

GBCA F.Y.I. Race

Galveston Bay

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Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, with the following exceptions:

- 1.1 NO LUFFING is allowed. Luffing shall be defined as changing course to windward after another has approached within two boat lengths from any direction. A boat passing to windward or leeward must maintain at least two boat lengths to either side until no overlap exists. This changes RRS 11 and 12.
- 1.2 Yachts participating in the SOS-TEX class may use autopilots and other self-steering gear in accordance with the SOS-TEX Bylaws.
- 1.3 No provision for processing protests has been established for this race. This changes RRS 60.1. Skippers are requested to discuss any infractions and resolve them in the best Corinthian fashion. The "720 Rule" is in effect. The Race Committee may disqualify any boat that starts early or was in violation of any other rules without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/gbca.html>

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Race Schedule

The start times will be staggered based on a yacht's PHRF-GB handicap. Times are shown in Appendix A.

5 Racing Area

The racing area will be between Seabrook Channel Marker No. 1 and the Houston Ship Channel, and between San Leon and Red Bluff. Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. The Houston Ship Channel is designated as an obstruction.

6 Classes

All boats shall display flags flown from the backstay according to their class as follows:

PHRF Spinnaker – White Flag
PHRF Non-Spinnaker – Dark Flag
SOS-TEX – White flag over dark flag

7 The Start

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side edge of the Clear Creek Channel Marker 1. Boats shall not start before their start time as listed in Appendix A.

8 The Course

After the start, boats shall sail to "J" Mark leaving it to port, then sail to Mark "E" leaving it to port, then sail to the finish.

"J" - Platform located at approximately **N29 31.353' W94 54.424'**

"E" - Low Range Marker located at approximately **N29 35.787' W94 56.935'**

9 The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side edge of the Clear Creek Channel Marker 1.

10 Time Limit

The time limit for all classes will be 1700. Boats not finishing before this time will be scored as Did Not Finish. This modifies RRS 35.

11 Safety

11.1 Boats shall keep a sharp lookout for debris and obstructions and report any such sightings to the fleet via VHF channel 68.

11.2 A boat that retires from the race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee, by any means, as soon as practicable on VHF channel 68.

11.3 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."

12 Scoring

The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13 Communication

13.1 Radio communication where necessary will be conducted on VHF channel 68.

13.2 If a weather-related postponement is required it will be announced at 1100 on VHF channel 68.

14 Awards

Post race social and awards will be held at the GBCA office after racing.



Appendix A – Start Times

PHRF #	Start Time	PHRF #	Start Time	PHRF #	Start Time	PHRF #	Start Time	PHRF #	Start Time	PHRF #	Start Time
284	12:44:00	239	12:53:59	194	13:03:57	149	13:13:55	104	13:23:54	59	13:33:53
283	12:44:13	238	12:54:12	193	13:04:10	148	13:14:09	103	13:24:07	58	13:34:06
282	12:44:27	237	12:54:25	192	13:04:24	147	13:14:22	102	13:24:21	57	13:34:19
281	12:44:40	236	12:54:38	191	13:04:37	146	13:14:35	101	13:24:34	56	13:34:32
280	12:44:53	235	12:54:52	190	13:04:50	145	13:14:49	100	13:24:47	55	13:34:46
279	12:45:07	234	12:55:05	189	13:05:03	144	13:15:02	99	13:25:00	54	13:34:59
278	12:45:20	233	12:55:18	188	13:05:17	143	13:15:15	98	13:25:14	53	13:35:12
277	12:45:33	232	12:55:32	187	13:05:30	142	13:15:29	97	13:25:27	52	13:35:26
276	12:45:46	231	12:55:45	186	13:05:43	141	13:15:42	96	13:25:40	51	13:35:39
275	12:46:00	230	12:55:58	185	13:05:57	140	13:15:55	95	13:25:54	50	13:35:52
274	12:46:13	229	12:56:11	184	13:06:10	139	13:16:08	94	13:26:07	49	13:36:05
273	12:46:26	228	12:56:25	183	13:06:23	138	13:16:22	93	13:26:20	48	13:36:19
272	12:46:40	227	12:56:38	182	13:06:37	137	13:16:35	92	13:26:34	47	13:36:32
271	12:46:53	226	12:56:51	181	13:06:50	136	13:16:48	91	13:26:47	46	13:36:45
270	12:47:06	225	12:57:05	180	13:07:03	135	13:17:02	90	13:27:00	45	13:36:59
269	12:47:20	224	12:57:18	179	13:07:17	134	13:17:15	89	13:27:13	44	13:37:12
268	12:47:33	223	12:57:31	178	13:07:30	133	13:17:28	88	13:27:27	43	13:37:25
267	12:47:46	222	12:57:45	177	13:07:43	132	13:17:42	87	13:27:40	42	13:37:39
266	12:47:59	221	12:57:58	176	13:07:56	131	13:17:55	86	13:27:53	41	13:37:52
265	12:48:13	220	12:58:11	175	13:08:10	130	13:18:08	85	13:28:07	40	13:38:05
264	12:48:26	219	12:58:25	174	13:08:23	129	13:18:21	84	13:28:20	39	13:38:18

263	12:48:39	218	12:58:38	173	13:08:36	128	13:18:35	83	13:28:33	38	13:38:32
262	12:48:53	217	12:58:51	172	13:08:50	127	13:18:48	82	13:28:47	37	13:38:45
261	12:49:06	216	12:59:04	171	13:09:03	126	13:19:01	81	13:29:00	36	13:38:58
260	12:49:19	215	12:59:18	170	13:09:16	125	13:19:15	80	13:29:13	35	13:39:12
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255	12:50:26	210	13:00:24	165	13:10:23	120	13:20:21	75	13:30:20	30	13:40:18
254	12:50:39	209	13:00:37	164	13:10:36	119	13:20:34	74	13:30:33	29	13:40:31
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248	12:51:59	203	13:01:57	158	13:11:56	113	13:21:54	68	13:31:53	23	13:41:51
247	12:52:12	202	13:02:11	157	13:12:09	112	13:22:08	67	13:32:06	22	13:42:05
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