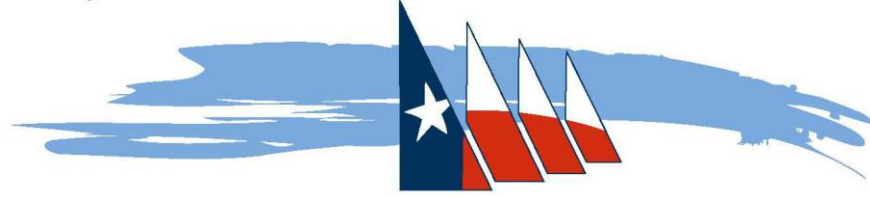


Texas Race Week



GBCA Texas Race Week Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

July 25-27, 2013

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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 seaworthy yachts suitable for offshore cruising or racing along the Texas Gulf Coast. All yachts shall have either a valid PHRF-GB certificate or be entered in the GBCA Cruising Class, or shall have formed a one design class and supplied a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Expected classes are PHRF-Spinnaker, PHRF-Non-Spinnaker and GBCA Cruising Club. Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, July 17, 2013 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1st place
- 4-6 boats: 1st, 2nd place
- 7-9 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
- 10 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place

Classes which form after 1700 hours Wednesday, July 17, 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 \$180.00. Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$10.00 discount. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is Friday, July 19, 2013 at 1900 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, July 17, 2013 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Each entry includes two event passes. Additional passes will be available for \$25.

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.

Docking

The entry fee includes rafting privileges on the sea wall of the Galveston Yacht Basin Marina. Private slip arrangements may be made directly with Galveston Yacht Basin; limited slips are available. To arrange for private slips, email Deanna Lopez (dlopez@galvestonyachtbasin.com) or Stephanie Scofelia (SScofelia@galvestonyachtbasin.com), or call the Yacht Basin at 409-765-3000. Mention "GBCA Texas Race Week" to get a discounted transient rate.

Courses

Offshore courses around fixed rig and dropped tetrahedron marks between Bolivar Roads, Galveston Jetties and the Gulf of Mexico. This is a three day regatta, with three offshore races planned. All races will start 1100 hours from the Galveston Jetty / Bolivar Roads Marker #11.

Pleasure Pier Day at Texas Race Week

The race on Thursday, July 25th will take the boats close to the Historic Galveston Pleasure Pier. Discounted admission to the Pleasure Pier will be available to all GBCA members on Thursday. A reserved area at the end of the pier will provide an exceptional place to watch the race.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, July 19, 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

Will be posted on https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162.

Notices regarding protests and race scheduling will also be posted at the palapa bar.

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, July 19, 2013.
- The warning signal for each race of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
- Post race activities each day will include beer, hors d'œuvre and a cash rum bar.
- Trophy presentations will be on 1800 Saturday July 27 at Galveston Yacht Basin pool area.
- Tickets (\$25 per person) will be sold for all party events.
- Discounted tickets to the Galveston Pleasure Pier are available to observers wanting to watch Thursdays W/L offshore race.