



# 2023 Wednesday Night Races

April 5 – September 13, 2023

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)*.
- 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 tasteful competitor advertising.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. Expected classes include PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Portsmouth, and One-Design classes.
- 3.3. PHRF Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Wednesday, March 30, 2023** and includes:
  - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Entries after the Late 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/event/25920>

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration – Active GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$125 for the full season of racing for all classes.
- 5.2. Registration – Non-GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$240 for the full season for all classes.
- 5.3. Registration – Series: The entry fee is \$60 for a single series for all classes.
- 5.4. Registration – Single Race: The entry fee is \$20 for a single race for all classes.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. See GBCA Calendar for complete race schedule - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=b3RkMm9waTBkbmQ0NWVjYTJIN2Y5OHIOZDBA>

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6.2. Kick off party March 29th at [Barge295](#)

6.3. A series will constitute 4 races and an awards week (no racing).

- S1R1 - April 5th.
- S2R1 - May 10th
- S3R1 - June 14th
- S4R1 - July 19th
- S5R1 - Aug 23rd
- End of Year Awards - Sept 20th

6.4. Number of races

6.4.1. All classes will race one race per scheduled day.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 16:00 hours at :  
[www.gbca.org](http://www.gbca.org)

## 9. VENUE

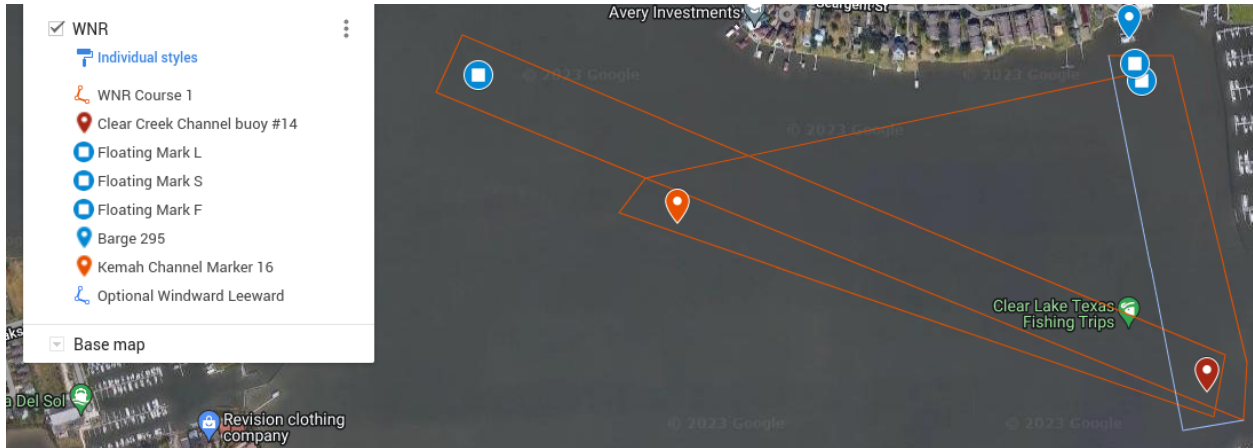
9.1. The racing area shall be in Clear Lake, between the Nassau Bay Hilton to the west and the Lakewood Yacht club breakwater to the east.

## 10. COURSES

10.1. All classes will sail distance courses around fixed marks. Courses will be designed at varying lengths.

10.2. An example is shown below. The course will start at fixed GBCA Buoys S & F near Barge 295. The next marks are Clear Creek Channel buoy #14, Kemah Channel Marker #16, fixed GBCA buoy W (placed before the shoals), back around to Kemah Channel Marker #16, then to the finish between Barge 295 and fixed GBCA Buoy F. 3.89 miles.

10.3. We may optionally include an additional windward/leeward leg, signalled by the class flag at Barge 295 to extend the course 1 mile.



## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.
- 12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
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## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. No support boats are planned. However, any designated support boat shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

## 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.
- 14.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given per series as follows:
  - 3 Boats First place prize
  - 6 Boats First and second place prize
  - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
  - Details about Championship awards will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1. 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.

**17. INSURANCE**

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

**18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1. For further information please contact PRO Darin Keever at [darin@keever.cc](mailto:darin@keever.cc), GBCA Fleet Captain Stone Lack at [stonelack@icloud.com](mailto:stonelack@icloud.com) or [www.gbca.org](http://www.gbca.org)

