



2024 Performance Cup Regatta

April 6-7, 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 competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. Expected classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Multihull, and One-Design classes.
- 3.3. Any one design class with five registered boats shall constitute a class.
- 3.4. PHRF Handicap, and Club Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.
- 3.5. ORC Class will race Time on Time using Windward/Leeward Triple Number per certificate

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Monday, April 1, 2024** and includes:
 - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **18:00 hours on Friday, April 5, 2024** and includes:
 - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
- 4.3. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27827>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$85 for all classes.

6. SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1 st	17:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, April 3 rd	17:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, April 5 th	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting at GBCA clubhouse (and virtual)
Saturday, April 6 th	11:00 hours	Warning Signal for All Lines
Saturday, April 6 th	19:00 hours (approx.)	Social – GBCA Clubhouse
Sunday, April 7 th	11:00 hours	Warning Signal for All Lines
Sunday, April 7 th	1600 hours (approx.)	Award Presentation at GBCA Clubhouse

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. One-Design, ORC, and Handicap classes are intended to have multiple races per 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 Friday, April 5th 16:00 hours on at :

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27827>

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in Galveston Bay, between the Houston Ship Channel, the Bayport Ship Channel and the shoreline between Eagle Point and Red Bluff.

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed could be as follows, or any combination thereof:

10.1.1. Windward/leeward style courses:

- One-Design
- ORC Classes

10.1.2. Distance style courses

- Club Handicap Classes
- Multihull

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 six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, without exclusion of her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. 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.

16.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed. Tracking devices (e.g. SPOT, InReach) are allowed provided that the information communicated is available to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage. It is encouraged to turn off live mode in these devices.

17. PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Early Registration Deadline as follows:

- 3 Boats First place prize
- 6 Boats First and second place prize
- 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
- One additional prize for every three boats entered.

17.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. 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.

19. INSURANCE

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

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. For further information please contact GBCA Fleet Captain, James Wroten at james@wrogo.com or Chris May, GBCA Commodore at may.chris.w@gmail.com or www.gbca.org