



The Conundrum

Galveston Bay

May 3, 2014

Galveston Bay Cruising Association & SOS-TEX

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 SOS-TEX Bylaws, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race. The SOS-TX Bylaws are available at: https://regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/5111/ExcerptofSOSTEXBylaws.pdf

***Autopilot and/or wind-powered self-steering gear are allowed. This modifies RRS 52.
Crew size is limited to single or double hand classes.***

Eligibility

This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2014 PHRF-GB certificates and GBCA Cruising Club Handicap ratings subject to the discretion of the race committee. Single and double-handed divisions will be formed in accordance with SOS-TEX bylaws. At least one crew member must be 18 years of age or older. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, April 30, 2014 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, April 30, 2014 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 at the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be \$40.00. 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 Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline.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, May 2, 2014 at 1930 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, April 30, 2014 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

Courses

The racing area will be 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. It is the intention of the Race Committee to set a course which requires racers to make three separate laps around fixed and RC dropped marks which may be made in any order. The course is planned to be approximately 22-24nm. This will be a reverse start (pursuit) race, with the start time for each boat based on its PHRF rating

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, May 2, 2014 and at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

Questions regarding the Race, NOR or Sailing Instructions may be directed to the GBCA Fleet Captain via e-mail at cddees@comcast.net. Questions and Responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board. 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 .

Schedule of Events

A Competitors Briefing will be held at the GBCA office at 1900 Friday, May 2, 2014. First warning signal shall not be before 1055 hours on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Awards and Post-Race Party will held be at the GBCA Lounge, following the end of racing.