



2025 GBCA Fall Race Series & Chili Chase

Galveston Bay
11/1, 11/22, 12/6 - 2025
Galveston Bay Cruising Association

NOTICE OF SERIES & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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;
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30471>

4. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. 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.

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
- 6.3. There is no charge for the series, but to be scored for the series entry for Chili Chase must be paid before the event.
- 6.4. There is no charge for entering the Chili portion of the Chili Chase event.
- 6.5. **Chili Entries – Chili Chase Regatta**
 - There will be a separate Chili Competition open to any individual or group. Entrants are requested to provide enough Chili for sampling by 10 judges. Judges will be selected by

the GBCA Commodore or their delegate.

6.6. Chili Competition - Rules to Competitors

1. All chili entrees must be made from scratch - any evidence of packaged chili and you will be summarily disqualified and keel-hauled
2. There will be two categories for competition
 - a. **Cooked on the boat** - (no reheating) from scratch, submit photo to RC of chili cooking
 - b. **Cooked at home**
3. Chili can have beans or not - you do you
4. **Cut-off time for chili entry will be 17:00**
5. If you are entering chili, please bring to the judges table as soon as you arrive at the Clubhouse
6. The committee will collect the judging sample of your chili and will provide you an entry number
7. You then may proceed to donate your pot of chili for general consumption - please bring your own spoon/ladle for serving
8. Judging will be done by a panel of distinguished chili epicureans who will rate your chili on
 - Aroma
 - Texture
 - Color
 - Taste
9. Chili awards will be made along with the race awards at the GBCA Clubhouse

7. FEES

- 7.1. There is no registration fee for entry. 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 series awards.
- 7.3. To defray series costs, Fall Series #3/Chili Chase Regatta, will be a paid race.
- 7.4. To enter Chili Chase, enter online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30471> The entry fee will be \$40.00. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline minus a 10% administration fee. The deadline for all entries is Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 1930 CST.

8. SCHEDULE

November 1 st	Standard
November 22 nd	Reverse
December 6 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 **Sunset**. Any boat that has not finished by this time will not be scored.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Cruising Club classes will have a valid GBCA Club Handicap rating. Cruising Club classes are also encouraged to have a valid PHRF certificate. 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 a valid PHRF rating certificate.**
- 9.2. 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.
- **PHRF Non-Spinnaker class** – The boat may not fly a spinnaker but may pole the jib or genoa out using a whisker pole. 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 Fleet Captain Kevin Hayes at (hayesrigging@aol.com). Skippers are urged to obtain a PHRF-GB certificate (www.PHRFGB.com) 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. 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 Fall Series shall **clearly display** their class flag(s) from the backstay or other prominent **visible position on the stern of the yacht throughout the race.**

- 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 Non-Spinnaker 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 not considered an obstruction, 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, located in Galveston Bay.
- Clear Lake Entrance Marker #2: **N 29° 33.164' W 094° 59.551'**
- GBCA "E" mark: Houston Ship Channel Low Range mark: **N 29° 35.787' W 094° 56.935'**
- 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 round the coordinates given.

Course Headings and Distances:

Fall Series Standard Course:

- Leg 1: #1/#2 to "E" approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 41°
 - Leg 2: "E" to "J" approximately 4.63 nm bearing approximately 164°
 - Leg 3: "J" to #1/#2 approximately 3.98 nm bearing approximately 297°
- Total course length is **12.07** nautical miles

Fall Series Reverse Course:

- Leg 1: #1/#2 to "J" approximately 3.98 nm bearing approximately 117°
 - Leg 2: "J" to "E" approximately 4.63 nm bearing approximately 344°
 - Leg 3: "E" to #1/#2 approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 221°
- Total course length is **12.07** nautical miles

13.2. Starting Times

The starting times are listed in Attachment #1. 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 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 **11:30** hours. 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.

$$S = 12.07 \times (285 - R)$$

Starting Time = base time + **S**

13.3. Finishing

All skippers who would like to be scored for series results will submit their start and finish times to <http://racing.gbca.org/>

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 13.2 Starting Times).

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

We expect discrepancies to the actual start and finish times, and we will do our best to mitigate and differences due to "fat fingering" or incorrect input. 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 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.).

There will be a computer available at the clubhouse to complete the form. You have 24 hours from the start of the race to upload your results. You may modify the results (using the same link) at any time before awards. Again, these will only be accepted if the site is not functioning. When submitting your results, you will find "boat ahead" and "boat behind". While optional, these help with mitigating incorrect input times. It is most helpful to use boats within your fleet as references, but any boat is helpful.

The race ends at **sunset**. 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. High point scoring will be used for series awards
- 15.2. Points will be given for the series as follows:

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

- 15.3. Series awards will be based on the highest points scored across the entire series in each class with no throw outs.

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 GBCA at www.gbca.org

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ATTACHMENT #1

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

Attachment #2 – ORC Start times

<u>Boat</u>	<u>AP-Mid</u>	<u>Differential</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
<u>Course Length</u>		<u>12.07</u>	nm		
J22 - ODR	653.3	0	0	0	11:48:00 AM
J24 - ODR	647.3	1.21	1	12	11:49:12 AM
Soling - ODR	637.0	3.28	3	17	11:51:17 AM
Etchells 22 - ODR	616.7	7.36	7	22	11:55:22 AM
RS 21 - OD Club	608.9	8.93	8	56	11:56:56 AM
J27 - ODR	603.5	10.02	10	1	11:58:01 AM
J70 - ODR	597.4	11.25	11	15	11:59:15 AM
J80 - ODR	592.3	12.27	12	16	12:00:16 PM
Ericson 38SD - Skalawag	578.7	15.01	15	0	12:03:00 PM
VX One - ODR	574.9	15.77	15	46	12:03:46 PM
Pingo	554.6	19.86	19	51	12:07:51 PM
Melges 24 - ODR	553.8	20.02	20	1	12:08:01 PM
J105 - Usual Suspects	547.1	21.36	21	22	12:09:22 PM
Bene 42s7 - Osprey	546.5	21.48	21	29	12:09:29 PM
Beneteau 36.7 - Picante	543.4	22.11	22	6	12:10:06 PM
J105 - ODR	541.2	22.55	22	33	12:10:33 PM
J109 - Airborne	533.8	24.04	24	2	12:12:02 PM
Hendo 30 - Turtley Awesome	508.9	29.05	29	3	12:17:03 PM
J120 - Outrageous2	505.9	29.65	29	39	12:17:39 PM
J111 - Leading Edge	499.8	30.88	30	53	12:18:53 PM
Solaris 44 - Enchanted	499.6	30.92	30	55	12:18:55 PM
J46 - Hamburg II	496.9	31.46	31	28	12:19:28 PM
Martin 243 - Blitz	495.0	31.84	31	51	12:19:51 PM
J124 - Microdarcy	491.6	32.53	32	32	12:20:32 PM
J130 - Second Wind	489.1	33.03	33	2	12:21:02 PM
Melges 32 - ODR	484.3	34.00	33	60	12:22:00 PM

Attachment #3 – Race Area

