

# GBCA Offshore Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

September 24 - 25, 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, September 14, 2016 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 4-6 boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 7-9 boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 10 or more boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> place

### Entries

Competitors may enter online at: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_club\\_events.php?CLUB\\_ID=162](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 will be: \$100.00 if registered and paid before September 16, 2016. 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 Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline.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, September 23, 2016 at 1900 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, September 14, 2016 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Each entry includes two event passes. Additional passes will be available for \$25.

**Boats intending to race in a handicap fleet other than GBCA Club Handicap must have delivered a current PHRF-GB rating certificate to the Race Committee or uploaded it to Regatta Network before the conclusion of the competitors briefing.**

## **Courses**

Offshore courses around fixed rig and dropped tetrahedron marks between Bolivar Roads, Galveston Jetties and the Gulf of Mexico. This is a two day regatta, with two offshore races planned. All races will start from the Galveston Jetty / Bolivar Roads Marker #11, and will race to designated offshore rig(s) and back.

## **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, September 16, 2016 and at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_club\\_events.php?CLUB\\_ID=162](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

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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. One completed race constitutes a series.

## **Schedule of Events**

- A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, September 16, 2016.
- The warning signal for each race of the regatta will not be before :
  - 1200 hours Saturday
  - 1100 hours Sunday
- Post-race activities:
  - Shore party will follow Saturday evening upon completion of the days race.
  - Awards will be presented at the GBCA Chili Chase Regatta on Nov 5.
- Tickets (\$25 per person) for Saturday evening event.

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