



2025 Cruzan Rum Race Series

Galveston Bay

June 7 – August 16, 2025

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 posted on the GBCA website; www.gbca.org.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the GBCA website; www.GBCA.org

4. RADIO COMMUNICATION

4.1. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be attempted at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed and encouraged.

5. ADVERTISING

5.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 6.2. Expected classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap (non-spinnaker), GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Shorthanded, and Multihull

7. FEES

- 7.1. There is no registration fee for races 1-6. However, membership in GBCA is kindly requested.
- 7.2. Yachts must be owned by a GBCA senior member in good standing to be eligible for awards.
- 7.3 To defray series costs, Rum Race #7 will be a paid race. Entry is required to be eligible for series awards. Those that choose to enter shall pay an entry fee of \$50. Registration can be found at the following site:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet registration form.php?regatta id=29976

8. SCHEDULE

June 7 th	Standard
June 14 th	Reverse
June 28 th	Standard
July 19 th	Reverse
July 26 th	Standard
August 2 nd	Reverse
August 16 th	Standard

- 8.1. Socials will be held at the GBCA clubhouse following each race, unless otherwise posted at the GBCA office and/or social media outlets by 8:00am the day of the race. The GBCA office is located at 1500 Marina Bay Dr., Building 113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565.
- 8.2. Time limit The race ends at 21:00 hours. Any boat that has not finished by this time will not be scored.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Each handicap monohull boat participating in the PHRF-Spin class shall have a valid PHRF rating certificate.
- 9.2. Cruising Club classes will have a valid GBCA Club Handicap rating. Information on obtaining a rating can be found at: https://gbca.org/CruisingClass As it is the basis for their rating, all competitors in the Cruising Club classes are strongly encouraged to obtain and maintain a valid PHRF rating certificate.
- 9.3 Boats participating in the ORC-Spin class are encouraged to have a valid ORC Club, or ORCi certificate. Boats without valid certificates will be allowed to participate if your boat class is listed in the start time schedule included in Attachment 2. These times are based on boats in a One Design configuration, or common configuration for a given design. If you do not see your boat on the schedule, reach out to Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes (hayesrigging@aol.com) for a start time applicable to your boat.
- 9.4 Multihulls shall have a valid TOMA rating Smaller multihulls shall be rated under SCHRS.

10. CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

- 10.1. The Classes are defined as follows:
- ORC Spinnaker class Any boat with a valid ORC Club or ORCi certificate are eligible. In addition, boats in a recognized One Design configuration (ODR) or common configuration that are listed on the start time schedule included in Attachment #2 are eligible as well. If your boat or boat type are not listed, please reach out to Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes (hayesrigging@aol.com).
- PHRF Spinnaker class All boats with a valid PHRFGB rating certificate are eligible. Any yacht
 without a current PHRF-GB rating shall race in the GBCA Club Handicap classes with rating
 guidelines applied.

- Non-Spinnaker class The boat may not fly a spinnaker but may pole the jib or genoa out using
 a whisker pole as defined by PHRF-GB Non-Spinnaker rules. This handicap will be assigned by
 PHRF-GB. Yachts in this class shall use their PHRF-GB assigned non-spinnaker rating. Any yacht
 without a current PHRF-GB rating shall race in the GBCA Club handicap classes with rating
 guidelines applied.
- **GBCA Shorthanded** class will sail in accordance with the GBCA Shorthanded rules and will not subdivide. This handicap will be assigned by PHRF-GB.
- **GBCA Club Handicap Non-Spinnaker** class is intended for those owning cruising boats and/or novice racers. Boats that are raced by prominent racers or that are known to be racing class boats may be assigned a more conservative handicap (lower/faster) than the established PHRF rating by the Fleet Captain or their designee. This class shall be non-spinnaker.
- GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker class is intended for those owning cruising boats and/or novice racers with a spinnaker, asymmetric or symmetrical and to be a steppingstone between the GBCA Club Handicap Non-Spinnaker class and the PHRF Spinnaker class. Boats that are raced by prominent racers or that are known to be racing class boats may be assigned a more conservative handicap (lower/faster) than the established PHRF rating by the class coordinator or the GBCA Board. Any new boat entering this class will initially start with a PHRF handicap, or a PHRF handicap assigned by the Fleet Captain or their designee.
- **Multihull shall** use their TOMA assigned rating. Boats without an established handicap, shall have one assigned by Race Chairman or Fleet Captain.
- 10.2. PHRF Handicaps are those shown on each yacht's 2025 PHRF-GB rating certificate. Yachts may not take adjustments for different headsail sizes on a per race basis. Yachts may elect to race in any class on a per race basis. Points earned in one class will not be transferred to another. For the Cruising Club Classes, Skippers who do not have a valid Galveston Bay PHRF certificate may obtain a provisional rating from the Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes (hayesigging@aol.com). Skippers are urged to obtain a PHRF-GB certificate (www.PHRFGB.org) as provisional ratings tend to be more conservative (lower/faster) than a valid PHRF-GB certificate and are intended only for first time racers or those new to the area.
- 10.3. GBCA Club Handicap Registration: Yachts intending to participate in the GBCA Club Handicap class no longer need to register beforehand. If you have a valid Cruising Club Rating, you just need to participate in the race and submit your time like all other classes. This will add/update your boat into the scoring database. See Finishing below. If you do not have a Cruising Club rating, contact Fleet Captain at hayesrigging@aol.com. Skippers are urged to obtain a PHRF certificate [phrfgb@gmail.com], as provisional ratings tend to be more conservative (faster) than a valid PHRF-GB certificate and are intended only for first time racers or those new to the area.

Ratings will be adjusted based on fleet performance after each race.

View the current club ratings and recent changes to ratings based on prior performance - http://racing.gbca.org/club.html

11. CLASS FLAGS

- 11.1. Yachts racing in the Rum Series shall <u>clearly display</u> their class flag(s) from the backstay or other prominent <u>visible position on the stern of the yacht throughout the race</u>.
 - The ORC Spinnaker class flag is pink
 - The PHRF Spinnaker class flag is white.
 - The Non-spinnaker class flag is dark.
 - The Shorthanded class will display a white flag over a dark flag.
 - The GBCA Club Handicap class flag is bright orange.
 - The GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker class flag is green
 - Multihulls do not have a class flag.

12. RACING AREA

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. BOATS SHALL NOT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL. THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL RANK AS AN OBSTRUCTION. BOATS THAT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED WITH FUTURE PARTICIPATION PLACED UNDER REVIEW BY GBCA BOARD.
- 12.3. !CAUTION AREA! The newly constructed San Leon Oyster Mitigation reef is <u>not</u> <u>considered an obstruction</u>, however all boats are made aware of the location to exercise caution. The two reef sections boundaries are approximately the following coordinates:
 - OR 1: N 29° 32.040' W 094° 58.380'
 - OR 2: N 29° 32.040' W 094° 57.720'
 - OR 3: N 29° 31.140′ W 094° 57.780′
 - OR 4: N 29° 31.200' W 094° 58.860'
 - OR 5: N 29° 31.500' W 094° 59.100'
 - OR 6: N 29° 31.920' W 094° 57.240'
 - OR 7: N 29° 32.340′ W 094° 56.820′
 - OR 8: N 29° 31.860' W 094° 56.280'
 - OR 9: N 29° 31.380' W 094° 56.760'

IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU CONSULT THE RESPECTIVE NOAA CHART TO DETERMINE DRAFT CLEARANCE SPECIFIC TO YOUR VESSEL BEFORE CROSSING. See Attachment #3, Racing Area, for a graphic representation of the area.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Marks of the course:
 - The Start/Finish line will be between Clear Lake Entrance Marker #1 and Marker #2
 - Clear Lake Entrance Marker #2 N 29 33.164' W094 59.551'
 - GBCA "E" mark: Houston Ship Channel low range mark N 29° 35.779' W 094° 56.934'
 - GBCA "J" mark: White/Orange lighted buoy N 29° 31.333' W 094° 55.495'

In the event any of these marks are missing, boats shall honor the coordinates given.

13.2 Course Headings and Distances:

• Standard Course:

- Leg 1: #1/#2 to "J" (leave to port) approximately 3.98 nm bearing 117°
- \circ Leg 2: "J" to "E" (leave to port) approximately 4.63 nm bearing approximately 344°
- Leg 3: "E" to #1/#2 approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 221°

Reverse Course:

- Leg 1: #1/#2 to "E" (leave to starboard) at approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 041°
- Leg 2: "E" to "J" (leave to starboard) at approximately 4.63 nm bearing approximately 164°
- Leg 3: "J" to #1/#2 approximately 3.98 nm bearing approximately 297°

The total course length is 12.07 nautical miles

13.3. Starting Times

The starting times for PHRF based ratings are listed in Attachment #1, using PHRF ratings and Time on Distance calculations for a 12.07 nautical mile course. The starting times for ORC based ratings are listed in Attachment #2, and are calculated based on Time on Distance, Triple Number All Purpose, medium rating and a 12.07 nautical mile course. This was based on a recommendation from ORC based on our course configuration. Participating yachts may obtain the correct time on any WWV frequency or by calling 1-303-499-7111, or from a GPS. The start times in Attachment #1 & #2 are based on a course length of 12.07 nautical miles and are computed so that a yacht with a rating of 285 will start (base start time) at 16:30 hours. For PHRF based ratings, if you do not find your rating in Attachment #1, you may compute your start time as follows:

For PHRF: Let **R** be the yacht's PHRF or GBCA Club Handicap rating and **S** be the starting time adjustment in seconds.

S = 12.07 x (285-**R**) Starting Time = 285 base time + **S**

13.4. Finishing

All skippers who would like to be scored for results will submit their start and finish times

The first yacht in each class to cross the finish line will be the winner of the class and be required to record the next TWO places in her class by legibly recording the boat name and or sail numbers. When uploading your yacht's time, you should include the next two places in the appropriate fields. We do not need times for the next two boats, just the places.

Pro-Tip: When submitting the form, if you include your email, it will "prefill" the form the next time you open it. You will only need to update the finish time. Times submitted shall be CST, (UTC-6, see IV. Starting Times).

Please use military time, i.e.: 18:42:00. AM/PM is not allowed on the form.

Any discrepancies to actual start and/or finish times shall be submitted to the Fleet Captain within 24 hours of the respective race. It is not required that you keep a record of your race (via GPS tracks or photographic with timestamp), but in the case of a conflict, those with supporting data will certainly be more persuasive. If you find a discrepancy, please contact Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes at hayesrigging@aol.com. If there is evidence of incorrect results, changes will be made after the awards to correct the overall standing, but the results at the time of awards will be final for race trophies (we will not hand out additional rum for those late to enter results, etc.). All results will become final 24 hours after the start of a given race.

The race ends at 21:00 hours. Any boat that has not finished by this time will not be scored.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The Two-Turns penalty is in effect for all violations of the rules. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.3. There is no formal system for protest. However, a boat may be disqualified without a hearing for serious violations of the Rules or these sailing instructions by the Fleet Captain, Regatta Chairman, and/or GBCA Board. This changes RRS 60 & 61.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Trophies will be awarded as follows by class: 3 boats with recorded finish 1 award, 6 boats with recorded finish 2 awards, 9 boats with recorded finish 3 awards
- 15.2. High point scoring will be used for series awards
- 15.3. Points will be given for each race are as follows:

Place	Points
1 st	8
2 _{nd}	7
3rd	6
4 _{th}	5
5 _{th}	4
6th	3
7 _{th}	2
8th	1

15.4 Series awards will be based on the highest points scored across the entire series in each class for eligible boats.

16. PRIZES

16.1. **Per race prizes:** Prizes will be given as follows:

• 3 Boats with recorded finish First place prize

• 6 Boats with recorded finish First and second place prize

• 9 Boats with recorded finish First, second, and third place prize

One additional prize for every three boats entered.

16.2. **Series awards**: Prizes will be given as follows

Average of 3 boats with a recorded finish: First place prize

• Average of 6 boats with a recorded finish: Second place prize

• Average of 9 boats with a recorded finish: Third place prize

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. 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.

18. INSURANCE

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes at hayesrigging@aol.com or www.gbca.org

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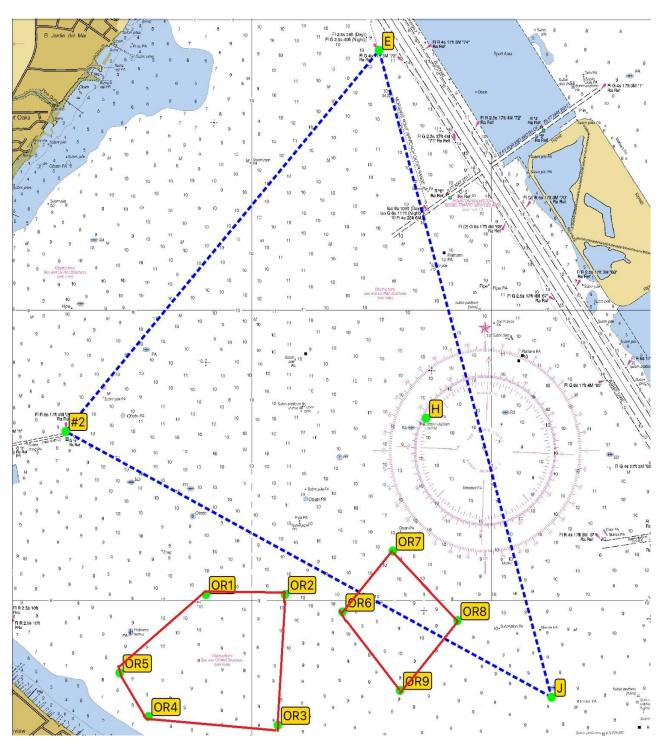
Attachment #1 - PHRF-Spin/Non-Spin/Cruising Club

PHRF	Start time											
285	4:30:00 PM	238	4:39:27 PM	191	4:48:55 PM	144	4:58:22 PM	97	5:07:49 PM	50	5:17:16 PM	
284	4:30:12 PM	237	4:39:39 PM	190	4:49:07 PM	143	4:58:34 PM	96	5:08:01 PM	49	5:17:29 PM	
283	4:30:24 PM	236	4:39:51 PM	189	4:49:19 PM	142	4:58:46 PM	95	5:08:13 PM	48	5:17:41 PM	
282	4:30:36 PM	235	4:40:04 PM	188	4:49:31 PM	141	4:58:58 PM	94	5:08:25 PM	47	5:17:53 PM	
281	4:30:48 PM	234	4:40:16 PM	187	4:49:43 PM	140	4:59:10 PM	93	5:08:37 PM	46	5:18:05 PM	
280	4:31:00 PM	233	4:40:28 PM	186	4:49:55 PM	139	4:59:22 PM	92	5:08:50 PM	45	5:18:17 PM	
279	4:31:12 PM	232	4:40:40 PM	185	4:50:07 PM	138	4:59:34 PM	91	5:09:02 PM	44	5:18:29 PM	
278	4:31:24 PM	231	4:40:52 PM	184	4:50:19 PM	137	4:59:46 PM	90	5:09:14 PM	43	5:18:41 PM	
277	4:31:37 PM	230	4:41:04 PM	183	4:50:31 PM	136	4:59:58 PM	89	5:09:26 PM	42	5:18:53 PM	
276	4:31:49 PM	229	4:41:16 PM	182	4:50:43 PM	135	5:00:11 PM	88	5:09:38 PM	41	5:19:05 PM	
275	4:32:01 PM	228	4:41:28 PM	181	4:50:55 PM	134	5:00:23 PM	87	5:09:50 PM	40	5:19:17 PM	
274	4:32:13 PM	227	4:41:40 PM	180	4:51:07 PM	133	5:00:35 PM	86	5:10:02 PM	39	5:19:29 PM	
273	4:32:25 PM	226	4:41:52 PM	179	4:51:19 PM	132	5:00:47 PM	85	5:10:14 PM	38	5:19:41 PM	
272	4:32:37 PM	225	4:42:04 PM	178	4:51:31 PM	131	5:00:59 PM	84	5:10:26 PM	37	5:19:53 PM	
271	4:32:49 PM	224	4:42:16 PM	177	4:51:44 PM	130	5:01:11 PM	83	5:10:38 PM	36	5:20:05 PM	
270	4:33:01 PM	223	4:42:28 PM	176	4:51:56 PM	129	5:01:23 PM	82	5:10:50 PM	35	5:20:18 PM	
269	4:33:13 PM	222	4:42:40 PM	175	4:52:08 PM	128	5:01:35 PM	81	5:11:02 PM	34	5:20:30 PM	
268	4:33:25 PM	221	4:42:52 PM	174	4:52:20 PM	127	5:01:47 PM	80	5:11:14 PM	33	5:20:42 PM	
267	4:33:37 PM	220	4:43:05 PM	173	4:52:32 PM	126	5:01:59 PM	79	5:11:26 PM	32	5:20:54 PM	
266	4:33:49 PM	219	4:43:17 PM	172	4:52:44 PM	125	5:02:11 PM	78	5:11:38 PM	31	5:21:06 PM	
265	4:34:01 PM	218	4:43:29 PM	171	4:52:56 PM	124	5:02:23 PM	77	5:11:51 PM	30	5:21:18 PM	
264	4:34:13 PM	217	4:43:41 PM	170	4:53:08 PM	123	5:02:35 PM	76	5:12:03 PM	29	5:21:30 PM	
263	4:34:26 PM	216	4:43:53 PM	169	4:53:20 PM	122	5:02:47 PM	75	5:12:15 PM	28	5:21:42 PM	
262	4:34:38 PM	215	4:44:05 PM	168	4:53:32 PM	121	5:02:59 PM	74	5:12:27 PM	27	5:21:54 PM	
261	4:34:50 PM	214	4:44:17 PM	167	4:53:44 PM	120	5:03:12 PM	73	5:12:39 PM	26	5:22:06 PM	
260	4:35:02 PM	213	4:44:29 PM	166	4:53:56 PM	119	5:03:24 PM	72	5:12:51 PM	25	5:22:18 PM	
259	4:35:14 PM	212	4:44:41 PM	165	4:54:08 PM	118	5:03:36 PM	71	5:13:03 PM	24	5:22:30 PM	
258	4:35:26 PM	211	4:44:53 PM	164	4:54:20 PM	117	5:03:48 PM	70	5:13:15 PM	23	5:22:42 PM	
257	4:35:38 PM	210	4:45:05 PM	163	4:54:33 PM	116	5:04:00 PM	69	5:13:27 PM	22	5:22:54 PM	
256	4:35:50 PM	209	4:45:17 PM	162	4:54:45 PM	115	5:04:12 PM	68	5:13:39 PM	21	5:23:06 PM	
255	4:36:02 PM	208	4:45:29 PM	161	4:54:57 PM	114	5:04:24 PM	67	5:13:51 PM	20	5:23:19 PM	
254	4:36:14 PM	207	4:45:41 PM	160	4:55:09 PM	113	5:04:36 PM	66	5:14:03 PM	19	5:23:31 PM	
253	4:36:26 PM	206	4:45:54 PM	159	4:55:21 PM	112	5:04:48 PM	65	5:14:15 PM	18	5:23:43 PM	
252	4:36:38 PM	205	4:46:06 PM	158	4:55:33 PM	111	5:05:00 PM	64	5:14:27 PM	17	5:23:55 PM	
251	4:36:50 PM	204	4:46:18 PM	157	4:55:45 PM	110	5:05:12 PM	63	5:14:40 PM	16	5:24:07 PM	
250	4:37:02 PM	203	4:46:30 PM	156	4:55:57 PM	109	5:05:24 PM	62	5:14:52 PM	15	5:24:19 PM	
249	4:37:15 PM	202	4:46:42 PM	155	4:56:09 PM	108	5:05:36 PM	61	5:15:04 PM	14	5:24:31 PM	Ш
248	4:37:27 PM	201	4:46:54 PM	154	4:56:21 PM	107	5:05:48 PM	60	5:15:16 PM	13	5:24:43 PM	
247	4:37:39 PM	200	4:47:06 PM	153	4:56:33 PM	106	5:06:01 PM	59	5:15:28 PM	12	5:24:55 PM	
246	4:37:51 PM	199	4:47:18 PM	152	4:56:45 PM	105	5:06:13 PM	58	5:15:40 PM	11	5:25:07 PM	
245	4:38:03 PM	198	4:47:30 PM	151	4:56:57 PM	104	5:06:25 PM	57	5:15:52 PM	10	5:25:19 PM	
244	4:38:15 PM	197	4:47:42 PM	150	4:57:09 PM	103	5:06:37 PM	56	5:16:04 PM	9	5:25:31 PM	
243	4:38:27 PM	196	4:47:54 PM	149	4:57:22 PM	102	5:06:49 PM	55	5:16:16 PM	8	5:25:43 PM	
242	4:38:39 PM	195	4:48:06 PM	148	4:57:34 PM	101	5:07:01 PM	54	5:16:28 PM	7	5:25:55 PM	
241	4:38:51 PM	194	4:48:18 PM	147	4:57:46 PM	100	5:07:13 PM	53	5:16:40 PM	6	5:26:08 PM	
240	4:39:03 PM	193	4:48:30 PM	146	4:57:58 PM	99	5:07:25 PM	52	5:16:52 PM	5	5:26:20 PM	Ш
239	4:39:15 PM	192	4:48:43 PM	145	4:58:10 PM	98	5:07:37 PM	51	5:17:04 PM	4	5:26:32 PM	

<u>ATTACHMENT #2 – ORC-Spin Start Times</u>

Boat	AP-Mid	Differential	Min	Sec	Start Time
Course Length		12.07	nm		
J22 - ODR	653.3	0	0	0	4:52:20 PM
J24 - ODR	647.3	1.21	1	12	4:53:32 PM
Soling - ODR	637.0	3.28	3	17	4:55:37 PM
Etchells 22 - ODR	616.7	7.36	7	22	4:59:42 PM
RS 21 - OD Club	608.9	8.93	8	56	5:01:16 PM
J27 - ODR	603.5	10.02	10	1	5:02:21 PM
J70 - ODR	597.4	11.25	11	15	5:03:35 PM
J80 - ODR	592.3	12.27	12	16	5:04:36 PM
Ericson 38SD - Skalawag	578.7	15.01	15	0	5:07:20 PM
VX One - ODR	574.9	15.77	15	46	5:08:06 PM
Pingo	554.6	19.86	19	51	5:12:11 PM
Melges 24 - ODR	553.8	20.02	20	1	5:12:21 PM
J105 - Usual Suspects	547.1	21.36	21	22	5:13:42 PM
Bene 42s7 - Osprey	546.5	21.48	21	29	5:13:49 PM
Beneteau 36.7 - Picante	543.4	22.11	22	6	5:14:26 PM
J105 - ODR	541.2	22.55	22	33	5:14:53 PM
J109 - Airborne	533.8	24.04	24	2	5:16:22 PM
Hendo 30 - Turtley Awesome	508.9	29.05	29	3	5:21:23 PM
J120 - Outrageous2	505.9	29.65	29	39	5:21:59 PM
J111 - Leading Edge	499.8	30.88	30	53	5:23:13 PM
Solaris 44 - Enchanted	499.6	30.92	30	55	5:23:15 PM
J46 - Hamburg II	496.9	31.46	31	28	5:23:48 PM
Martin 243 - Blitz	495.0	31.84	31	51	5:24:11 PM
J124 - Microdarcy	491.6	32.53	32	32	5:24:52 PM
J130 - Second Wind	489.1	33.03	33	2	5:25:22 PM
Melges 32 - ODR	484.3	34.00	33	60	5:26:20 PM

ATTACHMENT #3 – Racing Area/Course Description



This area is provided as a convenient p behind until it can be uploaded electro	•	d, and boat
Dago	Data	

Race:	Date:
Start Time: _::	Finish Time: <u>:</u> ::
Boat Ahead:	Sail #:
	6 11 11
Boat Behind:	Sail #:
2 nd Boat Behind:	Sail #: