



GBCA Texas Race Week Regatta

Gulf of Mexico

July 24-26, 2014

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 16, 2014 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 16, 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 to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be: \$140.00 if registered and paid before July 1, 2014; and \$180.00 if registered and paid after June 30, 2014. 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 Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline.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 18, 2014 at 1900 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, July 16, 2014 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Each entry includes two event passes. Additional passes will be available for \$35.

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

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. At least one race will be W/L buoy race in front of the East Beach / Pleasure Pier area. At least one race will be to designated offshore rigs(s) and back. The third race will repeat one of the previous day's race format.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, July 18, 2014 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 regarding protest and race scheduling will be posted on https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

and race committee will attempt to email/contact registered participants through RN. Please provide email and SMS text contact information during registration.

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 18, 2013.
- The warning signal for each race of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
- Post race activities include:
 - Thursday - Burgers at The Rum Shack on the Seawall (same as last year). Rum, etc. cash bar.
 - Friday - TBD.
 - Saturday - Awards party at the Texas Seaport Museum and Elissa.
 - Catered by Bennos. Beer and open rum bar.
 - Entertainment by Andy and the Dreamsicles featuring the Kick-Ass Brass.
- Tickets (\$35 per person) will include all party events.

Three Fat Brothers

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