

# 2025 GBCA Women's Regatta

Galveston Bay

August 23, 2025

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 (2025-2028)*.
- 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. For each race in the regatta, each boat competing shall be helmed by a female from the warning signal for her class until she is finished. Crew may be female or male.
- 3.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat more than 75% of each race for the regatta.
- 3.3. GBCA Senior membership is not required to enter but encouraged.
- 3.4. Expected classes include, but not limited to, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker
- 3.5. Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **1200 hours on Friday, August 15, 2025**, and includes:
  - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
  - 4.1.2. Post race food and drink
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **1700 hours on Friday, August 22, 2025**, and includes:
  - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
  - 4.2.2. Late Registration Fee
  - 4.2.3. Post race food and drink
- 4.3. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at: [GBCA Women's Regatta registration](#)

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration entry fee is:
  - 5.1.1. GBCA Senior member: \$40
  - 5.1.2. Non-GBCA Senior member: \$45
- 5.2. Late Registration entry fee shall be:
  - 5.2.1. All late entries: \$55

## 6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1. This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the [Galveston Bay Womens Championship Series](#).

## 7. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	1200 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	1200 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1700 hours	Late Registration Deadline
Saturday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1000 hours	Competitor's Briefing
Saturday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1300 hours	First Warning Signal
Saturday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 hours after RC docks	Award Presentation TBD

### 7.1. Competitor's Briefing

7.1.1. The Competitor's Briefing will be in person at the GBCA Clubhouse.

### 7.2. Number of races

7.2.1. All classes are intended to race at least one (1) race. Classes may race up to five (5) races.

## 8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. It is recommended that each handicap boat have a valid rating certificate.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000 hours at the link: [Sailing Instructions](#)

## 10. VENUE

10.1.1. 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.

## 11. COURSES

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

## 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. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats shall be marked with their club representative burgee and check in with race committee.

## 14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1. N/A

## 15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. N/A

## **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.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows:
- 3-5 Boats First place prize
  - 6-8 Boats First and second place prize
  - 9-11 Boats First, second, and third place prize
- 17.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Late Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 17.3. Scores from this event will be applied to the Galveston Bay Women's Championship.

## **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 will not accept 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 Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes at 281-474-4505 or [hayesrigging@aol.com](mailto:hayesrigging@aol.com) or [www.gbca.org](http://www.gbca.org)