

GBCA Texas Race Week Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

July 13-15, 2017

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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

Notice of Race

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

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 Club 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, July 5, 2017 will be awarded trophies as follows:

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

Classes which form after 1700 hours Wednesday, July 5, 2017 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 should be verified as available for viewing on the PHRFGB.com website (preferred), uploaded at the time of registration, or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be as follows:

<u>If registered and paid:</u>	<u>Fee is:</u>
Before June 19	\$140
June 20 -- July 1	\$170
July 2 -- July 5	\$190
July 6 -- July 7	\$210

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 Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline.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, July 7, 2017 at 1900 CDT. Each entry includes two event passes. Additional passes will be available for \$35 each.

Boats intending to race in a handicap fleet other than GBCA Club Handicap, and whose 2017 PHRF certificate is not available on the PHRF-GB website, 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 three day regatta, with three offshore races planned. All races will start 1100 hours from the Galveston Jetty / Bolivar Roads Marker #11. At least one race will be W/L buoy race in front of the East Beach / Pleasure Pier area. At least one race will be to designated offshore rigs(s) and back. The third race will repeat one of the previous day's race format.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the Competitors Briefing at the GBCA office, 1900 Friday, July 7, 2017 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 0900 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 .

The 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 for this regatta. This Modifies RRS A4. One completed race constitutes a series.

Perpetual Trophies

The Texas Race Week Regatta is the third of three events of the **Texas Offshore Circuit (TORC)**. (The LYC Heald Bank Offshore Race and the HYC Offshore Regatta constitute the other two events.)

- **Texas Navy Trophy.** Boats sailing in the **PHRF Spinnaker Class** will be eligible to compete for the TORC championship trophy, the Texas Navy Trophy, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class. For purposes of Texas Navy Trophy scoring, two races of the Texas Race Week Regatta will be scored, along with one of either the LYC Heald Bank or HYC Offshore. Eligible yachts will be scored against each other, and not against ineligible yachts.
- **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy.** Boats sailing in the **PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class** will be eligible for the **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy**, if they have entered all three regattas in the same class.

Berthing

Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for boat slips during the regatta. Galveston Yacht Basin has slips with electric and water for regatta participants at a reduced transient rate of \$1.50/ft/night. The breakwater is also available for tie up without electric or water for \$1.00/ft/night. Call **Jessica** at GYB at **409-765-3000** for reservations. Proof of insurance is required.

Schedule of Events

- Super early registration cutoff, 2359 Monday June 19, 2017
- Early registration cutoff, 2359 Saturday July 1, 2017
- Registration cutoff, 2359 Wednesday July 5, 2017
- Late registration cutoff , 1900 Friday July 7, 2017
- A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, July 7, 2017.
- The warning signal for each race of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
- Post race activities include:
 - Thursday – Hamburger Bar at Rum Shack
 - Friday - TBD.
 - Saturday - Awards party at the Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship Elissa.
 - Catered by Benno's. Beer and open rum bar.
 - Entertainment TBD
- Event passes (\$35 per person) will include all party events.

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