



2024 Wednesday Night Races

March 20th – September 25th, 2024

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. Boats may register: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27562>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration – Active GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$150 for the full season of racing for all classes.
- 5.2. Registration – Non-GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$250 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 \$25 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=b3RkMm9waTBkbmQ0NWVjYTJIN2Y5OHIOZDBAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluc29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>
- 6.2. Kick off party March 20th at [Barge295](#)
- 6.3. A series will constitute 4 races and an awards week (no racing).

- S1R1 - April 3rd.
- S2R1 - May 8th
- S3R1 - June 12nd
- S4R1 - July 17th
- S5R1 - Aug 21st
- End of Year Awards - Sept 25th

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 20th 16:00 hours at :

www.gbca.org

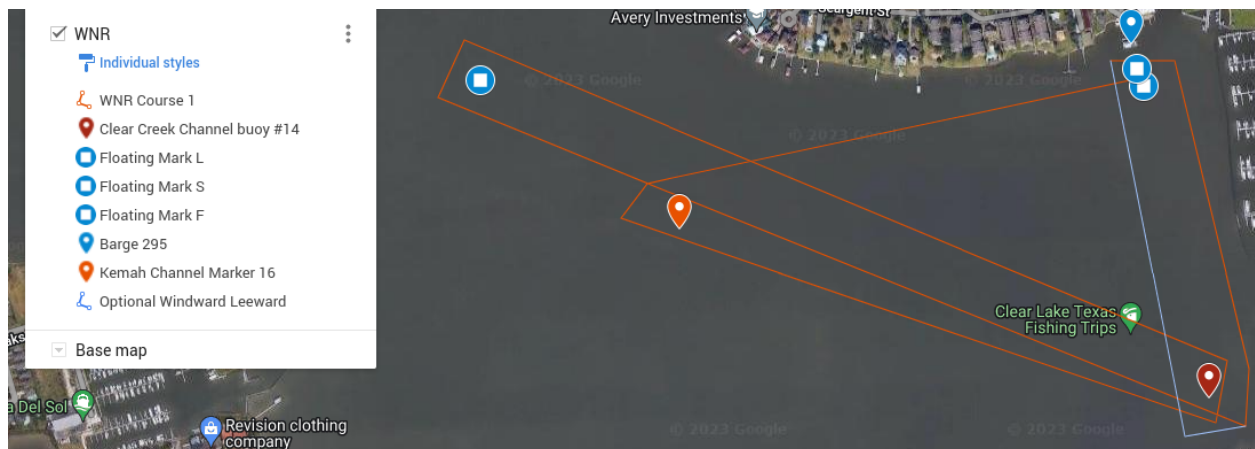
9. VENUE

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.



11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

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.
- 12.4. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no excluded scores.

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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. There will be one prize per series for first place in each class

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 before, 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 Kever at darin@keever.cc, GBCA Fleet Captain at james@wrogo.com , or www.gbca.org

The logo for BARGE295 features the word "BARGE" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by the number "295" in a white, bold, sans-serif font. Both are set against a solid black rectangular background.