



GBCA - Watergate Spring Regatta



Galveston Bay

March 16 & 17, 2013

Galveston Bay Cruising Association & Watergate Yachting Center

1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building #113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Notice of Race

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

Eligibility

This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2013 PHRF-GB certificates, boats entering for GBCA Club Handicap, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, March 13, 2013 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1st place
- 4-5 boats: 1st, 2nd place
- 6-8 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
- 9-10 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place
- 11 or more boats: 1st through 5th place

Classes which form after 1700 hours Wednesday, March 13, 2013 are eligible for trophies but trophies may not be available for presentation at the awards ceremony.

Entries

Competitors may enter online at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be \$75.00 with deep discount for GBCA Club Handicap class, as well as current members of US Sailing will receive a \$5.00 discount. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 15, 2013 at 1930 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, March 13, 2013 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

Boats intending to race in a handicap fleet other than GBCA Club Handicap must have delivered a current PHRF-GB rating certificate to the Race Committee or uploaded it to Regatta Network before the conclusion of the competitors briefing.

Courses

Courses will be distance courses around fixed marks, windward-leeward of various lengths or a combination of both; located in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by The Bayport Ship Channel, The Houston Ship Channel and the shoreline between Red Bluff and San Leon.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, March 15, 2013 and at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

Any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

Scoring

No races will be excluded from scoring. This Modifies RRS A4.

One completed race constitutes a series.

Schedule of Events

A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, March 15, 2013.

As many races as practical will be run during the regatta. Subsequent races for each class will be started as soon as possible after the class has finished the prior race. The warning signal for the first race for each day of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours.

Following the conclusion of each day's races, festivities will be held on Saturday, March 16th and awards presentation on Sunday, March 17th at the GBCA office.