



Singlehanded Regatta

Sailing Instructions

Galveston Bay Texas
Galveston Bay Cruising Association
1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Clear Lake Shores, TX

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race, any OD Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

The following RRS are modified herein:

Sailing Instruction 6.2 modifies RRS 62.1(a)

Sailing Instruction 13 modifies RRS 61

Sailing Instruction 15 modifies RRS 35

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted at:

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=19363

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions or notice of race will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 A competitor's meeting will be held at 0900 hours Saturday July 13th via conference call:

- Dial-in number is **605-313-5580**
- The access code is **186082**

4.2 The warning gun for the first race of the Singlehanded Regatta on Saturday will be no earlier than 1400 hours. Subsequent races for each class will follow as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

4.3 Awards to be at GBCA clubhouse approximately 2 hours after the last boat finishes.

4.4 In the event all races for the day are abandoned due to weather, a reschedule date shall be July 17, 2019.

5. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the part of Galveston Bay between Seabrook 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

6.1 Radio communication will be conducted on VHF channel 69.

6.2 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 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).

6.3 Participants are encouraged to run RaceQs app while racing. Race replay may be available during the awards presentation. RaceQs app will not be used for cases of OCS but may be used as proof of entering the Houston Ship Channel.

7. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

All yachts intending to race shall check in with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 prior to their warning signal.

8. START LINE / FINISH LINE

The Start Line / Finish Line is intended to be approximately 0.6nm south of Clear Lake channel marker 1, between an Orange Flag displayed from the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby Orange Mark. The race committee may choose to alter the start/finish location based on weather conditions. The starting line shall be on the port side of the committee boat while the finish line shall be on the starboard side of the boat.

9. THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of a nearby Mark at the port end of the line.

10. CLASSES

10.1 The intended first race start order and class flags shall be designated by the following:

Class	Flag Color
J-22	Red
Handicap Non-Spinnaker	Light Blue
Handicap Spinnaker	Yellow

10.2 Race Committee reserves the right to start a class on a subsequent race once all participants of a class have finished.

11. COURSE and MARKS

11.1 Courses will be signaled by the numeral pennant correlating with the course diagrams described in Appendix A. Courses shall be windward/leeward with drop marks. From the Start/Finish area, the one design windward mark will be approximately ¾ nm to windward and the handicap mark will be approximately 1-1-1/2 nm to windward of the start/finish area. As per the diagram in Appendix A, the leeward mark for both classes shall be the finish mark located opposite side of the committee boat as the starting line.

11.2 Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. The Houston Ship Channel is designated as an Obstruction. Boats that enter the Houston Ship Channel may be disqualified with no recourse of redress.

12. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the port end and the course side edge of the starboard end Orange Mark.

13. SHORTEN COURSE

If the Race Committee displays the “S” code flag with a class flag, that class shall sail the shortened course. When the Race Committee displays the “S” code flag by itself, all classes will sail the shortened course.

14. PROTESTS

The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize basic elements of the new RRS Appendix T, a US Sailing Prescription. Protests shall be communicated to the Race Committee before leaving the race area and must be filed in writing within 2 hours of the last boat finishing. This modifies RRS 61. Protests shall be filed at the GBCA office.

15. SAFETY and WITHDRAWING PROCEDURES

15.1 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."

15.2 The Race Committee places high priority on accounting for every yacht participating in a race. It is imperative that any yacht withdrawing from a race makes its best and most persistent efforts to notify other parties of such withdrawal at the earliest opportunity. Withdrawing yachts should make every effort to contact the Race Committee and/or other nearby yachts to communicate the withdrawal via VHF channel 69. . If radio communication is unavailable, call the Race Committee phone number: 303-819-6722 and leave a message. Text messages to this number are also acceptable. Proper reporting of a withdrawal should include; yacht name, sail number and skipper's name. **Failure to notify the race committee of a yacht withdrawing may constitute being banned from future GBCA events.**

15.3 Singlehanded Regatta – Code flag "Y" **MAY BE** displayed from the RC Signal boat in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 27.1.

16. TIME LIMIT

None, except we have an après race party scheduled the GBCA Lounge Deck Sunday. This modifies RRS 35.

17. SCORING

17.1 No races will be excluded from scoring. This modifies RRS A4.

17.2 One completed race constitutes a series.

17.3 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.4 Handicap classes shall be scored as Time on Time (TOT) as defined by US Sailing's PHRF to TOT conversion.

- $TCF = A/(B+PHRF)$
- TCF = Time on Time handicap
- A = 650
- B = 550 for this regatta

Appendix A

Course Diagram – not to scale

