



2021 GBCA Texas Race Week

Galveston Bay

June 3-5, 2021

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)*.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Regatta Network.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. This regatta is open to all seaworthy yachts suitable for offshore cruising or racing along the Texas Gulf Coast.
- 3.2. All yachts shall have either a valid ORC certificate, 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.
- 3.3. Expected classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, and Multihull classes.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Monday, May 31, 2021** and includes:
 - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.3. Boats may be entered at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21758

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$160 for all classes.
- 5.2. Late Registration: The Registration entry fee shall be \$225 for all classes.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, May 28 th	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting – format TBD
Monday, May 31 st	17:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, June 2 nd	17:00 hours	Classes are formed
Thursday, June 3 rd	09:00 hours	Pursuit starts begin for Cruising Classes
Thursday, June 3 rd	10:00 hours	Warning Signal for all other Classes
Thursday, June 3 rd	19:30 hours (est)	Social (open air) at Yagas Café
Friday, June 4 th	09:00 hours	Pursuit starts begin for Cruising Classes
Friday, June 4 th	10:00 hours	Warning signal for all other Classes
Friday, June 4 th	19:30 hours (est)	Social (open air) at TBD
Saturday, June 5 th	09:00 hours	Pursuit starts begin for Cruising Classes
Saturday, June 5 th	10:00 hours	Warning Signal for all other Classes
Saturday, June 5 th	17:00 hours	Award Presentation at TBD

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. One race per day will be held for all classes.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate. It is preferred that all certificates be uploaded to the Regatta Network site at registration.

7.2. Multihulls shall have a valid TOMA rating

7.2.1. Smaller multihulls shall be rated under SCHRS.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, May 28th 16:00 hours on at the GBCA Clubhouse and on the official event site on Regatta Network.

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be adjacent to the Galveston Bay entrance channel between markers 11 and 5A, and the Gulf of Mexico .

9.2. 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 \$2.00/ft/night. Call **Jessica** at GYB at **409-765-3000** for reservations. Proof of insurance is required.

10. COURSES

10.1. Offshore courses around fixed rig and dropped tetrahedron marks between Bolivar Roads, Galveston Jetties and the Gulf of Mexico.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

11.2. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.
- 12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. The ORC Spinnaker class will be scored using Time on Time scoring.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. Except in emergencies or to avoid collision a boat that is racing shall not communicate either by voice or data systems, information regarding wind, current, course, speed or any other information with any other boat to gain an unfair advantage.
- 16.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed. Tracking devices (e.g. SPOT, InReach) are allowed provided that the information communicated is available to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage. It is encouraged to turn off live mode in these devices.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Early Registration Deadline as follows:
 - 3 Boats First place prize
 - 4-6 Boats First and second place prize
 - 7-9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
- 17.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 18.1. The Texas Race Week Regatta is the second 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.)
 - **Marion Hayes Memorial Trophy.** Boats sailing in the ORC Spinnaker Class will be eligible to compete for the Marion Hayes Memorial Trophy. Formerly the perpetual trophy for the Race to the Border, this trophy will be the perpetual award for the most

competitive class for Texas Race Week going forward.

- **Texas Navy Trophy.** Boats sailing in the ORC 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.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, volunteers, or sponsors shall not bear any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain, Chris May at 713-591-8115 or may.chris.w@gmail.com or www.gbca.org