

**GBCA Frostbite Regatta
Galveston Bay
20-21 February 2010
Galveston Bay Cruising Association**

1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building #59B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Notice of Race

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

Eligibility

This regatta is open to all boats with valid PHRF-GB certificates (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), boats entering for GBCA Club Handicap, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Please note that for boats participating in GBCA Club Handicap class the owner must be a GBCA Senior Member in good standing.

Entries

Competitors may enter online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/gbca.html> .

PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be \$60.00. Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$5.00 discount. If you registered and your payment is received before February 11th, you will get \$10.00 discount off your registration fee. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is Friday, February 19th at 1930 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday February 17th will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

Boats intending to race in a handicap fleet other than GBCA Club Handicap must have delivered a current PHRF-GB rating certificate to the Race Committee or uploaded it to Regatta Network before the conclusion of the competitors briefing.

Courses

For PHRF Spinnaker and One-Design Fleets, race committee plans to run windward-leeward courses of various lengths in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by The Bayport Ship Channel,

The Houston Ship Channel and the shoreline between Red Bluff and San Leon. The Race Committee may, if conditions require, also consider the fixed mark courses described below.

For PHRF Non-Spinnaker and GBCA Club Handicap Fleets, the race committee plans a course around the same fixed marks used for the Icicle and/or Rum Races with the Start/Finish at the Race Committee Signal Boat. The Race Committee may, if conditions require, also consider the windward / leeward courses described above.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, February 19th and at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/gbca.html>.

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.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/gbca.html>

Schedule of Events

A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, February 19th.

As many as races as practical will be run during the regatta. Subsequent races for each class will be started as soon as possible after the class has finished the prior race. The warning signal for the first race on each day of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours.

No races will be excluded from scoring. This Modifies RRS A4.

A party will be held on Saturday, February 20th after the conclusion of the last race.

Trophy presentations will be on Sunday, February 21st after the conclusion of the last race.