



Charge! Cup 2021

Galveston Bay

September 11, 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, and Multihull classes.
- 3.3. PHRF Handicap, and Club Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.
- 3.4. ORC Class will race Time on Time using Windward/Leeward Triple Number per certificate

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Monday, September 6, 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=22516

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$50 for all classes.

6. SCHEDULE

Monday, September 6 th	19:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, September 8 th	17:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, April 16 th	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting at GBCA clubhouse, and virtual (link to be emailed)
Saturday, April 17 th	11:00 hours	Warning Signal for all lines
Saturday, April 17 th	19:00 hours (approx.)	Social and awards at GBCA Clubhouse

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. All classes will sail a single race.

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 16th 16:00 hours on at

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=22516

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. All courses will take place around fixed and dropped marks in Galveston Bay. Estimated course lengths are expected to be 20-40 miles, depending on class and prevailing conditions.

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 regatta.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

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

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given as determined at the 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.
- 15.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. 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.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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