corpus Christi
 - Buses available to transport crews to Corpus Christi Marina.
 - Saturday (6/4/16) Race 2, no warning signals before 1200 hours.
 - Sunday (6/5/16) – Race ends after 40 hours after class start.
 - Awards – date (tbd).
 - 2nd and overall race awards.
 - Texas Navy Cup and S. Rhoads Fisher awarded at conclusion of the four LYC, HYC & GBCA races.
- Additional event Tickets (\$15 per person) will include all party events and maybe purchased before and at the party.

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