



2021 GBCA Women's Regatta

Galveston Bay

August 21, 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*.
- 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. For each race in the regatta, each boat competing shall be helmed by a female from the warning signal for her class until she is finished. Crew may be female or male.
- 3.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat more than 75% of each race for the regatta.
- 3.3. This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2021 PHRF-GB certificates, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.4. Three (3) boats are required to make a class. A class may be subdivided if the division allows boats of similar performance a more competitive race. Any division will be at the discretion of Race Committee.
- 3.5. GBCA Senior membership is not required to enter but encouraged.
- 3.6. Expected classes include, but not limited to, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and One-Design classes.
- 3.7. PHRF Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **21:00 hours on Monday, August 16, 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=22885

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is:
 - 5.1.1. GBCA Senior member: \$35
 - 5.1.2. Non-GBCA Senior member: \$40

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series.

7. SCHEDULE

Monday, August 16 th	21:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, August 18 th	20:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, August 20 th	19:00 hours	Competitors Briefing at GBCA Clubhouse
Saturday, August 21 st	13:00 hours	Warning Signal all classes
Saturday, August 21 st	2 hours after RC docks	Award Presentation at GBCA Clubhouse

- 7.1. Number of races
 - 7.1.1. All classes are intended to race at least three (3) races. One (1) race shall constitute a series.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Each handicap boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, August 20th, 15:00 hours on at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/mgmt_event_uploads.php?regatta_id=22885

10. VENUE

- 10.1. 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.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
 - 11.1.1. All classes are intended to sail windward/leeward style courses.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 12.2. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.
- 13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall be marked with their club representative burgee and check in with race committee.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, with a regatta replay 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.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows:
 - 3 Boats First place prize
 - 6 Boats First and second place prize
 - 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
- 16.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

18. INSURANCE

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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