



**2022 GBCA J. Kevin Box
Conundrum Regatta
April 23, 2022
Organizing Authority: Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Clear Lake Shores, TX USA**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is 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.

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.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by contacting the specific class(s) affected by VHF notifying of the change.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the official regatta website located at:
http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=24050 .
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channels: **69**.
- 3.3 The following communications *may* be made by the race committee on VHF.
 - Abandoning of race
 - General Race Committee intentions
- 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 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 on the official notice board located at the official regatta website located at http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=24050 .
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 In the event of signals made ashore, the Race Committee *may* also notify participants via SMS text message to the number provided at registration.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Friday, April 22	19:00	Competitors briefing, in-person at the GBCA clubhouse and virtual (link to be forwarded prior to event).
Saturday, April 23	11:00	Pursuit start based on starting times listed in Addendum #2.
Saturday, April 23	17:00	Immediately following racing, social at GBCA Club House 1500 Marina Bay Drive Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are as follows:

Double-handed PHRF Spinnaker	White Flag
Double-handed PHRF Non-Spinnaker	Dark Flag

8 RACING AREA

8.1 SI Addendum #1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum #1 shows an illustration of the course.

Three 'laps' of the course are required by each boat in the manner of her choosing as described below (for example, one lap is comprised of 1-A/1-B):

1-A. Sail to E, H or SB8. Round Mark to Port.

1-B. Sail back to and the Start/Finish Line from the direction of the last mark (i.e. reverse of 1-A). Round orange tetrahedron to starboard, or RC Boat to Port.

2-A. Sail to either of the two remaining Marks not yet rounded (E, H, or SB8). Round Mark to Port.

2-B. Sail back to Start/Finish Line from the direction of the last mark (i.e. reverse of 2-A). Round orange tetrahedron to starboard, or RC Boat to Port

3-A. Sail to the one remaining Mark not yet rounded (E, H, or SB8). Round Mark to Port.

3-B. Sail back to Finish.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are fixed Galveston Bay markers.

Mark	Approximate Coordinate	Range / Distance from Starting Line	Mark Bearing from Starting Line	Bearing Towards starting line
Start / Finish (Orange Tetrahedron & RC Vessel)	N 29° 32.567' W 94° 59.545' (Estimated)	n/a	-	-
E	N 29° 35.779' W 94° 56.934'	3.9nm	35°	215°
H	N 29° 33.255' W 94° 56.542'	2.7nm	75°	255°
South Boater Cut Light #8 (SB #8)	N 29° 32.419' W 94° 55.077'	3.8nm	92°	272°

10.2 The following marks are starting marks:

- Orange Tetrahedrons – Starting Pin

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** Races will be started using a reverse start or (Pursuit) with starting times shown in Addendum #2 created using the Performance Handicap Racing Formula, and as determined by the Race Committee.
- 12.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5** A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal 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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the orange tetrahedron.
- 14.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. RaceQs are recommended.

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.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

16.1 The time limit for all classes to complete the race shall be 16:00.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the respective committee boat signals with one sound crossing under the Seabrook-Kemah bridge. These times will be posted on the official notice board.

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 alliecribbs@gmail.com.

17.3 The protest committee will endeavour to post the notice of protests and the hearing schedule within 30 minutes after the close of the deadline for filing protests. Notices and schedules will be posted using the Regatta Network official notice board at:

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=24050

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 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 6.2, 24, 25, 26, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

17.6 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

17.7 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 does not apply.

18 SCORING

18.1 One race is scheduled and shall constitute the 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 Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat is required to check in by passing the stern of the respective race committee vessel on starboard tack or via respective VHF channel.

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF or cell phone.

19.3 Contacts for the Regatta: Allie Cribbs 727-798-1049, Chris May 713-591-8115

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1 Official vessels will be identified with either the traditional race committee flag (red, fouled anchor on a blue field with red letters "R" and "C"), or GBCA burgee.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels, or properly disposed ashore.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be given for 1st through 3rd places in each class based on number of entries as detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 26.2 The first competitor to finish in either the PHRF based Double Spin, or Double Non-Spin shall be awarded the J. Kevin Box Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

27 RISK STATEMENT

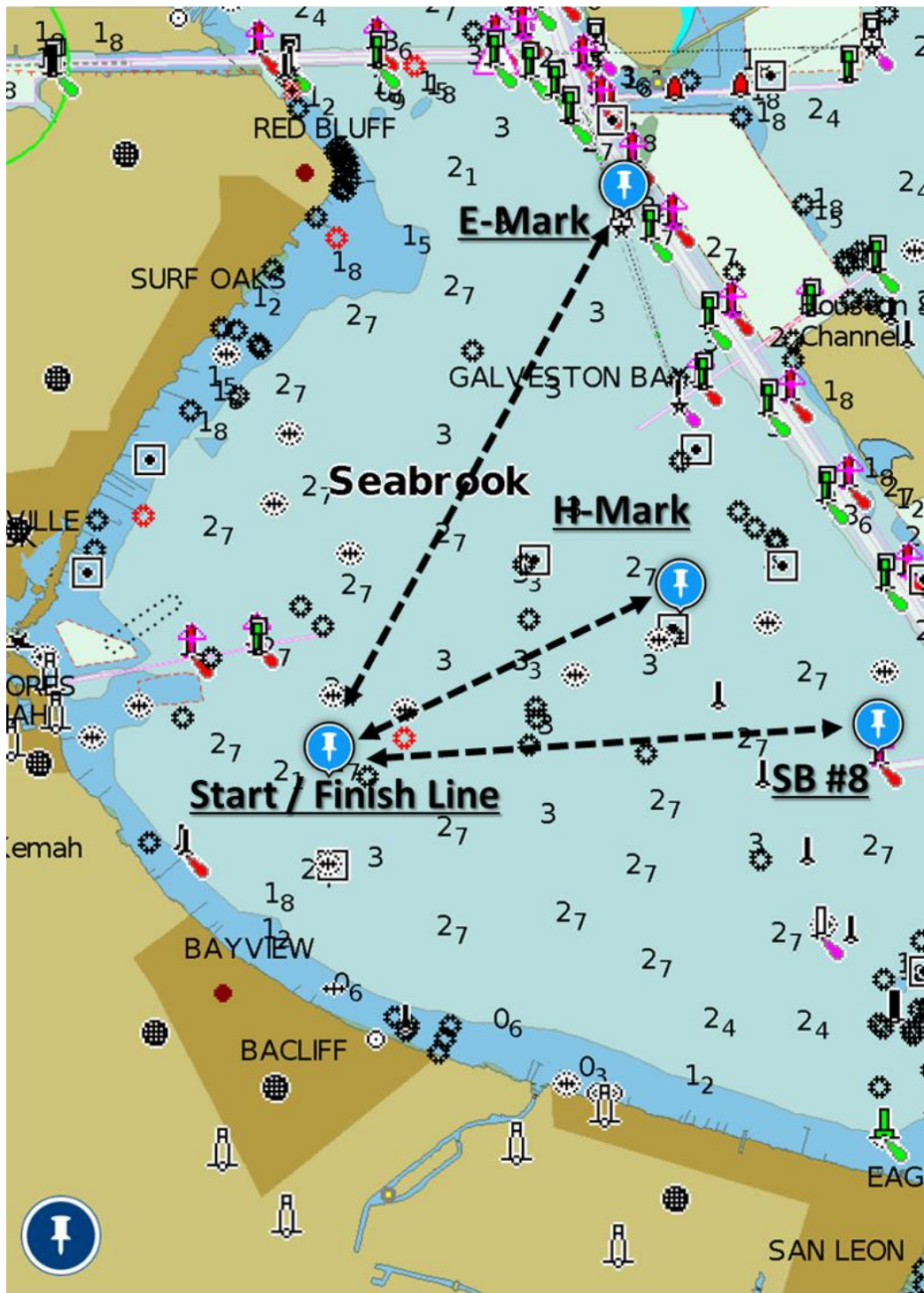
- 27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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 ADDENDUM #1

Course & Location (note: mid-point of start-finish line shown)



SI ADDENDUM #2 – Start Times

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