



2021 Single Handed Regatta – August 14, 2021
2021 Mixed Doubles Regatta – September 25, 2021
Organizing Authority: Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Clear Lake Shores, TX USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The events are governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 All participant(s) shall always wear a Personal Flotation Device while a float. This changes Rule 40.2.
- 1.4 For the Singlehanded Regatta, only one crew person is allowed aboard while racing.
- 1.5 For the Mixed Doubles Regatta, only two crew persons are allowed aboard while racing. One crew shall be male, one female.
- 1.6 The 2021 Rum Race Sailing Instructions Amendment #2 shall be an accompaniment to these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between SIs, these SIs shall prevail.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the GBCA website at www.gbca.org
- 3.2 In the event communications are necessary, the Race Committee may attempt to contact competitors via email, and/or SMS texting.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. The use of of a tracking program (like RaceQs or Yellowbrick) may be used for post-race evaluation only.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed via the GBCA website, www.gbca.org
- 5.3 In the event of signals made ashore, the Race Committee *may* also notify participants via email, and/or SMS text message to the number provided at registration.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, August 14	Est. 16:00	Singlehanded regatta will participate in conjunction with Rum Race #5
Saturday, August 14	Est. 19:00	Post-race social at GBCA clubhouse
Saturday, September 25	Est. 16:00	Mixed-Doubles regatta will participate in conjunction with Rum Race #6
Saturday, September 25	Est. 19:00	Post-race social at GBCA clubhouse

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 **BOATS SHALL NOT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL. THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL RANK AS AN OBSTRUCTION. BOATS THAT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED WITH FUTURE PARTICIPATION UNDER REVIEW BY GBCA BOARD.**
- 7.3 The Racing Area is fully described in the 2021 Rum Races SIs Amendment #2

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Singlehanded Regatta – Rum Race #5 “Standard” Course
- 8.3 Mixed Doubles Regatta – Rum Race #6 “Reverse” Course

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: The Houston Ship Channel. Reference is made to NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart US5TX54M, Upper Galveston Bay-Houston Ship Channel-Dollar Pt. to Atkinson (1/29/2021).

12 THE START

- 12.1 The start shall be pursuit start, with each boat's starting time corresponding to their respective PHRF number as listed in Appendix 1.
- 12.2 The starting line is between Clear Lake Entrance Marker #1 on the starboard end, and Clear Lake Entrance Marker #2 on the port end.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between Clear Lake Entrance Marker #2 on the starboard end, and Clear Lake Entrance Marker #1 on the port end.
- 14.2 Each competitor shall report their finishing time at www.racing.gbca.org
- 14.3 Choose the applicable Rum Race being sailed (SH #5/MD #6), appropriate class (Singlehanded, Singlehanded (Non-Spin), Mixed Doubles (Spin), Mixed Doubles (Non-Spin)), and enter time in Military (24hr) format.
- 14.4 The Race Committee will use the recorded finishing times to update the finishing order in Regatta Network as the official regatta results.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

- 15.2 Alternatively, a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3. The Scoring Penalty shall be 20% of the boats entered unless the incident occurred within the zone of any mark, in which case the scoring penalty shall be 40% of the boats entered.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the respective Rum Race.
- 17.2 Paper hearing request forms are available from the GBCA clubhouse, however electronic filings using the US Sailing app are preferred by the protest committee. Please forward all filings to may.chris.w@gmail.com.
- 17.3 The protest committee will endeavour to post the notice of protests and the hearing schedule at the first reasonable opportunity after the close of the deadline for filing protests. Notices and schedules will be sent to the competitors via the email address on file with registration.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 17.6 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 does not apply.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 A boat's regatta score is the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF or cell phone.
- 19.2 As detailed in 1.3, All participant(s) shall always wear a Personal Flotation Device while afloat. This changes Rule 40.2.
- 19.3 Contacts for Race Committee: Fleet Captain, Chris May 713-591-8115, may.chris.w@gmail.com

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Trash shall be properly disposed once each competitor returns to shore.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries in each class
 - 3 Boats – First Place Award
 - 6 Boats – First, Second Place Awards
- 26.2 For the Singlehanded Regatta, both the PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the applicable class.

26.3 For the Mixed Doubles Regatta, the most competitive class (determined by number of entries), will be eligible to be awarded the Mixed Doubles Perpetual Trophy.

27 RISK STATEMENT

27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

28 INSURANCE

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

SI APPENDIX #1

Starting Times

PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time
285	4:30:00 PM	238	4:39:00 PM	191	4:48:00 PM	144	4:57:00 PM	97	5:06:00 PM	50	5:15:00 PM
284	4:30:11 PM	237	4:39:12 PM	190	4:48:12 PM	143	4:57:12 PM	96	5:06:12 PM	49	5:15:12 PM
283	4:30:23 PM	236	4:39:23 PM	189	4:48:23 PM	142	4:57:23 PM	95	5:06:23 PM	48	5:15:23 PM
282	4:30:34 PM	235	4:39:35 PM	188	4:48:35 PM	141	4:57:35 PM	94	5:06:35 PM	47	5:15:35 PM
281	4:30:46 PM	234	4:39:46 PM	187	4:48:46 PM	140	4:57:46 PM	93	5:06:46 PM	46	5:15:46 PM
280	4:30:57 PM	233	4:39:57 PM	186	4:48:58 PM	139	4:57:58 PM	92	5:06:58 PM	45	5:15:58 PM
279	4:31:09 PM	232	4:40:09 PM	185	4:49:09 PM	138	4:58:09 PM	91	5:07:09 PM	44	5:16:09 PM
278	4:31:20 PM	231	4:40:20 PM	184	4:49:20 PM	137	4:58:21 PM	90	5:07:21 PM	43	5:16:21 PM
277	4:31:32 PM	230	4:40:32 PM	183	4:49:32 PM	136	4:58:32 PM	89	5:07:32 PM	42	5:16:32 PM
276	4:31:43 PM	229	4:40:43 PM	182	4:49:43 PM	135	4:58:44 PM	88	5:07:44 PM	41	5:16:44 PM
275	4:31:55 PM	228	4:40:55 PM	181	4:49:55 PM	134	4:58:55 PM	87	5:07:55 PM	40	5:16:55 PM
274	4:32:06 PM	227	4:41:06 PM	180	4:50:06 PM	133	4:59:06 PM	86	5:08:07 PM	39	5:17:07 PM
273	4:32:18 PM	226	4:41:18 PM	179	4:50:18 PM	132	4:59:18 PM	85	5:08:18 PM	38	5:17:18 PM
272	4:32:29 PM	225	4:41:29 PM	178	4:50:29 PM	131	4:59:29 PM	84	5:08:29 PM	37	5:17:30 PM
271	4:32:41 PM	224	4:41:41 PM	177	4:50:41 PM	130	4:59:41 PM	83	5:08:41 PM	36	5:17:41 PM
270	4:32:52 PM	223	4:41:52 PM	176	4:50:52 PM	129	4:59:52 PM	82	5:08:52 PM	35	5:17:53 PM
269	4:33:04 PM	222	4:42:04 PM	175	4:51:04 PM	128	5:00:04 PM	81	5:09:04 PM	34	5:18:04 PM
268	4:33:15 PM	221	4:42:15 PM	174	4:51:15 PM	127	5:00:15 PM	80	5:09:15 PM	33	5:18:15 PM
267	4:33:27 PM	220	4:42:27 PM	173	4:51:27 PM	126	5:00:27 PM	79	5:09:27 PM	32	5:18:27 PM
266	4:33:38 PM	219	4:42:38 PM	172	4:51:38 PM	125	5:00:38 PM	78	5:09:38 PM	31	5:18:38 PM
265	4:33:50 PM	218	4:42:50 PM	171	4:51:50 PM	124	5:00:50 PM	77	5:09:50 PM	30	5:18:50 PM
264	4:34:01 PM	217	4:43:01 PM	170	4:52:01 PM	123	5:01:01 PM	76	5:10:01 PM	29	5:19:01 PM
263	4:34:13 PM	216	4:43:13 PM	169	4:52:13 PM	122	5:01:13 PM	75	5:10:13 PM	28	5:19:13 PM
262	4:34:24 PM	215	4:43:24 PM	168	4:52:24 PM	121	5:01:24 PM	74	5:10:24 PM	27	5:19:24 PM
261	4:34:36 PM	214	4:43:36 PM	167	4:52:36 PM	120	5:01:36 PM	73	5:10:36 PM	26	5:19:36 PM
260	4:34:47 PM	213	4:43:47 PM	166	4:52:47 PM	119	5:01:47 PM	72	5:10:47 PM	25	5:19:47 PM
259	4:34:59 PM	212	4:43:59 PM	165	4:52:59 PM	118	5:01:59 PM	71	5:10:59 PM	24	5:19:59 PM
258	4:35:10 PM	211	4:44:10 PM	164	4:53:10 PM	117	5:02:10 PM	70	5:11:10 PM	23	5:20:10 PM
257	4:35:22 PM	210	4:44:22 PM	163	4:53:22 PM	116	5:02:22 PM	69	5:11:22 PM	22	5:20:22 PM
256	4:35:33 PM	209	4:44:33 PM	162	4:53:33 PM	115	5:02:33 PM	68	5:11:33 PM	21	5:20:33 PM
255	4:35:45 PM	208	4:44:45 PM	161	4:53:45 PM	114	5:02:45 PM	67	5:11:45 PM	20	5:20:45 PM
254	4:35:56 PM	207	4:44:56 PM	160	4:53:56 PM	113	5:02:56 PM	66	5:11:56 PM	19	5:20:56 PM
253	4:36:08 PM	206	4:45:08 PM	159	4:54:08 PM	112	5:03:08 PM	65	5:12:08 PM	18	5:21:08 PM
252	4:36:19 PM	205	4:45:19 PM	158	4:54:19 PM	111	5:03:19 PM	64	5:12:19 PM	17	5:21:19 PM
251	4:36:31 PM	204	4:45:31 PM	157	4:54:31 PM	110	5:03:31 PM	63	5:12:31 PM	16	5:21:31 PM
250	4:36:42 PM	203	4:45:42 PM	156	4:54:42 PM	109	5:03:42 PM	62	5:12:42 PM	15	5:21:42 PM
249	4:36:54 PM	202	4:45:54 PM	155	4:54:54 PM	108	5:03:54 PM	61	5:12:54 PM	14	5:21:54 PM
248	4:37:05 PM	201	4:46:05 PM	154	4:55:05 PM	107	5:04:05 PM	60	5:13:05 PM	13	5:22:05 PM
247	4:37:17 PM	200	4:46:17 PM	153	4:55:17 PM	106	5:04:17 PM	59	5:13:17 PM	12	5:22:17 PM
246	4:37:28 PM	199	4:46:28 PM	152	4:55:28 PM	105	5:04:28 PM	58	5:13:28 PM	11	5:22:28 PM
245	4:37:40 PM	198	4:46:40 PM	151	4:55:40 PM	104	5:04:40 PM	57	5:13:40 PM	10	5:22:40 PM
244	4:37:51 PM	197	4:46:51 PM	150	4:55:51 PM	103	5:04:51 PM	56	5:13:51 PM	9	5:22:51 PM
243	4:38:03 PM	196	4:47:03 PM	149	4:56:03 PM	102	5:05:03 PM	55	5:14:03 PM	8	5:23:03 PM
242	4:38:14 PM	195	4:47:14 PM	148	4:56:14 PM	101	5:05:14 PM	54	5:14:14 PM	7	5:23:14 PM
241	4:38:26 PM	194	4:47:26 PM	147	4:56:26 PM	100	5:05:26 PM	53	5:14:26 PM	6	5:23:26 PM
240	4:38:37 PM	193	4:47:37 PM	146	4:56:37 PM	99	5:05:37 PM	52	5:14:37 PM	5	5:23:37 PM
239	4:38:49 PM	192	4:47:49 PM	145	4:56:49 PM	98	5:05:49 PM	51	5:14:49 PM	4	5:23:49 PM

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