

SSC Mid Winter Invitational Regatta

Seabrook, TX

February 26-27, 2022

Seabrook Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to all multihulls under 22ft and monohull dinghy and skiff classes

3.1. Handicap spinnaker and handicap non-spinnaker classes.

3.1.1. Handicap multihull shall race SCHRS.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1. Regatta network will host the registration closing February 19, and late registration on site February 25 and the morning of February 26.

5. FEES

5.1. \$65 to cover club cost, and prizes

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Mix of fixed mark and distance race to redfish island.

6.2. Saturday distance race to redfish island and back to Seabrook Sailing Club, Sunday fixed mark racing expect Modified Icicle course from GBCA.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Modified multihull boats shall be rated using the [SCHRS Rating Calculator](#) found online, monohull, through the portsmouth calculator.

7.2 Entrants with modifications shall submit their custom SCHRS rating spreadsheet with documented sail dimensions and sail area to Regatta Chairman: Chris Holley prior to racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Multihull classes will race distance races and fixed mark usually 12-20 mile courses, if time allowing multiple runs per day.

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in the middle Galveston Bay, bordered by the Houston Ship Channel, Bayport ship channel, Red Fish Island, and Eagle Point.

10. COURSES

10.1. Multihull course will be determined on the day of racing but can include the GBCA Icicle course, Rum Race course or a larger triangle extending from the Kemah channel to the lower outbound range near the Bayport Flare down to Red Fish Island.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

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

12. SCORING

12.1. The boat with best corrected time takes class

12.2. If more than 4 races are run one race may be thrown out

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1. No haul out restrictions.

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.

14.1.1. Seabrook Sailing Club works channel 68a and can be contacted there

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 Late Registration Deadline

15.2. Prizes to include trophies or other items /gift cards to local businesses.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. 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.**

17. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

17.1 Each participating boat shall carry one (1) operating VHF radio on board.

17.2 Each crew member of each participating boat shall carry and wear a USCG Personal Floatation Device.

17.3 It is highly recommended that each crew member of each participating boat carry a knife and/or multi-tool.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. For further information please contact **Chris Holley at 713-213-8388** at cholley12@gmail.com