



# 2021 GBCA Performance Cup Regatta

Galveston Bay

April 17-18, 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. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. Expected classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Shorthanded, Multihull, Level, and One-Design classes.
- 3.3. PHRF Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Monday, April 12, 2021** and includes:
  - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Friday, April 2, 2021** and includes:
  - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
- 4.3. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=21759](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21759)

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$70 for all classes.
- 5.2. Late Registration: The Registration entry fee shall be \$90 for all classes.

## 6. SCHEDULE

Monday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting
Saturday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 hours	Warning Signal for White line
Saturday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 hours	Warning Signal for Orange Line
Saturday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	19:00 hours (approx.)	Social (open air) at TBD
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	1000 hours	Warning Signal for White Line
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	1100 hours	Warning Signal for Orange Line
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	1600 hours	Award Presentation at GBCA

### 6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. One-Design, ORC, Level, Handicap Spinnaker, and Non-Spinnaker are intended to have multiple races per day.

6.1.2. Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Multihull, and other distance classes are intended to run one long race per day.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

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, April 16<sup>th</sup> 16:00 hours on at [http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=21759](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=21759)

## 9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in Galveston Bay, between the Houston Ship Channel, the Bayport Ship Channel and the shoreline between Eagle Point and Red Bluff.

## 10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

10.1.1. Windward/leeward style courses:

- One-Design
- Level Classes
- PHRF Classes
- ORC Classes

10.1.2. Distance style courses

- Club Handicap Classes
- Multihull

## **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. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **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
  - 6 Boats First and second place prize
  - 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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

**19. INSURANCE**

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

**20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain, Chris May at 713-591-8115 or [may.chris.w@gmail.com](mailto:may.chris.w@gmail.com) or [www.gbca.org](http://www.gbca.org)