# Charge! Cup 2026

## Galveston Bay

## March 28, 2026

## 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. The regatta is open to all boats.

3.2. Expected possible classes include ORC Spinnaker, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, and Multihull classes.

3.3. PHRF Handicap, Multihull, and Club Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

3.4. ORC Class will race Time on Time using appropriate Triple Number per certificate as designated by the Race Committee.

**4. REGISTRATION**

4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Monday, March 23, 2026** and includes:

4.1.1. Regatta registration

4.2. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.

4.3. Boats may be entered at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=31156

## 5. FEES

5.1. Registration: The entry fee is: $60 for GBCA members, $75 for General Registration.

5.2 Late Fee: A $20 late fee will be charged for all entries after the Registration Deadline

## 6. SCHEDULE

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| Monday, March 23th | 17:00 hours | Registration Deadline |
| Wednesday, March 26th | 17:00 hours | Classes are formed |
| Friday, March 27th | 19:00 hours | Skipper's Meeting at GBCA clubhouse, and virtual (link to be emailed) |
| Saturday, March 28th | 11:00 hours | Warning Signal for all lines |
| Saturday, March 28th | 19:00 hours (approx.) | Social and awards at GBCA Clubhouse |

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. All classes will sail a single race.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate, with the exception of the Club Handicap classes, and the J-105 class for purposes of awarding the perpetual trophy per 15.3.

7.2. Multihulls shall have a valid TOMA rating

7.2.1. Smaller multihulls shall be rated under SCHRS.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, March 27th 16:00 hours on at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31156

## 9. VENUE

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

## 10. COURSES

10.1. All courses will take place around fixed and/or dropped marks in Galveston Bay. Estimated course lengths are expected to be 20-40 miles, depending on class and prevailing conditions.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not 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 regatta.

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats 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.

14.2. 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.

## 15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be given as determined at the 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.

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

15.3. For the purpose of awarding the Bill Scott Memorial Charge! Cup perpetual trophy, the ORC Class and the J-105 Class will be combined into a single ranking. The trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest corrected time among all boats in both classes.

15.3(a) The ORC Class will be scored using ORC time-on-time corrected times, based on each boat's valid ORC certificate.

15.3(b) The J-105 Class will be scored using ORC time-on-time corrected times, based on a valid ORC certificate in one-design configuration.

## 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 prior to, 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 Fleet Captain, Andrea Hanson at andhanso27@gmail.com or www.gbca.org