



2022 GBCA Offshore

June 3-5, 2022

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)* (Rules, RRS).
- 1.2. The rules of the Offshore Racing Congress Club Rule (“ORC Club”) shall apply to monohull spinnaker boats.
- 1.3. The rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (“PHRF”) shall apply to monohull non-spinnaker boats.
- 1.4. The rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) shall apply to multi-hull boats.
- 1.5. From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Rules shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 1.6. In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7)

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. This regatta is open to all seaworthy, and appropriately equipped, yachts suitable for offshore cruising or racing along the Texas Gulf Coast.
- 3.2. All participating yachts shall have a length overall of 27’ or greater.
- 3.3. All yachts shall have either a valid ORC certificate, PHRF-GB certificate, or be entered in the GBCA Cruising Club Class, or shall have formed a one design class and supplied a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.4. Expected potential classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, and Multihull classes.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Friday, May 27, 2022.**
- 4.2. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to a late fee.
- 4.3. Boats may be entered at:

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$100 for all classes.
- 5.2. Late Registration: The late entry fee shall be \$125 for all classes.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 21 st	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting – GBCA Clubhouse, along with Rum Race #1 social
Wednesday, June 1 st	17:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, June 2 nd	17:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, June 3 rd	14:00 hours	First warning signal
Sunday, June 5 th	16:00 hours	Time limit expires
Saturday, June 18 th	19:00 hours (est.)	Awards presentation at Rum Race # 2 Social

6.1. Number of races

- 6.1.1. One race will be held for all classes.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate per their entered class.
- 7.2. Multihulls shall have a valid TOMA rating certificate.
- 7.3. It is preferred that all certificates be uploaded to the Regatta Network site at registration.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, May 27th 16:00 hours at the GBCA Clubhouse and on the official event site on Regatta Network.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The start and finish will be between Galveston Channel Marker #11 and an Orange starting/finishing flag on the adjacent beach.
- 9.2. After the start, boats will sail a course of up to 150 nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico. Fixed marks (rigs, bouys, etc) and "virtual" marks may be used.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1. All boats shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available, with sufficient fuel, and capable of providing range under power for a minimum of 75 miles.
- 10.2. All boats shall have an operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 13, 68, 71, and 72.
- 10.3. Vessels equipped with an AIS Transponder shall have the device switched on, such that it is transmitting throughout the race. The failure of any station to receive a signal from a boat's AIS Transponder shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

- 10.4. If the Race Committee receives a confirmed report from a disinterested party that a boat interfered with commercial traffic in violation of the I.R.P.C.A.S. while transiting to the race area, while *racing*, or while transiting to her mooring after *finishing*, the Race Committee shall score such vessel as *DSQ* without a hearing. (This changes RRS 63). **Any boat so disqualified shall be subject to Board review for permanent disqualification of entry of any future GBCA events.**

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.
11.2. All classes will be scored using Time on Time scoring.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded in each class for First to Finish and Best Corrected Time.
12.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 13.1. The 2022 GBCA Offshore is the second of three events of the 2022 **Texas Offshore Circuit (TORC)**. (The LYC Heald Bank Offshore Race and the HYC Offshore Regatta constitute the other two events.)
- **Marion Hayes Memorial Trophy.** Boats sailing in the ORC Spinnaker Class will be eligible to compete for the Marion Hayes Memorial Trophy. Formerly the perpetual trophy for the Race to the Border, this trophy was repurposed for the GBCA TORC event going forward.
 - **Texas Navy Trophy.** Boats sailing in the ORC Spinnaker Class will be eligible to compete for the TORC championship trophy, the Texas Navy Trophy, if they have entered all three TORC regattas in the same class. For purposes of Texas Navy Trophy scoring, the score from the GBCA Offshore Regatta will be counted twice, along with the LYC Heald Bank, and HYC Offshore regattas. Eligible yachts will be scored against each other, and not against ineligible yachts.
 - **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy.** Boats sailing in the **PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class** will be eligible for the **S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy**, if they have entered all three TORC regattas in the same class.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. 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.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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